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Dave Bennett has served as Executive Director of the Illinois Press Association (IPA) since May 1985. The IPA is a statewide organization which provides government affairs, advertising, education and business support for most of Illinois' newspapers. It is the largest state newspaper association in the country, with more than 600 daily and weekly newspapers among its membership.

Prior to working for the IPA, Bennett was Executive Director of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association from 1981 to 1985, and was an associate professor in the Department of Journalism at Northern Arizona University from 1974 to 1981.

Other work experience includes journalism instruction positions at Mankato (MN) State University and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville; newspaper work at the Mankato (MN) Free Press, and the Durango (CO) Herald; and two teaching positions at Ohio high schools.

Bennett received a B.A. in English from Miami (OH) University, his M.A. from the University of Oklahoma in journalism, and a Ph.D. in journalism and education from University of Oklahoma.

Bennett resides in Springfield with his wife, Beth.