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## **Jim Fraser, Bob Hanna and Tony Zirpoli Named IAGA Honorary Members**

Studio City, CA (June 30, 2008) – The International Association of Golf Administrators (IAGA) Board of Directors recently named Jim Fraser, Bob Hanna and Tony Zirpoli as honorary members. All three are former IAGA members and past recipients of the IAGA Distinguished Service Award for their commitment and contributions to golf administration. "These three gentlemen have seen a lot of changes in amateur golf and are a large part of its success," said Jack Nance President of the IAGA, "this is our way of saying thanks."

Jim Fraser, former executive director of the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA) Foundation, dedicated 26 years of service to the game of golf. Throughout his career Fraser held many titles ranging from Association Director of Rules, Handicapping and Amateur Status to Executive Director of both the Canadian Golf Foundation and RCGA Foundation. Fraser executed many initiatives which included implementing the Slope system in Canada and assisting students at Canadian universities and colleges through the Canadian University/College Championship and the Canadian University Golf Support Program. Fraser received the IAGA Distinguished Service Award in 2007.

Bob Hanna served the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) for 25 years, and was instrumental in the growth of the association. When Hanna began at the association in 1956 there were 90 member clubs; the association has now grown to 1250 member clubs and over 180,000 individual members. Hanna spent his first few years at the NCGA determinedly visiting clubs and attending membership meetings in an effort to have all clubs use the same handicap system, which significantly helped the growth of the NCGA. Hanna is also accredited with pioneering the way in which associations across North America generate revenue through memberships and handicapping. Hanna served as the IAGA President in 1975 and in 2002 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

Tony Zirpoli was a long time member of the IAGA and his contribution to the world of golf administration can be felt by all golf administrators today. Zirpoli spent nearly 28 years with the USGA and during his time he worked tirelessly to strengthen relations between the USGA and state and regional golf associations. Zirpoli was instrumental in the process to unite the Rules of Amateur Status with that of the Royal and Ancient. Zirpoli received the Distinguished Service Award in 2004, when he was still an active member of the IAGA.

The IAGA, the world's largest association of amateur golf administrators, recognizes honorary members periodically. Fraser, Hanna and Zirpoli join fourteen other IAGA honorary members.

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