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ISES New York Chapter Announces Winners of Big Apple Awards and Installs New Board

On Tuesday night, the New York metro chapter of the International Special Events Society held its annual Big Apple Awards and board of directors installation ceremony at the [Edison Ballroom](#). Incoming president Howard Givner called it the "most successful gala in several years." With more than 250 guests in attendance, the society praised event achievements of individuals and companies in 20 categories.

Along with revealing the winners of this year's awards, the society inducted industry veterans into the Hall of Legends in recognition of their career achievements. The four honorees were [Ark Restaurants](#) vice president Walter Rauscher, [Marcy Blum Associates](#) founder and president Marcy Blum, [Pink Inc.](#) C.E.O. and creative director Debra Roth, and [Academy Bus](#) C.E.O. Francis Tedesco. Additionally, the Child Abuse Prevention Program and New York City's Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management received ISES CORE Awards for exhibiting the best event results to advance their mission.

Here's a look at the rest of the winners:

Best Corporate Event

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Best Corporate Multiple-Day Event

[Barkley Kalpak Associates](#)

Best Demonstration of R.O.I.

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Wedding Library for Claudia Hanlin and Jennifer Zabinski

Best Tabletop Design

Wedding Library by Claudia Hanlin and Jennifer Zabinski

Best Use of Social Media

Pink Inc. and [Fifth Avenue Digital](#)

Best Use of Lighting

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Best Video for an Event

[Avenue 5 Films](#)

Here is the board of directors for 2010-2011:

- Howard Givner, president
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Andrea Figman, director at large
Mark Shearon, director at large
Ellie Winkleman, director at large

Among the gala's sponsors were Avenue 5 Films, Dave Lawrence Acoustic, [Drape Kings](#), Edison Ballroom, Events Force, Photo Bureau, Pink Inc., Vali Entertainment, and Wizard Studios.

—Jennifer Ross

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