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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### ABA to posthumously induct Lance Hankins into Hall of Fame



**Anchorage, AK:** The Alaska Broadcasters Association will posthumously induct **Lance Hankins** into the ABA Hall of Fame virtually on a date to be determined. Lance joins 76 members of the ABA Hall of Fame, which was established in 1985.

Lance moved to Anchorage about 1982 and joined the engineering staff at KIMO Ch. 13 TV. He later moved into the Chief Broadcast Engineer position about 1984 or 1985. After a several years in Alaska, he moved back to Idaho to be closer to family. While in Idaho, Lance continued working in the broadcast industry. He serviced some very challenging mountain-top sites that required snow machine access in the wintertime and had some near-death experiences.

Once that obligation was over, he moved a final time back to Alaska and again settled in Anchorage, this time working for KTUU Channel 2 TV as staff Engineer and Chief Engineer. In about 2011, Lance transitioned from KTUU to Alaska Public Media (PBS), KAKM Channel 7 as Senior TV Engineer and a supporting role in maintaining KSKA FM radio station.

Lance was a pillar in the Alaska broadcasting community. He was instrumental in bringing quality content to the communities of not only Anchorage, but Juneau and Bethel. He had major contributions in upgrading stations equipment and facilities over the decades. He was a strong advocate and participant for the ABA Engineering Conference tracks over the years. His expertise was sought after by many stations within the public media system, most notably at KYUK in Bethel and KTOO in Juneau. Lance trained some of Alaska Public Media's best young television studio producers.

Lance was an avid fly fisher and a Life Member of the Alaska Fly Fishers, having served as President, Secretary, as well as other offices and responsibilities. He was active in many aspects of AFF, of which only a few were front and center. He truly liked working in the background.

A competitive shooter, Lance participated in League trials at local ranges wherever he lived. His local favorite being Birchwood. Handguns, rifles, ammo, and reloading were all part of his lifestyle.

A talented amateur photographer since his days in the Navy, Lance owned a couple of different camera bodies, several lenses, and he enjoyed getting out to capture the world around him. He usually had a camera nearby and rarely went fishing without a camera bag, a point & shoot, and his iPhone. He leaves friends and family several wonderful images from his hobby. Lance enjoyed a broad range of music, in particular older bluegrass, folk music, and classic Rock-n-Roll. He played and owned several guitars, was in the occasional band performance, and had a YouTube channel for his songs.

Flyfishing, photography, shooting, and guitars were his loves in life, and he spent as much of his time as possible doing all of them. For those of us that knew him well, he will be missed.

*Our condolences to the family and friends of Lance Hankins.*

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#### **About the Alaska Broadcasters Association**

Founded in 1964, the Alaska Broadcasters Association functions as a 501(c)6 nonprofit corporation, and is the official trade association serving all free, over-the-air radio and television stations in Alaska. The ABA's mission is to serve, educate and advocate for its members as well as the general public. For more information on the ABA, please visit [www.alaskabroadcasters.org](http://www.alaskabroadcasters.org)

Consideration for this honor is given to broadcasters with a minimum of 25 years in broadcasting in Alaska, a solid record of achievement including: promoting development and growth of TV & Radio broadcasters in AK, local/national awards, and a history of dedication to the communities they serve.