

2017 WINNERS OF THE AAPN INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD



1990's

Larry Haddock, Professor Emeritus, SouthernTech



Larry led the transition from the late Don Strickland to Sue Strickland taking over the AAPN in 1990. Larry brought Mike Todaro into AAPN in 1995. He has been constant mentor and guide to the growth of AAPN for decades, over its entire history.

Alan Brooks, Founder, New Generation Computing



During the loss of members following NAFTA, Alan Brooks was a strong supporter of our work with technology and marketing. When we changed our name from 'contractors association' to 'producers' network', Alan donated a large sum to cover the cost of marketing our new name.

2000's

Alfonso Hernandez, Founder, Argus Group



Alfonso pioneered the growth of the AAPN in Central America starting in 2001 by tirelessly giving his time and creativity as AAPN President to strengthen our influence, raise the profiles of our members, increase membership and make the region competitive.

Joe Stephenson, Founder, Rocedes



Joe has remained a member of the AAPN from its beginning. When he moved his factory to Nicaragua, he remained a member. His talk at our 2001 annual meeting opened the AAPN to Central American factories. Joe also created the AAPN Partners Program.

Kim Krummell, Sourcing, SuperDry, UK



Kim attended our 2001 meeting as Timberland. She was there for the vote to open membership to the Americas. We supported brands for free but Kim believed in joining and became a lightning rod for other brands to do so. She was a keynote speaker at our first CAFTA Summit in 2003.

Susan Ganz, CEO, Lion Brothers



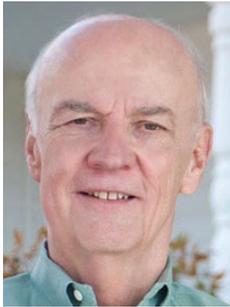
In 2002, we got the idea to have a reception for sourcing execs the night before Material World. Suzy financed our first event at the Wolfsonian Museum on Miami Beach and strongly participated in our Sourcing Exec Roundtables for years.

Walter Wilhelm, Founder, WWA Associates



Walter was a leader in reshaping the AAPN including the 2003 VF cycle time project; the 2003-7 CAFTA Summit Conferences; and the focus of AAPN meetings on issues like sustainability. WWA was an AAPN Partner for years.

Keith Crisco, Founder, Asheboro Elastics



At our 2003 annual conference in Montreal, Keith changed the way we ran meetings, from canned talks to issue-driven interaction. He led our 2005 delegation to Hong Kong and became a president, benefactor and leader of AAPN. Keith passed away during his run for NC's congress in 2014.

Jill Coleman, formerly with Avery Dennison



Jill was the 'trim' part of our 2003 cycle time project at VF. She helped create a detailed flow of production that we still use today. She taught us the role of trim and helped drive attendance to our 5 CAFTA Summits. She has served on our Board.

Barbara Zeins, President, Gerson & Gerson



For years, Barbara has been our advocate and leader in understanding and practicing full value costing. Her 9 BIG FAT GARMENT LIES speech opened our eyes to bad practices. She has given talks for years that taught us all the value of 'value'.

John Strasburger, SVP, Supply Chain, Williamson Dickie



In 2009, John hosted us at VF and convinced us to change our meetings more issue driven topics, the first subject was on sustainability. In 2012 John created the 31 question AAPN ASIA/ AMERICAS REPORT CARD giving us the first 'score' in the industry.

2010's

Scott Vaughn, President, Rovedes,



Preparing for the 2010 conference on sustainability, Scott created the 10 minute video called Rovedes Apparel Social Responsibility. This single video was sent to hundreds of brands and retailer confirming Americas' leadership in doing the right thing.

Randy Harward, SVP, Materials, Under Armour



For years, especially on the 2010 sustainability meeting, Randy has been a source of pure thought on social responsibility and partnership with factories. He took a long view that most companies never heard explained before and changed us to a more 'big picture' perspective on the industry.

Carlos Arias, CEO, WINDS Group



2010 was when Carlos took charge of the AAPN as president and started mandatory monthly Board conference calls. He turned thoughts into actions and ideas into plans that raised the profile of the entire Americas. He hosted one of our SUMMIT conferences in Antigua, Guatemala

David Sasso, VP, Buhler Quality Yarn



David became president at a time when the focus was on factories and brands. He alone showed us how fiber, yarn and fabric played a key role in the chain for market differentiation and creation of value for brands. David is an example of link in the chain that markets his knowledge of the entire supply chain.

Rick Horwitch, VP, Bureau Veritas



As a former factory owner and now a high level executive serving major brands worldwide, Rick has a strategic brand-centric view like no other. He raised our profile to the largest retailers in the US and increased our understanding of the needs of apparel brands.

Kurt Cavano, Founder TradeCard, now with Infor



Every year, even when he was our president, Kurt has given presentations on major developments about the internet that warned us, advised us, reassured us and educated us for what was coming in time to apply it to ourselves. No-one has shared more about technology than Kurt.

Juan Zighelboim, co-Founder, TexOps



Juan served as our president for two years. He dramatically raised the caliber of speakers we secured and the sophistication of our message to members. This alone generated the largest meetings in our history. No member has embraced our meetings or applied the content of them to his company more than Juan.