



Dave Alsgaard is given NABA's highest honor

The finale of the Convention Banquet was highlighted by the surprise announcement of Dave Alsgaard being awarded NABA's highest honor, the *Herbert A Haydock Founder's Award*.

Dave, of Midland, MI, is only the sixth person to be given the *Founder's Award*, joining legendary hobbyists and NABA contributors (the late) Bob Kay, George Baley, Jim Kaiser, Helen Haydock, John Ferguson, and John Stanley. The award was established in 2012 and is not given out annually, but only on the basis of merit.

In 2022, the Board voted to bestow the Founder's Award to Dave, who has done so much for NABA for many years, while sharing his time and talent with tremendous dedication, class, and humility.



Dave has faithfully served on the NABA Board since 2007, has been an officer since 2014, and has helped steer the resurgence and growth of the organization. He also plays a critical role on the convention team and on the *Breweriana Collector* magazine, for which he was named Managing Editor in 2022.

In presenting the award, NABA President Ken Quaas noted that Dave's nomination was approved by the NABA Board "both unanimously

and enthusiastically," and that he is a member who "goes above and beyond the duties of his office and serves as an outstanding ambassador for the hobby." Congratulations, Dave!

Dick Hinds is celebrated for 50 years of loyalty to NABA

Dick Hinds was honored for his 50 years of membership and loyalty at the convention in Pittsburgh.

Dick, of Cincinnati, OH, is a legendary collector, who was one of the founding members of NABA. He participated in the fabled meeting in the Hinsdale, IL home of NABA's first president, John Murray, on the night that NABA was established in 1972.

Importantly, Dick answered the call to become the first editor of the NABA newsletter, which was critical to establishing the club by providing on-going communication and information to its members. His efforts helped drive the club's rapid early growth and his newsletter eventually morphed into what is today the *Breweriana Collector* magazine.

NABA was proud to host Dick and his family at the convention and to celebrate his 50 years of membership.

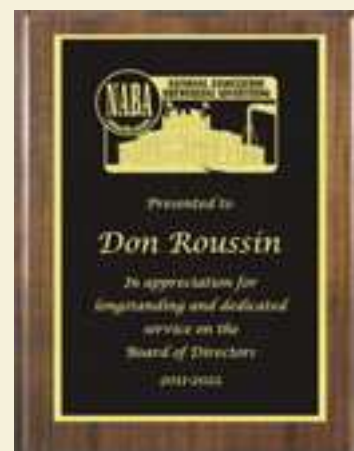


Don Roussin retires from the NABA Board

Don's retirement from his long and valued service of 11 years as a NABA Board member was announced at the convention in Pittsburgh.

Don, of Maryland Heights, MO, is well-regarded for his extraordinary collection of St. Louis area breweriana. He also is known as a brewery historian and was one of the authors of the seminal book on St. Louis brewing History: *St. Louis Brews: The History of Brewing in the Gateway City*.

Don has been a frequent contributor to the *Breweriana Collector* magazine, is a member of NABA's Cone Top Museum Committee and has served as NABA's procurement manager.



Dick Hinds (left) is congratulated for his award by longtime friend and NABA member Dave Greene. Dick was joined at the convention banquet by his family and many longtime NABA friends.

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Rei Ojala and Helen Haydock are honored for their loyalty to NABA

Rei Ojala, of Blaine, MN is the only NABA member to have attended all 51 annual conventions. Last year at the convention in Milwaukee, he was honored for attending his 50th convention in a row. This year, he extended his record. Now he makes our annual get-together a family affair, accompanied by his two sons, Bryan and John.

Helen Haydock is a founding member of NABA who has been to 50 conventions. Helen, of Wisconsin Rapids, WI, has missed only the convention held in Kalamazoo, MI, in 2017. She had a good excuse—she was in the hospital having surgery. Ironically, the one year she missed was also when she was presented with the *Founder's Award*, NABA's highest honor, which has since been renamed the *Herbert A. Haydock Founder's Award*, after her late husband.

Both Helen and Rei received special recognition at the banquet presentation at the Pittsburgh convention. It simply would not feel like a NABA convention without the presence of these two very special people, who for so many years have generously provided their fellowship and knowledge to the breweriana collecting community.



Don Hardy receives NABA award for partnership

NABA member Don Hardy received a special award from NABA upon his retirement as BCCA President, on September 9 at the BCCA Convention in Norfolk, VA.

The NABA Board of Directors recognized Don's "longstanding and dedicated service to the breweriana community" and his partnership with NABA while serving as a BCCA officer. Don, of Westmont, IL has encouraged cooperation between NABA and the BCCA for the overall betterment of the hobby.

The award was presented by John Ferguson, former NABA President and current Director Emeritus.



NABA welcomes two valuable additions to its Membership Committee

Bill Baburek of Omaha, NE.

A well-known collector in the Midwest, Bill started collecting cans and breweriana in 1976 and given his love of local history, soon focused his collection on Nebraska breweriana.

In 1996, Bill decided to move out of the corporate world and become an entrepreneur. He married his love of beer and breweriana to his business interests by opening Omaha's first craft beer bar, The Crescent Moon. As that business took off, Bill expanded his beer-themed offerings by opening up the Huber Haus German Beer Hall in 2003. He followed that with Max and Joe's Belgian Beer Tavern, and Beertopia, known as "Omaha's ultimate beer store."

Having succeeded in selling beer, Bill wanted to carve his own niche in brewing it. In 2013, he bought and meticulously restored a Pre-Prohibition-era building in an historic district and within it, opened Infusion Brewing Company. In 2017, Bill acquired the rights to and revived one of the local beer brands he had collected since he was a teenager—Metz—a brewery that had existed from 1938-1961.



Dave Unwin of Bellevue, WA.

Dave is renowned in the Pacific Northwest for his knowledge of Washington State brewery history, his outstanding Northwest breweriana collection and his warm, friendly demeanor.

A past president and highly active member of NABA's Rainier Chapter, Dave has been collecting for almost 35 years and like many, began with cans and soon expanded to breweriana.

Although his collection spans many breweries and brands, his area of primary focus is Olympia. Dave is widely known for what is likely the largest and most extensive collection of Olympia breweriana in existence.

