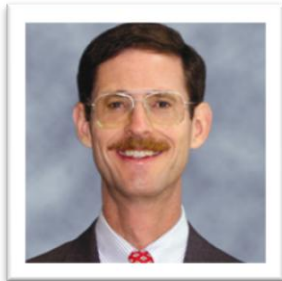




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Tad Fraizer
2003 IFEA/Zambelli Fireworks International
Volunteer of the Year Award
Nominated by Updowntowners
Lincoln, Nebraska



In his 17 years with Updowntowners, Inc., Tad Fraizer has held the longest board tenure in the organization's 18-year history. He's considered the backbone of the organization, which produces approximately 17 events annually for Downtown Lincoln in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Fraizer joined Updowntowners in 1986 and was elected to the Board of Directors in 1987. He has held the position of legal counsel and event logistics since 1986, except for the three years when he served as the Updowntowners' President-Elect, President and Past President. He currently dedicates 750-1,000 hours annually to Updowntowners events and legislative concerns.

Tad's suggestions to the legislative commission even helped Nebraska events avoid the loss of Special Designated Licensing (SDL) last session, a critical element to events there.

In his nomination, Polly McMullen, President of the Downtown Lincoln Association, said, "Tad's roles have ranged from legal counsel to the Updowntowners (totally pro bono) to logistics chairman, float builder, government lobbyist, fundraiser, trouble-shooter and cheerleader!" She went on to say, "His contributions have included working with local government to create an events ordinance, which has become a model for other communities; masterminding logistics for the Holiday Parade and July Jamm; and monitoring legislation impacting special events.

"Tad has earned the respect and trust of not just his peers, but our police chief, city council, all city department directors who deal with events, the State Liquor Control Commission, and the business leaders of downtown Lincoln."

Deb Johnson, Executive Director of the Updowntowners, added, "All event professionals know that logistics for one event is time consuming and challenging. Tad provides logistics for all of our events. Tad also has a historical knowledge of our organization that is invaluable and his legal expertise is of extreme value with every contract and/or insurance policy that we must have for our events."