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The Parachute Industry Association met in May in Charlotte, N.C. and the Awards Committee is pleased to announce that Ed Scott, former USPA Executive Director, was selected as the Parachute Industry Associations 2020 Distinguished Leadership Award recipient. In addition, Randy Ottinger, USPA's former Director of Government Relations was selected as the 2021 Distinguished Leadership Award recipient. Selected in recognition of individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the parachute industry or the Parachute Industry Association. They will be presented at the opening cocktail reception at the PIA Symposium.

Ed spent 25 years with the USPA, first as Director of Government Relations and finally retiring as the USPA's Executive Director. Ed's leadership over the years advanced the sport, government interaction and industry relationships. While increasing the numbers of skydivers and drop zones he led the team that promoted safety awareness that saw a decrease in fatalities and kept government intrusion in check. In addition, Ed recognized the importance of the USPA relationship with PIA and fostered that relationship.

Randy followed Ed in the position of Director of Government Relations and for 15 years worked with Drop zones, DZO's and various government agencies to keep the skies open and affordable for skydiving operations. He skillfully navigated the interactions between state and federal government agencies and drop zones assisting jump operations around the country. Over the last several years he presented USPA's State of the Organization report at the PIA meetings and kept the organization apprised of any issues we might want to weigh in on.

Congratulations Ed and Randy!

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