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LARRY LESTER IS SELECTED AS PIASC'S EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

Los Angeles, California—Larry Lester, President of Ink on Paper Solutions in Anaheim, was unanimously selected by Printing Industries Association, Inc. of Southern California's (PIASC) Public Relations Committee as this year's PIASC Executive of the Year and the recipient of the highly-regarded Ben Franklin Award.

Larry's whole life has been practically spent in the printing industry. He was born in San Francisco; however, shortly after his birth, his family relocated to the Southern California area. At the young age of nine his printing career began when he went to work for his grandfather, father and uncles in their printing company, E.O. Lesters & Sons, where he kept busy doing various jobs and learning the printing trade.

Entering high school, Larry became part of the first graduating class at a new concept technical school in San Gabriel. It was here in Los Angeles at Don Bosco Tech that Larry studied and learned more about the printing industry. After graduation in 1959, he started working as an apprentice pressman and later went on to become a lead pressman. Larry sold printing services for a few years, and then decided to accept a position as a pressroom foreman. He later joined the sales department of Dahlgren Manufacturing in 1972 selling dampener systems. It was while working for Dahlgren that Larry met Julius Domotor at a Litho Club meeting in Los Angeles. Larry was attending the meeting in which Julius was invited to give a presentation about the Domotor Roller.

Larry maintained contact with Julius and within a year they became partners, promoting and marketing the Domotor Roller. They licensed the Baldwin Company to manufacture and sell the Domotor Roller; a unique hickey eliminating system for litho presses. The Domotor Roller was renamed and marketed by the Baldwin Company as the Delta Roller.

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Larry served with the Baldwin Company as a Western Regional Manager for the next five years overseeing sales and service. It was shortly after this that Larry and his wife, Georgiana, made the decision to start their own printing business. Larry and Georgiana founded Lester Lithograph on May 5, 1980. The intent was to build a company focused on traditional craftsmanship, to service state-of-the-art printers and color separators in the small press format.

In 1982, the Baldwin Company was pursuing the idea of driving a dampening form roller. While looking at a new Epic design for his G.T.O., Larry thought there was a way to drive the dampening form roller on the new Epic design. Larry contacted John McPhee, Head of Engineering at the Baldwin Company and arranged to build a prototype with Epic Products that would be installed at Lester Lithograph. John and Larry did extensive testing and found additional benefits for the Delta Drive in the dampening position. This allowed for a new patent to be obtained in the names of John McPhee and Larry Lester.

Over the years, Larry has worked as a Litho Consultant for Harris Printing Press, Miller Printing Equipment, Epic Products, Baldwin Company and several other printing companies in Southern California.

Larry dedicated much of his time to be on the steering committee of the Graphic Communications Technology at Don Bosco Tech for several years. He served on the PIASC Board of Directors since 1999, became Chairman of the Board in 2001 and received the Pioneer of the Year Award in 2003. In 2010 he sold Lester Lithograph and in 2014 he founded Ink on Paper. He continues his involvement with PIASC as a Buying Power Partner, offering members a 20% discount for litho consulting.

When Larry is not working as a litho consultant, he enjoys building hot rod cars. Larry and Georgiana take great delight in spending time with their five children, thirteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren!

The presentation of the Ben Franklin Executive of the Year Award will take place at PIASC's annual Graphics Night/Print Excellence Awards Banquet on Friday, April 10, 2015, at the Pacific Palms Resort in City of Industry.

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