



ILLINOIS EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTORS

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PRESIDENT
CRAIG HARRIS
McAllister Equipment Co.
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Alsip, IL 60658
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HISTORY OF ILLINOIS EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTORS

VICE PRESIDENT
STEVE BENCK
West Side Tractor Sales Co.
1400 W. Ogden Avenue
Naperville, IL 60540
(708) 355-7150
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A small group of construction equipment distributors in northern Illinois met early in 1955 and formed a new non-profit association. The original name was ILLINOIS CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTORS ASSN. and the address of the organization was 111 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602. Dick Ekstrand, active in the industry at that time was the original Executive Secretary. He also was Executive Secretary for the Mobile Crane Owners Association at about the same time.

TREASURER
JIM NICHOLL
McCann Construction Spec. Co.
543 S. Rt. 53
Addison, IL 60101
(708) 627-8700
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Records indicate that in 1966 the address changed to that of McAllister Equipment Co., 12500 South Cicero Avenue, Alsip, IL 60658. In 1968 another address change occurred to: 125 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 625 Chicago, Illinois 60603.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
HUGH GOULDING
E TIP, Inc.
P.O. Box 571
Addison, IL 60101
(708) 530-8393
FAX (708) 530-5019

These offices were located in the Illinois Athletic Club facilities at that address. According to the best information available from the mid 1960's members were as follows:

1ST YEAR DIRECTOR
JOHN BOQUIST
Mi-Jack Products Company
311 W. 167th Street
Hazel Crest, IL 60429
(708) 596-5200
FAX (708) 596-7461

Howell Tractor & Equipment Co.
D.D. Kennedy
Tractor & Equipment Co.
Western Engine Co.
Western Contractors

Casey Equipment Co.
McAllister Equipment
Cummins Illinois
Illinois Contractors
Eighmy Equipment Co.

2ND YEAR DIRECTOR
CHARLES W. WINGARD, SR.
Portable Tool Sales & Service, Inc.
13401 South Halsted Street
Riverdale, IL 60627
(708) 841-2600
FAX (708) 841-2727

Although many member companies were also members of the national organization, Associated Equipment Distributors, the Illinois Construction Equipment Distributors Assn. maintained independence from AED.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
DICK WAVRO
1st Source Bank
P.O. Box 1602
100 North Michigan Street
South Bend, IN 46634
(219) 235-2929
FAX (219) 235-2677

After the departure in 1965 of Dick Ekstrand as Executive Secretary, Bill Howard of Construction Digest, Indianapolis, IN became Secretary in 1966. He functioned in this office until 1974 when Bill Spaniol, of Construction Digest assumed Executive Secretary duties.

Shortly thereafter, the name of the organization was changed to ILLINOIS EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTORS and the association emblem was designed and introduced under the guidance of Bill Spaniol.

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In 1983, Hugh Goulding of E TIP, Inc. became Executive Secretary and the address for association offices were changed to:

P.O. Box 571
29 South Iowa Avenue
Addison, IL 60101

Membership had increased and Associate Members were allowed to join. By 1994 membership totaled 40 organizations.

Prospective new members are invited to apply by contacting association offices at the address above or by calling (708) 530-8393 or faxing (708) 530-5019.