

Gold Card (Life Member) - 2006

Jim Mayo

Presented by Jerry Reed

Most of the time when I come before you at these events it is to announce how we are going to do this or that, or changes to the schedule, or to try to find the owner of a lost item, or to remind you to wear your badge, or some other official announcement. Tonight I am very pleased to come before you for a very different reason. It is not often that any one of us have the opportunity to publically recognize another person who has provided much guidance and advice though some difficult times. Tonight I am given that opportunity.

As Jim has said, the number of people who have been presented a Gold Card signifying Life member of CALLERLAB is very short. That is because the bar is set very high. Jim read the names earlier so I will not repeat them, however, each one has contributed in a special way to CALLERLAB.

It is my privilege, this evening, to add a new name to that very short list. He attended the very first convention in St. Louis in 1974 and has attend every convention since then.

He has served as Chairman of five committees, and vice chair of others. He was elected to the First Board of Governors and has served continuously since then; He was elected to the first Executive Committee and has served seventeen terms on the EC.

He was elected as the first Chairman of the Board and has served three terms as Chairman and two terms as Vice Chairman.

As part of the EC, he has been instrumental in helping the organization through many trying times, not the least of which was the negotiations with BMI and ASCAP as we faced the challenges of music performance licensing. Even beyond his many accomplishments which have been visible to the membership, he has provided wise council, and gentle leadership to all of the Executive Directors and Home Office staff for nearly thirty years. He has earned the right to be considered one of the great leaders in this activity. He has demonstrated the unique ability to recognize challenges for what they are, to provide a unique perspective of those challenges, and to help guide CALLERLAB through these challenges.

It was beyond my wildest dreams when I wrote this man thirty years ago asking for advice on how to learn to call, that I would ever be in a position to recognize him as we are tonight.

It is with great personal and professional pleasure that I announce the award of a CALLERLAB Gold Card membership to Jim Mayo.