

The 2023 ING Conference was held on Thursday, September 28th at the Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

The conference had 80 attendees, garnering attendance from most newspaper industry groups and prominent privately held newspapers. The keynote speaker was Patrick Dorsey from the Santa Fe New Mexican who talked about his experience and optimistic view of the future.

During the day there were eight presentations that highlighted how newspaper operations best operate and there were breakout sessions to share information widely among attendees.

Mike Blinder from Editor and Publisher (E&P) hosted video presentations for the ING Operations All Stars.

This year E&P and ING honored winners in three categories:

- Large Market All-Star - Jonathan Tolton, The Seattle Times
- Small Market All-Star - Thomas Countryman, The Patriot News Harrisburg, PA
- Pre-Press All-Star-Rachel Ellison-Conaway, Advance Publications, Michigan

The winners each received \$2,000 from CellMark. imPRESSions Worldwide paid their airfare and CellMark paid their lodging so each winner could attend the conference.

The conference wrapped up with incoming ING President Richard Rinehart presenting recognition plaques to Wayne Pelland and Mark Hall for their service as past Presidents. In addition, Gary Owen was presented with a recognition plaque for his 22 years of service as a board member from 2001 to 2023.

Richard introduced Nari Walsh as incoming Vice President for ING.

Also recognized were E&P, CellMark and imPRESSions Worldwide for their collaborative work on the Operations All Stars Awards.

The conference will be held again in 2024. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.