



Dave Dauphinee

The Exceptional Service Award is named in honour of Dave Dauphinee, the first President of the Association when it was originally known as the BC Arena, Auditorium & Stadium Association (1950-1951).

Dave began his career in recreation facilities as an Engineer at the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) Forum in Vancouver, eventually becoming Manager of the facility. When Empire Stadium was built for the 1954 British Empire and Commonwealth Games, Dave was appointed as the Stadium Manager.

Throughout his career at the PNE, Dave continued to take on greater responsibilities, ultimately being named General Manager of the organization. He also served as a mentor and friend to John Bate, a long-time Honourary Past President of the Association. In a touching tribute, John and his wife Marilyn named their son David in honour of Dave Dauphinee.

Dave sadly passed away in 1979.

