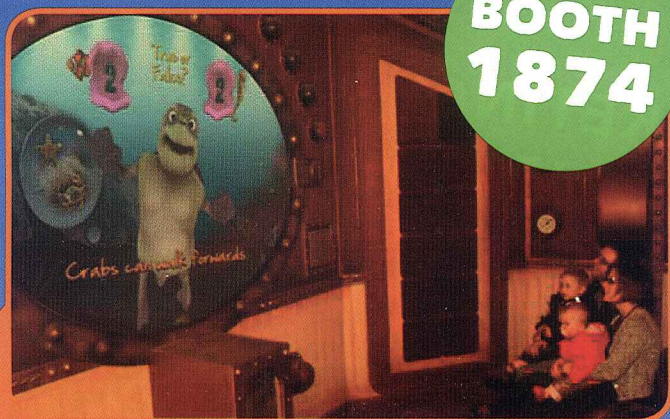


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Service Awards Recognize Three for Dedication to the Industry

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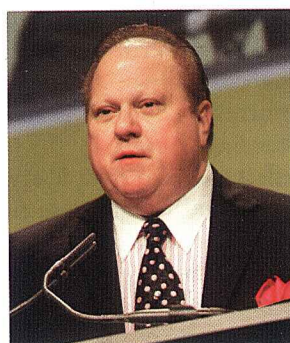
Every year, IAAPA gives a big "thank you" to leaders in the attractions world who have dedicated their careers and lives to moving the industry forward.

During Wednesday's GM and Owners' Breakfast, IAAPA awarded Dennis Spiegel of International Theme Park Services (ITPS) the Lifetime Service Award; Greg Hale of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts the Outstanding Service Award; and Boyd Jensen II of Garrett and Jensen the Meritorious Service Award.

The Lifetime Service Award recognizes a member individual or organization's continual service to the industry. Spiegel has worked as an operator and as a volun-

pany that fosters the spirit of goodwill, professionalism, and high levels of performance within the industry on a local or international basis. Hale not only manages safety full time at Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, but also lends his expertise to the ASTM F-24 committee, AIMS, the National Safety Council, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He is the chairman of the IAAPA Safety and Maintenance Committee and has led the International Standards Harmonization Committee since 2003.

"Greg is truly one of the best experts for amusement park safety that we have," said Wood. "He's certainly the best voice in the industry, because he not only represents the industry well but also the Disney



Dennis Spiegel



Greg Hale



Boyd Jensen II

ter in the association. He started out taking tickets at Coney Island Amusement Park in Ohio, eventually working his way up to assistant general manager of Kings Island. His excellent work in operations, marketing, and finance led him to the position of vice president and general manager to oversee the opening of Kings Dominion in Virginia. Spiegel now owns and operates ITPS, which works with attractions to ensure expert planning, management, and safety prevail. John Wood, president of Sally Corp. and chairman of the Service Awards committee said: "When anyone has a question about trends or issues in the industry, just about anyone in the media calls Dennis because he's knowledgeable about what's going on and why. That means hours of service to the industry as a whole, not to mention the great job he did as chairman of the association and head of the education initiatives. Whenever asked, he not only did the job, he did the job extremely well from the board level."

"Thank you very much, it's an honor to be here," Spiegel said Wednesday, choking back tears. "I look out and I see somebody at almost every table who I know, respect, and helped put me here today."

The Outstanding Service Award is presented to the member individual or com-

organization. He's extremely knowledgeable about all aspects of theme park safety and has imparted that knowledge time and time again at our various trade shows and seminar programs. Greg has done an outstanding job in making people aware of how safe we are. There probably isn't any better service to our industry than that."

"It's not about me, it's about our industry," Hale said. "What better job in the world than to put a smile on someone's face and create a lasting memory?"

The Meritorious Service Award goes to the member individual or organization that has gone the extra mile to promote safe operations, global development, professional growth, and the commercial success of the industry. Jensen, whose family has a long history with Lagoon Amusement Park in Utah, has for more than 30 years lent the industry his legal expertise, volunteering with IAAPA, IALDA, AIMS, and ASTM.

"If you can have a legal adviser who's knowledgeable about both sides of the equation (park operation and legal issues), it's a very powerful combination," Wood said.

"I accept this on behalf of all the people I've worked with in many organizations over the years," Jensen said.