Sprinkler Irrigation Association Convention Locations 1953 - 1972

San Diego, CA 1953
Boca Raton, FL 1954
Colorado Springs, CO 1955
Washington D.C. 1956
Phoenix, AZ 1957

Phoenix, AZ 1958
Phoenix, AZ 1959
Point Clear, AL 1960
San Francisco, CA 1961
Scottsdale, AZ 1962

Mountain Shadows Resort
Scottsdale, Arizona USA
1962

Broadmoor Hotel
Colorado Springs, Colorado USA
1955

Tampa, FL 1963
Phoenix, AZ 1964
Phoenix, AZ 1965
Corpus Christi, TX 1966
Scottsdale, AZ 1967

Camelback Inn
Scottsdale, Arizona USA
1970

San Diego, CA 1968
Freeport, Grand Bahamas 1969
Scottsdale, AZ 1970
Scottsdale, AZ 1971
Monterey, CA 1972
Did you know?

Wade Rain is one of the oldest and largest companies manufacturing sprinkler irrigation equipment. Wade Rain equipment was first manufactured in the year 1936. At that time R.M. Wade & Co., the parent company of Wade Rain, had already enjoyed over 70 years of serving growers of the Pacific Northwest of the United States. With this experience in meeting the unique needs of agriculture, R.M. Wade & Co. was able to rapidly establish Wade Rain sprinkler equipment as a true leader in the irrigation industry. Today, Wade Rain is used in almost every country in the world where sprinkler irrigation is practiced.
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W.D. Allen Sprinkler
1930

Kifco Traveling Sprinkler
1970’s

Residential Sprinkler
1911

Whitney Siphon
1909

Gayle and Kathi Hilton

Rain Bird
Brass Spray Head
Irrigation in Paper Form

Did you know?

Before the internet most of the information on irrigation was found in books, brochures and pamphlets.

Name That Doohickey

Skinner Impact Sprinkler 1950's
Pioneers in Irrigation

SIA Committee Chairs 1972

SIA Convention 1953

IA Award Winners 1982

IA Board of Directors 1988

Meeting in a Corn Field 1985

See anyone you know?

IA Board of Directors 1979
Ewing Irrigation Products traces its beginnings back to 1922, when Atlas Lawn Sprinkler was founded in San Francisco, Calif. In 1938, King W. Ewing joined Atlas, participating in sales and installation. King acquired the design and supply division in 1948, renaming it Ewing Turf Products, laying the foundation for what has developed into one of the largest wholesale providers of professional quality landscape and irrigation materials in the United States.

In 1963, King’s daughter, Sue, and husband, Ray York, assumed the day-to-day operations of Ewing and relocated company headquarters to San Leandro, Calif. The company name was changed to Ewing Irrigation Products in 1967 to reflect its metamorphosis into a full-line irrigation supply distributor. Assisting Ray and Sue in achieving their vision, sons Doug and Richard have been involved in the development and management of the family business since 1978.

Now headquartered in Phoenix, Ariz., Ewing has the ability to locally serve customers in twenty-two states and continues to be one of the nation’s most efficient suppliers of landscape and irrigation, golf and industrial products. Despite many years of evolution, Ewing stands strong in maintaining King Ewing’s simple but powerful philosophy:

Treat Your Customers Right.
Irrigation - Cowboy Style

Hardie AG Irrigation Team
1986

Cowboy Lawn Sprinkler
1954
A Brief Biography of Tom Kimmell

It seems that Tom Kimmell has always been part of the irrigation industry. His involvement started at Spot Systems in 1970, then 15 years with James Hardie Irrigation and don’t forget Olson Irrigation Systems in Santee, California. His knowledge of drip irrigation goes back over 40 years.

In 1994 the Irrigation Association offered the Executive Director position to Tom and that is where you may have met him. The 12 years that Tom spent at the IA benefited the association and irrigation industry with stability and dedication.

Tom and Joanne are now retired and enjoying life in North Carolina. They have four grown children and nine grandchildren living throughout the country. Tom still volunteers with various committees within the industry and the USAID overseas training program (Ukraine, Moldova, Egypt, Tanzania and Kenya).

Traveling for Joanne and Tom has been a passion. Next month Tom will log country number 72 when he goes to Uganda.

If you have a chance to walk with Tom through an irrigation trade show, you will not get 10 feet without running into one of his many friends and business associates.
Machines in the Irrigation Industry

Over the last 100 years, machines have helped all of us.

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Ancient Irrigation Systems

Terrace Irrigation

Did you know?

In Bali the word ‘subak’ means ‘irrigation society’? For over a thousand years, terraced irrigation has been used in the mountains of southeast Asia. Terraced irrigation is in use on every continent but Antarctica. The most common crops watered in this manner are rice and grains. Almost any agricultural crop can be watered with terrace irrigation.

It is believed that this type of irrigation was created to stop erosion and to take advantage of the hills and mountains within each region.
**SIA / IA COMMITTEE NAMES OVER THE YEARS**

Listed below are committees from by-gone years that have been formed, completed their tasks and then shut down. Since 1949 the irrigation industry has always been up to the task of solving our own problems. So when you read this list, have a little fun and see if you were a part of the one of these committees.

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS** 1952 - 1973  
TECHNICAL 1952 - 1970

**FINANCE AND BUDGET** 1952 - 1970  
PROJECTS 1954 - 1973

**ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM** 1972 - 1973  
FREIGHT RATES 1952 - 1973

**CONVENTION & ENTERTAINMENT** 1954 - 1970  
EXECUTIVE 1960 - 1972

**TEXTBOOK READING** 1972  
PROGRAM 1969 - 1970

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY** 1969 - 1973  
TURF INTERESTS 1972 - 1973

**SMALL BUSINESS TAX RESEARCH** 1957 - 1958  
COUPLINGS 1955 - 1972

**CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS** 1954 - 1960  
BY-LAWS 1953 - 1958

**NATIONAL AFFAIRS** 1960 - 1973  
TEXTBOOK 1970

**CONVENTION SITES** 1970 - 1973  
NOMINATION 1952 - 1953

**DIRECTOR'S NOMINATING** 1969 - 1973  
DISTRIBUTOR 1972 - 1973

**EVALUATION OF CLOUD SEEDING** 1952  
A.C.P.S. 1957 - 1960

**NEW HORIZONS** 1973  
ETHICS 1957

**STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS** 1972 - 1973  
PUBLICITY 1952 - 1957

**TEXTBOOK RE-EDITING** 1957 - 1973  
CENTER PIVOT 1972 - 1974

**MECHANICAL MOVE** 1972  
HISTORY 2006 - 2012

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**Did you know?**

Committees created by SIA/IA over the years have created the foundations for certification, industry communication, publicity, irrigation products, water conservation, industry history and many other projects that we now use in today’s world. Thank you to all SIA and IA members that have served on a committee.
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