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Bill Garvey Named Recipient of the 2018 Ben Franklin Award from the Printing & Imaging Association of Georgia.

Smyrna, Georgia – (August 20, 2018) – The Printing & Imaging Association of Georgia (PIAG) recently awarded their most prestigious award, The Ben Franklin Award, to Bill Garvey, President of Athens Paper. Garvey was recognized by the association on Thursday, August 9, 2018 during their annual awards event, imPRESS, held at Atlanta’s Fox Theatre.

Garvey was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and later attended the College of William and Mary. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Biology in 1985. Soon after graduation, Garvey began his career at the Hammermill Paper Company as a sales representative for the Atlanta and Dallas markets from 1985-1987. Garvey moved to the Dillard Paper Company in 1988 and stayed through their transitions to International Paper and xPEDx. He served as the Charlotte sales representative at Dillard from 1988-1993 and was a member of the PIA affiliate, PICA, during that time. In 1993, Garvey was promoted to Regional Sales Manager in Tampa where he also was a member of the PIA affiliate, PAF. From 1996-2000, Garvey was the sales manager in Atlanta where he first become a member of PIAG. He finished his stint at XPEDX from 2000-2005 as the Division Manager and Business Manager in Atlanta. In 2006, Garvey became the President of Southern Index and continued his PIAG membership there and when he moved to Athens Paper in 2009 as the Division manager in Atlanta. Garvey became the President of Athens Paper in 2014 and remains in that position today.

“While I am not a voting member of the award committee, I did get to hear the wonderful things said about Bill and his career by his peers and past award winners that left no doubt that he was a very worthy recipient of the 2018 Benjamin Franklin Award.” said Jason Cline, PIAG President/CEO.

Named after the industry’s patron saint, Benjamin Franklin, the prestigious Benjamin Franklin Award was first presented by PIAG in 1958. For 60 years our industry has recognized an individual for their commitment and contributions to this great industry of PRINT. This award is recognized throughout Georgia’s printing and imaging industry as the highest honor conferred by the industry to an individual. It pays special homage to an individual whose peers have selected them to represent the industry. Nominees for this award should meet the following criteria:

- Made a positive impact on the printing and imaging industry in Georgia and is widely recognized as such
- A person of high principles and integrity
- One who shares his/her time and talent to work toward the advancement of the graphic communications industry
- Works for the betterment of society through civic, community or religious commitments

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