

Patrick Green, ABC, MC (deceased)  
Master Communicator 2000

Rick Green, ABC became an entrepreneur in 1983, starting out alone after nine years at the Canada Safety Council. He evolved his practice from a sole proprietorship into a partnership, Staigh Green & Associates. Staigh Green ultimately grew to be a 10-person firm, with a strong focus on providing expert communications counsel and execution for associations, government and corporate clients.

Rick was one of the founders of IABC Capitale AIPC (now IABC Ottawa AIPC), and served as President in 1977 and again in 1985. He initiated IABC's chapter leader training sessions, Leadership Development Weekend, which was reportedly the model for CLI. Rick served eight years on the District Board, four years on the international board, and about 12 years working for his chapter in a formal capacity.

Between formal roles, Rick was always on-hand to help Boards of Directors. In 1996, he and his company jointly organized with IABC Capitale a full-day conference on internal communications, aimed at government communicators. In 2000, Rick stepped in after recovering from a first round of cancer treatment to help the Capitale Board find appropriate recipients for its annual Presidents' and Distinguished Service awards.

Accredited since 1978, Rick until very recently served on the IABC International Accreditation Board. In 2000-2001, Rick once again stepped in to fill a vacuum in his home chapter, and agreed to another 3-year commitment to the members as president-elect, a post he sadly had to vacate in December. In addition, he kick-started the accreditation push in the chapter after promotion of accreditation had been dormant for a few years.