

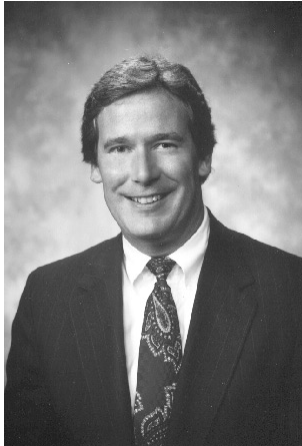


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What's New! – Hargreaves receives Insurance Person of the Year award!

David Hargreaves, CIC, Vice President of Argus Insurance, Inc. was awarded the Don C. Burnam, - Insurance Person of the Year award by the Independent Agents and Brokers of Washington at the Associations recently held annual conference in the Tri Cities. The award is the highest given by the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of Washington and is in recognition of the recipients character, contribution to the insurance industry, and involvement in community activities.

Hargreaves began his insurance career in 1976 with United Pacific Insurance Company in Spokane. He then joined his father Jim Hargreaves in an agency founded by his grandfather. In 1983 he and his father merged with Hull Miller Deccio, Coppers Beaulaurier Miller & Jones, and Emmerson Investment Company to form Argus Insurance Inc.

He has served on numerous insurance company advisory committees, as well as the Agent and Broker Advisory committee for both Insurance Commissioner Dick Marquardt, and Deborah Senn. Mr. Hargreaves was past president of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of Washington in 1994 - 1995 and chaired the association government affairs committee for two years. He is actively involved in the community and has served on numerous board and committees. He is currently involved as president of the Capitol Theatre Board of Trustees, the Providence Health Foundation, Success by Six, and is a member of Yakima Downtown Rotary.
