



**Name:** Dave Dickson

**Occupation:** Business Advisor

**Experience:**

Dave Dickson, President of DEC Group, utilizes his extensive background in finance and business planning to create operating efficiencies primarily in the small business community. Dave's broad experience and training led to the initial focus on the entertainment industry, and Dave maintains an active roll in the business aspects of this field.

A long passion for music and the performing arts took Dave to Music City USA to finish a degree in music business. A dual degree in business and music industry management creates capability to work on both sides of the entertainment industry. With a strong understanding of the artists' business, and the temperamental creativity of the individual, he has developed successful business plans for artist deals and laid the foundation for entertainers to create the career they desire.

Dave recently received accreditation from the Institute for Independent Business International; an organization of senior executives working with small-to-medium sized businesses. In this role, Dave is working with independent companies in the events and entertainment field and as well as other industries—organizing their phrases to ease ongoing frustrations—changing sour notes into an orchestrated symphony creating the time and profits needed to survive.

**ISES Experience:**

A member since 2001 as a representative for another company; in 2002 with the establishment of his own company, Dave became an active committee member working with the VP of Programs and Communications. In 2003, he was voted in as the VP of Communications and established the current chapter newsletter. After a year off, Dave now serves as the Director of Finance.

In addition to his board experience, Dave's entertainment company has been recognized both locally and nationally. In June of 2005, DEC Entertainment received the inaugural Liberty Award for the Best of Entertainment, and a few months later the company was bestowed an Esprit Award for Best ISES Team Effort \$50,000-\$100,000 category.

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