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Raleigh, North Carolina – On Thursday, December 9th, at the conclusion of the 2021 AENC Trade Show & Speaker Showcase, twenty-five AENC Past Board Presidents were awarded the prestigious “AENC Lifetime Membership” in recognition of their many contributions to AENC. The awards were presented in a celebratory fashion in front of over 350 fellow AENC members and friends. This is the highest honor given to an AENC Member.

“AENC Board Presidents have given selflessly of their time and talents to the AENC membership for over 66 years. Collectively, their leadership has seen our association through many great years and a few unforeseen challenges such as COVID. We are thankful for their commitment and relentless desire to always advance our mission and leave AENC better than they found it. Awarding this group of esteemed professionals with the Lifetime Membership is a small token of our immense appreciation” said Rich Phaneuf, AENC CEO.

Established in 1955, Association Executives of North Carolina (AENC) provides its members high quality professional development and networking opportunities, and fosters recognition and respect for the association management profession. Members include CEOs and staff of associations across North Carolina, and representatives from the association service and hospitality industries. A list of all AENC Past Board Presidents can be found on the AENC website, [here](#).