PAST PRESIDENTS/CHAIRMANS OF THE IPA

1865-68	J.W. Merritt - Springfield State Register
1868-71	E.H.Giggs - Rockford Register
1871-72	J.R. Mosser - Decatur Weekly Republican
1872-73	Rodney Welch - Chicago Prairie Farmer
1873-74	E.B. Buck - Charleston Courier
1874-75	George Scroggs - Champaign Gazette & Union
1875-76	S.P. Rounds - Chicago Printers' Cabinet
1876-77	J.W. Bailey - Princeton Bureau County Republican
1877-79	Cadet Taylor - Wenona Index
1879-81	E.A. Snively - Carlinville Herald
1881-82	Charles Holt - Kankakee Weekly Gazette
1882-83	C.E. Bostwick - Mattoon Gazette
1883-84	J.W. Clinton - Polo Press
1884-86	M.W. Mathews - Urbana Herald
1886-87	M.W. Mathews - Dixon Sun
1887-88	J.K. LeBaron - Elgin Daily News
1888-89	L.A. McLean - Urbana Herald
1889-90	Owen Scott - Bloomington Daily Bulletin
1890-91	E.B. Fletcher - Morris Herald
1891-92	Thomas Rees - Springfield State Register
1892-93	W.M. Lowis - Lena Star
1893-94	Clinton Rosette - DeKalb Chronicle
1894-95	G.W. Cyrus - Camp Point Journal
1895-96	C.D. Tufts - Centralia Democrat
1896-98	D.M. Tinney - Virginia Gazette
1898-88	C. Boechenstein - Edwardsville Intelligencer
1899-1900	M.F. Walsh - Harvard Herald
1900-01	A.C. Bentley - Pittsfield Pike County Times
1901-02	S.D. Atkins - Freeport Journal
1902-03	C.W. Bliss - Hillsboro Montgomery County News
1903-04	C.Bradshaw - Carrollton Patriot
1904-05	J.M. Rapp - Fairfield Wayne County Record
1905-06	J.B. Castle - Sandwich Argus
1906-07	H.N. Wheller - Quincy Daily Journal
1907-08	J.C. Adams - Peotone Vedette
1908-09	S.K. Strogher - Taylorville Daily Courier
1909-10	W.T. Bedford - LaSalle Daily Tribune
1910-11	J.M. Sheets - Oblong Oracle
1911-12	Eugene L'Hote - Milford Herald
1912-13	G.W. Hughes - Clinton Register
1913-14	C.W. Warner - Hoopeston Chronicle
1914-15	J.M. Page - Jerseyville Jersey County Democrat
1915-16	W.G.Dustin - Dwight Star-Herald
1916-17	W.D. David - Mt. Sterling Democra-Message
1917-18	H.U. Baily - Princeton Bureau County Republican
1918-19	S.P.Preston - Gillespie News
1919-20	J.E. McClure - Carlinville Democrat
1920-21	P.R. Goddard - Washington Tazewell County Reporter
1921-22	B.B. Herbert - Chicago Ravenswood Citizen
1922-23	F.M. Rolens - Murphysboro Daily Independent
1923-24	J.H. Harrison - Danville Commercial News
1924-25	A.H. Gravehorst - Effingham County Review -
1925-26	W.J. Smith - Waukegan Daily Sun
1926-27	H.E. Bell - White Hall Register-Republican
1927-28	W.W. Loomis - LaGrange Citizen
1928-29	C.S. Conger - Carmi Democrat-Tribune
1929-30	J.E. Dertinger - Bushnell Record
1930-31	H.V. Morgan - Sparta News-Plaindealer
1931-32	G.D .Scott - Wyoming Post-Herald
1932-33	S.P. Preston - Gillespie News
1933-34	C.R. Denson - Minonk News-Dispatch
1934-35	W.A. Jolley - Roodhouse Record
1935-36	H.J. Blazer - Aledo Times-Record
1936-37	D.T. Forsythe - Carthage Hancock County Journal
1937-38	H.L. Williamson - Springfield Williamson Printing Co.
1938-39	W.L. Schmitt - Carlinville Macoupin County Enquirer
1939-40	G.C. Terry - Polo Tri County Press
1940-41	W. Fairweather - McLeansboro Times-Leader
1941-42	J.A. Patterson - Fairbury Blade
1942-43	George M. Smith - Wheaton Daily Journal
1943-44	Roy Clippenger - Carmi Democrat-Tribune
1944-45	S.J. Porterfield - Chatsworth Plaindealer
1945-46	J.B. Campbell - Nashville Journal
1946-47	Richard Finfgeld - Henry News-Republican
1947-48	Charles W. Mills - Vandalia Leader
1948-49	Claude Walker - Forest Park Review
1949-50	E.A. Dyson - Rushville Times
1950-51	Tom Lee - Marissa Messenger
1951-52	Bryant Voris - Waterloo Republican
1952-53	John W. Carroll - Park Ridge Advocate
1953-54	Verle Kramer - Gibson City Courier
1954-55	Don Pauschert - Pana News Palladium
1955-56	Robert Bliss - Hillsboro Montgomery County News
1956-57	W.E. Williams - Chicago Heights Star
1957-58	O.J. Lere - Leroy Journal
1958-59	James McLaren - Jerseyville Jersey Co. Democrat-News
1959-60	T. Mathews, Sr. - Fairfield Wayne County Press
1960-61	S.Paddock, Jr. - Arlington Heights Daily Herald
1961-62	Ken Mollman - Millstadt Enterprise
1962-63	John Holmes - Villa Grove News
1963-64	Kenneth Smith - Tilton Publications
1964-65	Frank Mills - Hoopeston Chronicle Herald
1965-66	Paul Coffman - Melrose Park Proviso Star-Sentinel
1966-67	Roy Rucker - Bridgeport Leader
1967-68	M. Schroeder - Grayslake Times
1968-69	William Morgan - Sparta News-Plaindealer
1969-70	Paul Behan - Oregon Republican-Reporter
1970-71	Roy Holding - Galva News
1971-72	Herman Herzog - Des Plaines Suburban Times
1972-73	David Kramer - Gibson City Courier
1973-74	Robert Voris - Waterloo Republican
1974-75	Joseph Ferstl - Chicago Lerner Newspapers
1975-76	Karl Monroe - Collinsville Herald
1976-77	Robert Best - Sullivan Moultrie County News
1977-78	Tom Phillips - Pana News-Palladium
1978-79	Bruce Sagan - Chicago Daily Southtown Economist
1979-80	James Roberts - Fairbury Blade
1980-81	W. Schroeder - Grayslake Lakeland Newspapers
1981-82	Jerry Reppert - Anna Gazette-Democrat
1982-83	L.Macfarland - Chicago Daily Law Bulletin
1983-84	Charles Jones - Virden Recorder
1985	Jon Whitney - Thomson Carroll County Review
1986	Leo G. Piper - Barrington Courier-Review
1987	Allan A. Seiler - Pittsfield Pike Press
1988	Dale Barker - Beardstown Illinoian-Star Daily
1989	William Shaw - Dixon Telegraph
1990	Jeff Farren - Kendall County Record, Yorkville
1991	Wayne Woltman – Press-Republican Newspapers, West Chicago
1992-93	Clyde Wills - The Metropolis Planet
1993-94	Byron Tracy - Lewis Newspapers, Robinson
1995	Tom Mathews, Jr. - Wayne County Press, Fairfield
1996	William Garth - Citizen Newspapers, Chicago
1997	John Foreman - The News-Gazette, Champaign
1998	Nathan Jones - Gold Nugget Publications, Virden
1999	Christopher Winter – Reporter/Progress Newspapers, Downers Grove
2000	Cheryl Wormley – The Woodstock Independent
2001	Thomas Terry – Geneseo Republic
2001-2002	David Bell – The Vandalia Leader-Union
2003	James Slonoff – The Doings, Hinsdale
2004	Gerald Taylor – Dispatch Publishing Co., Moline
2005	Scott Champion – GateHouse Media, Inc., Galesburg
2006	Doug Ray – Paddock Productions – Arlington Heights
2007	P. Carter Newton – The Galena Gazette
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2009	Kathy Farren – Kendall County Record, Yorkville
2010-2011	Steve Raymond—Effingham Daily News
2011-2012	John Barron—Sun-Times Media Group, Chicago
2013	John Galer – Hillsboro, The Journal-News
2014	Karen Flax – Chicago Tribune
2015-2016	Sam Fisher – Sauk Valley Media, Sterling
2016-2017	Sandy Macfarland – Law Bulletin Publishing
2018	Wendy Martin – Mason County Democrat
2019	Ron Wallace – Quincy Herald-Whig
2020	Scott Stone – Daily Herald Media Group
2021	Don Bricker – Shaw Media
2022	Sue Walker – Growing Community Media Group
2023	Dorothy Leavell – The Crusader
2024	David Bauer – Hearst Newspapers

2025	Durrell Garth – Chicago Citizen Newspaper Group
2025-2026	Jason Hegna – Shaw Media
2026	Jim Slonoff – The Hinsdalean