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INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD TO BE NAMED IN HONOR OF DAVE ROSENFELD

The International League today announced that the circuit's prestigious Executive of Year Award will be named in memory of Dave Rosenfield. League directors voted unanimously to approve the change at last week's Triple-A All-Star Game meetings in Tacoma, Washington.

When Dave Rosenfield passed away on February 28, 2017, the League lost what is believed to be the longest serving executive in its 134-year history. Of Dave's 61 seasons in Minor League Baseball, 48 were spent in the International League. Among the many honors he received in his lifetime, he was named the industry's 2004 "King of Baseball" and elected to the IL Hall of Fame in 2008.

Dave was one of a handful of leaders in the League that navigated the business challenges within Minor League Baseball in the 1970's and early 1980's, positioning the League and industry for the success and accomplishments of more recent times. He is a four-time recipient of the award the League has now voted to name in his honor (1975, 1982, 1987, 1993). At the time of his passing Dave was serving as the League's Vice-President and Finance Committee Chairman, positions he'd held for over four decades as the Tides long-standing member of the League's Board of Directors. Dave also manually developed the International League playing schedule from 1969 through 2016.

"I know of no better way for the League's Board of Directors to perpetuate the memory of Dave Rosenfield than with their recent action to name the League's annual Executive-of-the-Year Award in his honor," said President Mobley. "Dave's nearly half a century involvement with the League, and 45 years as a member of the Board of Directors and League Vice-President, make him unique amongst the many dedicated current and past International League executives. Dave mentored not only executives during his years in the International League, but players and managers as well and the naming of this annual award will forever pay tribute to his commitment to mentorship."

The IL Executive of the Year is elected annually at the Fall Meeting by the circuit's Board of Directors. The first recipient of the newly-named Dave Rosenfield International League Executive of the Year Award will be elected during the IL Fall Meeting to take place in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania this September prior to the 2017 Gildan Triple-A National Championship Game.