

International Packaged Ice Association



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SUPPORTING THE ICE INDUSTRY FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS.

Join the industry's oldest and largest network of trade professionals.

"The IPIA is the ice industry standard. I always return home from IPIA events with new ideas, and meeting others that I shared ideas with that also helped me."

-IPIA Industry Member

"Attending our second IPIA convention, I was very nervous being that we just started our business this year. The IPIA members went out of their way to introduce themselves to my wife and I. I feel the value that we received from this convention will accelerate our business growth."

-IPIA Industry Member

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PHOTO: 12th Annual Convention Banquet | November 14, 1929 | Boston, MA

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WHO WE ARE



About

The IPIA is a trade association representing manufacturers and distributors of packaged ice and manufacturers of ice making equipment, supplies and services. Founded in 1917 as the National Association of Ice Industries, this trade organization remains ideal for any size company by providing information and resources that will help growth, manufacturing a safe product, and best business practices. Industry member companies range in size from small distributors and family-owned-and-operated companies with one production location, to multi-location producers serving wide geographical regions.

The IPIA is the industry's only national trade group in North America and represents roughly 300 ice manufacturing and distribution locations and a majority of all packaged ice produced. As packaged ice production, distribution, and marketing expands globally, the IPIA is proud to represent 14 different countries and assists ice manufacturers worldwide.

The hallmark of our vision as an association is our member commitment to food safety and education at all levels - regulatory, retailer, and consumer - that ICE IS FOOD.

Mission

The mission of the International Packaged Ice Association is to promote the growth and superior business practices for the packaged ice industry through the ongoing development and management of standards and value-added services that enhance the image of the industry to the consumers and trade partners. IPIA will achieve these objectives through proactive leadership directed by priorities set by its member companies.

JOIN A NETWORK OF ICE PRODUCERS COMMITTED TO THE 'ICE IS FOOD' VISION.



PIQCS: Packaged Ice Quality Control Standards

In 1998, due to the lack of any specific federal or state packaged ice manufacturing standards or regulations, IPIA members made the decision to self-regulate. As a result, our **Packaged Ice Quality Control Standards (PIQCS)** were adopted as a requirement of membership. Mandatory third-party-conducted inspections of each member's manufacturing facilities began in 2002. IPIA logos received a collective trademark (meeting accreditation standards) in 2005.

Upon completion of a successful PIQCS audit, our Certificate of Accreditation is issued to the manufacturing plant, serving as verification that your product is safe.

PIQCS Includes:

- Personnel hygiene, food safety training, and best practices
- Plant and grounds standards, food-grade contact surfaces documented
- Sanitary operations of facilities, equipment, and utensils
- All prerequisites to HACCP/Food Safety Plan, e.g. standard sanitation operating procedures
- EPA drinking water standards
- Bacteriological testing of finished product
- Pest control program, documented and implemented
- Food security and crisis management procedures
- Supervision and recordkeeping program including recall plan, in-house self audits, and mock recalls
- Date/lot coding of packaging for traceability
- Warehouse and distribution standards

WE PRIORITIZE ADVOCATING FOR OUR MEMBERS AT FEDERAL AND STATE LEVELS.

The International Packaged Ice Association works to promote superior food safety practices for the packaged ice industry through the ongoing development and management of high industry standards. As the largest industry association in the world, we are fortunate to have the unique position of advocating for the packaged ice industry and having our collective voices heard.

We report on all legislation directly and indirectly impacting the packaged ice industry. Members are kept abreast of legislative issues including packaging, labeling, sanitation and sales taxes. Knowing about legislation before it is enacted allows members to be proactive to proposals that affect business. The association also joins with other associations on proposed legislation that affect more than the packaged ice industry alone, giving added weight to our voice.

Representing over half of the wholesale ice produced in North America, our members play a key role in promoting consumer safety and safe ice, championing for tighter regulations on packaged ice at both the federal and state levels.



ATTEND OUR ANNUAL CONVENTION. LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR INDUSTRY. **BUILD CONNECTIONS.**

"Attending the IPIA convention for the first time, I was very impressed by the level of collaboration among its members and suppliers. We can't wait to participate in more!"

- IPIA Associate Member

Normally held in November of every year, the IPIA Annual Convention and Trade Show is the industry's premier gathering for ice producers worldwide. Our convention is the perfect mix of business and pleasure, combining a top-notch networking event with fun and exciting destinations year after year.

Considered the shining star of our convention, our Trade Show is packed with Associate member suppliers who display a wide array of equipment and services for the packaged ice producer. Members have the opportunity to explore and discuss the latest and greatest in innovation and new technology for the industry.

With hundreds in attendance each year, the industry learning sessions, trade show, and networking opportunities provide invaluable assistance to attendees. Special member registration rates apply.

BENEFIT FROM IPIA COMMITTEES WORKING ON YOUR BEHALF, INCLUDING...



International Committee

Provides support to international members outside of the US. Maintains open channels of communication regarding relevant industry topics and issues.

Marketing Committee

Provides direction and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for marketing and projects promoting the association and its members.

Membership Committee

Liaisons with staff in developing membership services and benefits for current members.

PIQCS Committee

Provides guidance for the IPIA Packaged Ice Quality Control Standards (PIQCS) program.

Plant Operations Committee

Keeps abreast of industry standards, mandates, and guidelines, and provides current information relating to the operation of an ice plant.

Public Affairs Committee

Monitors all legislative and regulatory activity impacting the ice industry and the IPIA's "Ice Is Food" education mission. Monitors and promotes the IPIA's advocacy efforts on federal, state, and local levels and partners with food safety associations.

Strategic Planning Committee

Defines the strategies and principles that should guide the development and standards for the long-term preservation of the Association.

AS AN IPIA MEMBER, YOU WILL ENJOY...



Annual Member Directory

Receive a comprehensive membership directory each year electronically and via mail, containing all IPIA industry and supplier members and their contact information.

Online Member Portal

Manage your membership online and access resources such as audit materials, logos, marketing materials, training/webinar recordings, and MORE!

Communications

Keep up-to-speed on the industry and association by receiving issues of the IPIA E-News regularly.

Records & Documentation Binder

Receive a customized binder with tabs and index pages for use in maintaining PIQCS and audit documentation.

Convention Member Rates

Enjoy special member pricing on registrations for the Annual Convention & Trade Show.

Scholarships

Member employees and their dependents may apply for two annual scholarships offered by the IPIA.

Ice World Journal Subscription

Receive a complimentary subscription to the ice industry's international publication, the *Ice World Journal* - a quarterly that the IPIA participates in with the other regional ice associations.

Training Discounts

Save on online ammonia training courses when signing up through our affiliated training company.

Mentorships

Manufacturing members are assigned a mentor IPIA member company upon applying for membership. The mentor will assist in preparing for the audit to become an accredited IPIA member.

Year-Round Education Opportunities

Stay in the know...take advantage of opportunities for education, to include our annual PCQI course, virtual webinars, and convention sessions!

...AND MORE!



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