

# GATEWAY TO INNOVATION

52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL IEC NATIONAL CONVENTION  
& ELECTRIC EXPO HIGHLIGHTS

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## *The 52nd Annual IEC National Convention & Electric Expo highlighted the success of our industry.*

I was pleased with the number of Independent Electrical Contractors, Inc. (IEC) members that demonstrated their commitment to their craft by attending this year's convention despite the current economic climate. By attending, members gained a wealth of knowledge from the educational sessions as well as networking with other contractors.

The success of this convention would not have been possible without the support of the premier convention sponsor, Graybar. From the beginning stages of planning, they dedicated time and resources to help make this one of the best IEC National Conventions. In fact, Graybar has long been a proud supporter of IEC and its contractor members as the original IEC Platinum Partner, and Graybar continues to be a proud supporter of IEC today.

With the support of our Industry Partners in 2009, IEC National has been able to enhance the Apprentice Training Curriculum, continue workforce development and safety initiatives, and develop more educational opportunities for IEC members. The new curriculum is designed to address the learning styles of today's young men and women entering the IEC apprentice program. The curriculum includes four-color student and instructor manuals; and newly designed student worksheets and computer-based testing. Instructors are being provided with a complete set of electronic resources that engage students in the learning process. This important addition allows instructors to use the curriculum materials on the screen and provides the ability to link directly to internet-based educational resources. An array of workforce development recruiting materials are now complete and being provided to IEC chapters and school systems across the country.

Our friends at Graybar also sponsored the keynote speaker, Dr. Perry Daneshgari. Following his excellent speech on Agile™ Construction, Graybar hosted Dr. Daneshgari in its booth for attendees to get

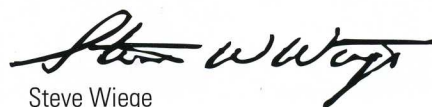


From left to right: IEC National Executive Vice President/CEO Larry Mullins, 2009 IEC National President Steve Wiege, 2009 IEC National LiveWires President Candy Wiege.

autographed copies of his book. Dr. Perry Daneshgari is the President of MCA Inc. and has been actively helping various industries improve productivity and profitability.

Throughout this newsletter, we will highlight many of the events from the 52nd Annual IEC National Convention & Electric Expo that helped make this year's convention a huge success.

I would like to thank those who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend this year's convention.



Steve Wiege  
2009 IEC National President

