**Timeline**

**1984**

**VPPPA Established**

**Founding Chairperson:**

Ron Amerson

**1st Annual National Conference**

*Washington, DC*

**1986**

***3rd Annual National Conference*** *Schaumberg, IL*

**1988**

**1st Meeting of**

**VPP Participants**

Meeting Held in Washington, DC

*Sponsored by OSHA*

**1985**

**2nd Annual National *Conference*** *Atlanta, GA*

**1987**

***4th Annual National Conference*** *Atlanta, GA*

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| **5th Annual National Conference** | |  | **1989** | |  |
| *San Antonio, TX* | |  |  |
|  |  |  | Paid Membership Categories |
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|  |  | **1990** |  |  | Established |
| **VPPPA is Incorporated** | |  |  | **6th Annual National Conference** |
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| **1st Executive Director:** | |  |  |  | *Denver, CO* |
| Margaret “Peggy” | |  |  |  |  |
| Richardson |  |  | **1991** | |  |
|  |  |  |
| **First Staff Hired** | |  |  |  |  |
| **7th Annual National Conference** | |  |  |  | **8th Annual National Conference** |
| *Washington, DC* | |  |  |  |
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|  |  | **1992** |  |  | *Orlando, FL* |
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| **9th Annual National *Conference*** | |  |  |  |  |
| *San Antonio, TX* |  |  | **1993** | |  |
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2nd Executive Director: Lee Anne Jillings

2nd Chairperson: Robert Stegall

Mentoring Program Created

**1994  10th Annual National Conference**

*Phoenix, AZ*

Conference Surpasses **1,000**

Participants

**11th Annual National Conference**

*Washington, DC*

**1996**

**13th Annual National Conference** *New Orleans, LA*

**1998**

**The Leader Magazine**

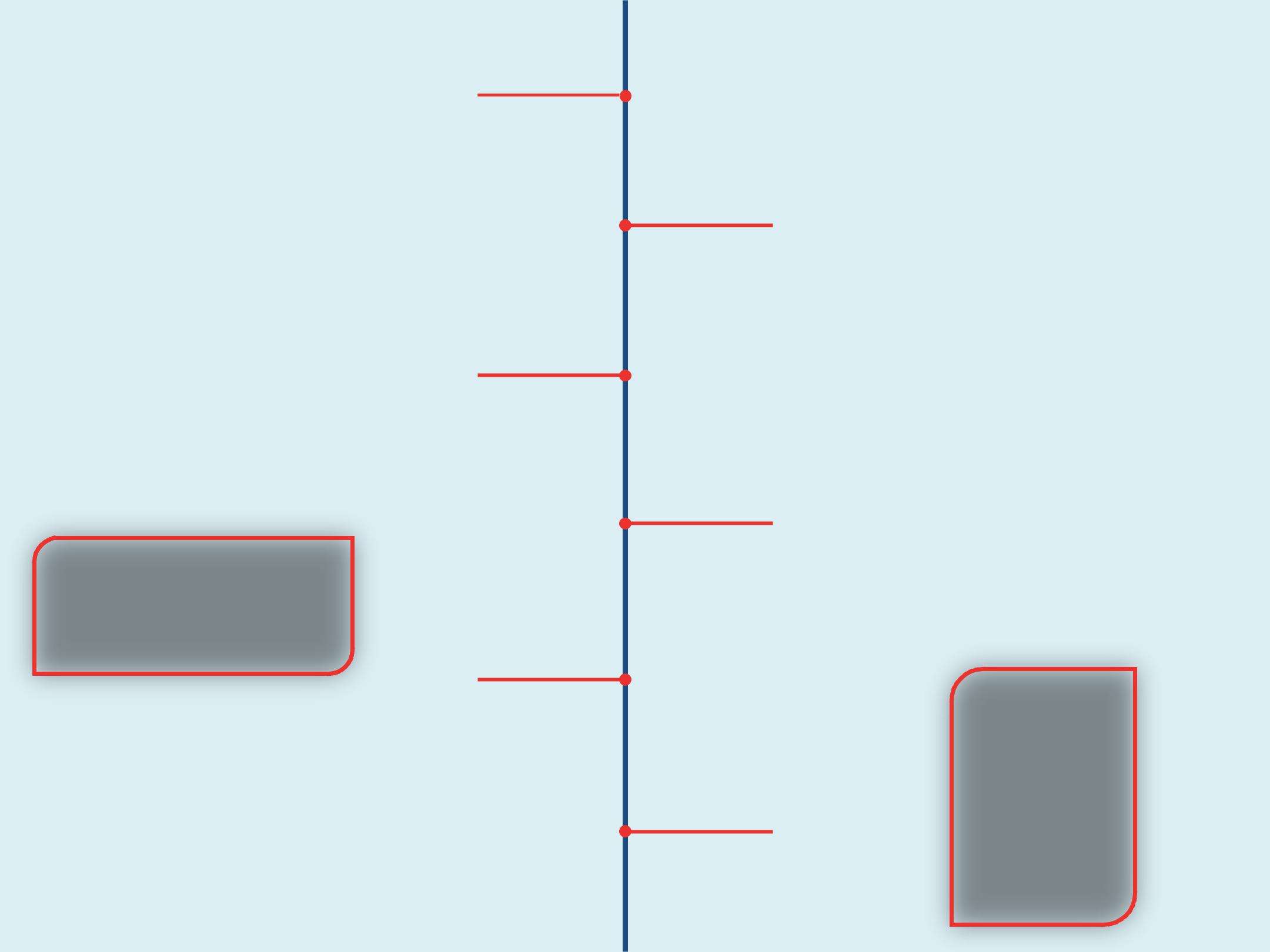
**Inaugural Issue**

**15th Annual National**

**Conference** *Washington, DC*

**2000**

**1995**

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**12th Annual National Conference** *Orlando, FL*

**1997**

**3rd Chairperson:**

**Bob Brant**

**14th Annual National Conference**

*Chicago, IL*

**1999**

**4th Chairperson:**

**June Brothers**

**16th Annual National Conference**

*Seattle, WA*

**VPPPA Website Launched**

**Conference Surpasses 2,000**

**Participants**

**17th Annual National Conference**

*New Orleans, LA*

**2002**

**19th Annual National Conference** *Washington, DC*

**2004**

**1st 4th Executive Director:**

R. Davis Layne

**1st Assistant Executive Director:**

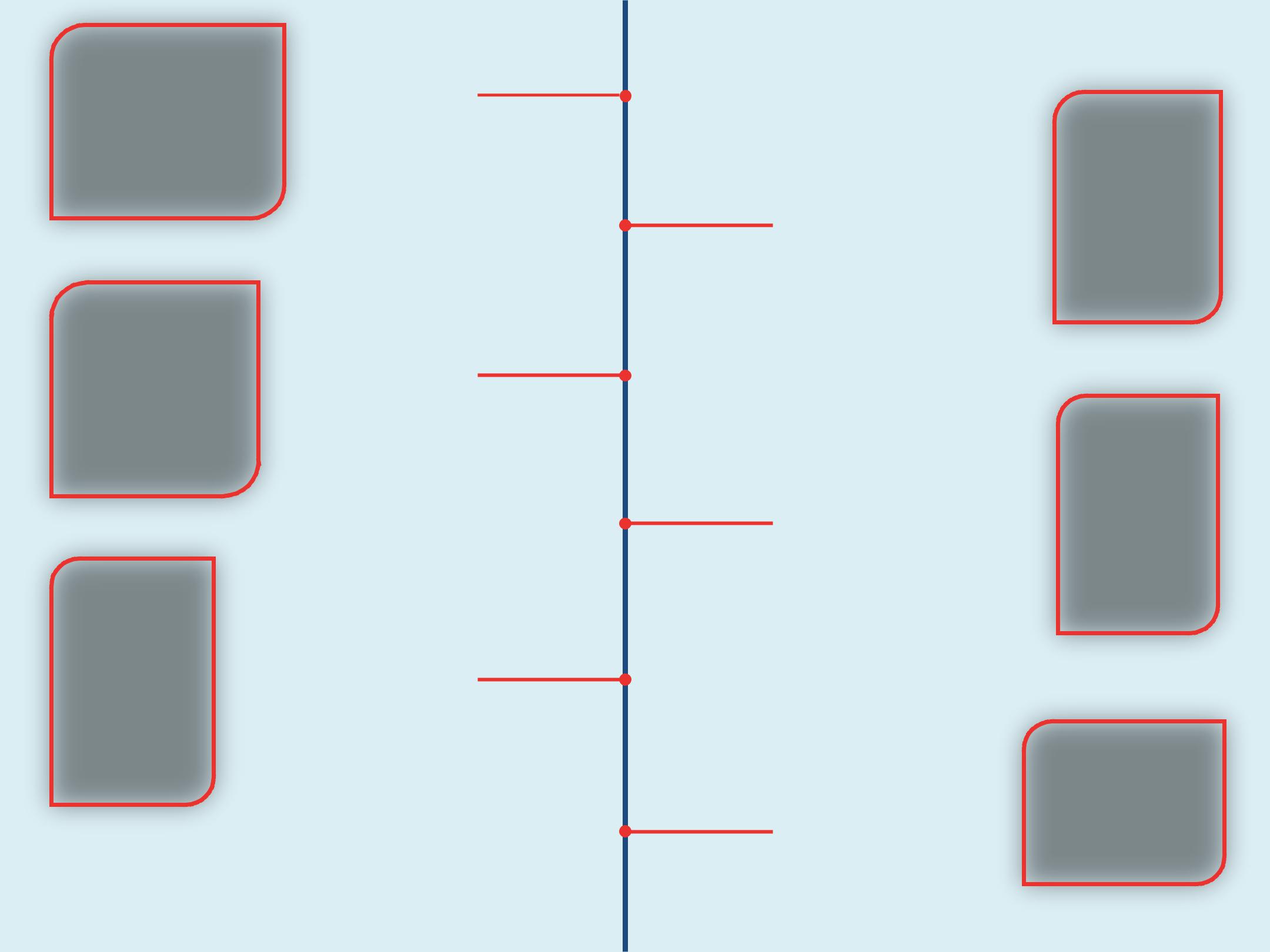
Adam K. Pawlus

**1st Scholarships Introduced**

**21st Annual National Conference** *Dallas, TX*

**2006**

**2001**

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**10 VPPPA Chapters Established**

**3rd Executive Director:**

Paul Villane

**18th Annual National Conference** *Orlando, FL*

**2003**

**20th Anniversary of VPPPA**

**5th Chairperson:**

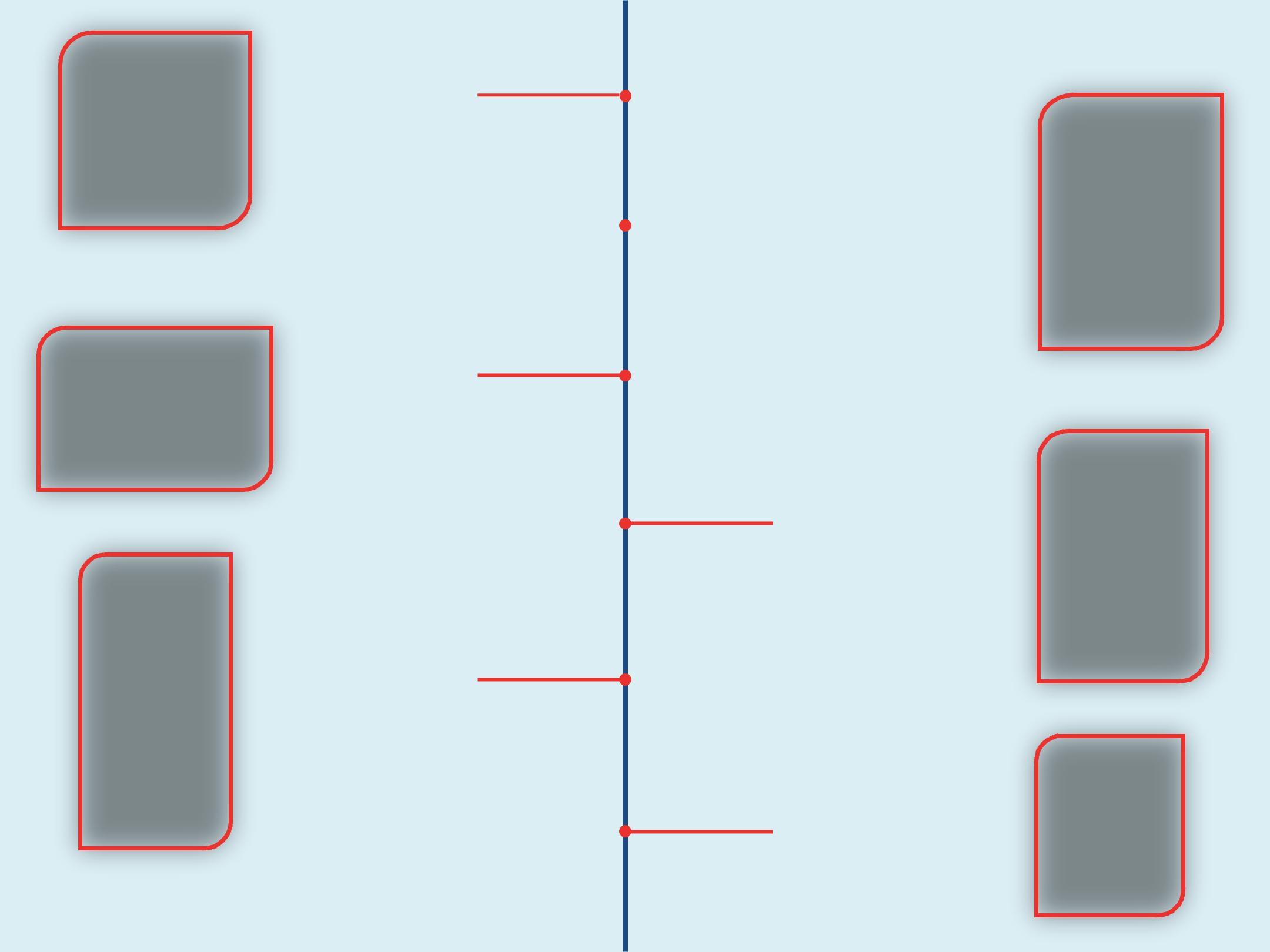
Mike Maddox

**20th Annual National Conference** *Las Vegas, NV*

**2005**

**22nd Annual National Conference**

*Orlando, FL*

****23rd Annual National Conference**

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| *Washington, DC* | **2007** |
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**VPP Reaches 2,000 Sites**

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|  |  | **6th Chairperson:** |
| **2008** |  | David L. Jackson |
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**24th Annual National Conference**

*Anaheim, CA*

**25th Anniversary of VPPPA**

**2009**

**25th Annual National Conference**

*San Antonio, TX*

**7th Chairperson:**

Mike Maddox

**2010**

Conference Surpasses **3000** Participants

**27th Annual National Conference** *New Orleans, LA*

**26th Annual National Conference**

*Orlando, FL*

**2011**

**28th Annual National Conference**

*Anaheim, CA*

**2012**

**29th Annual National Conference** *Nashville, TN*

**2014**

**The Leader is Nominated for**

**the Folio Award**

**31st Annual National Conference** *Grapevine, TX*

**2016**

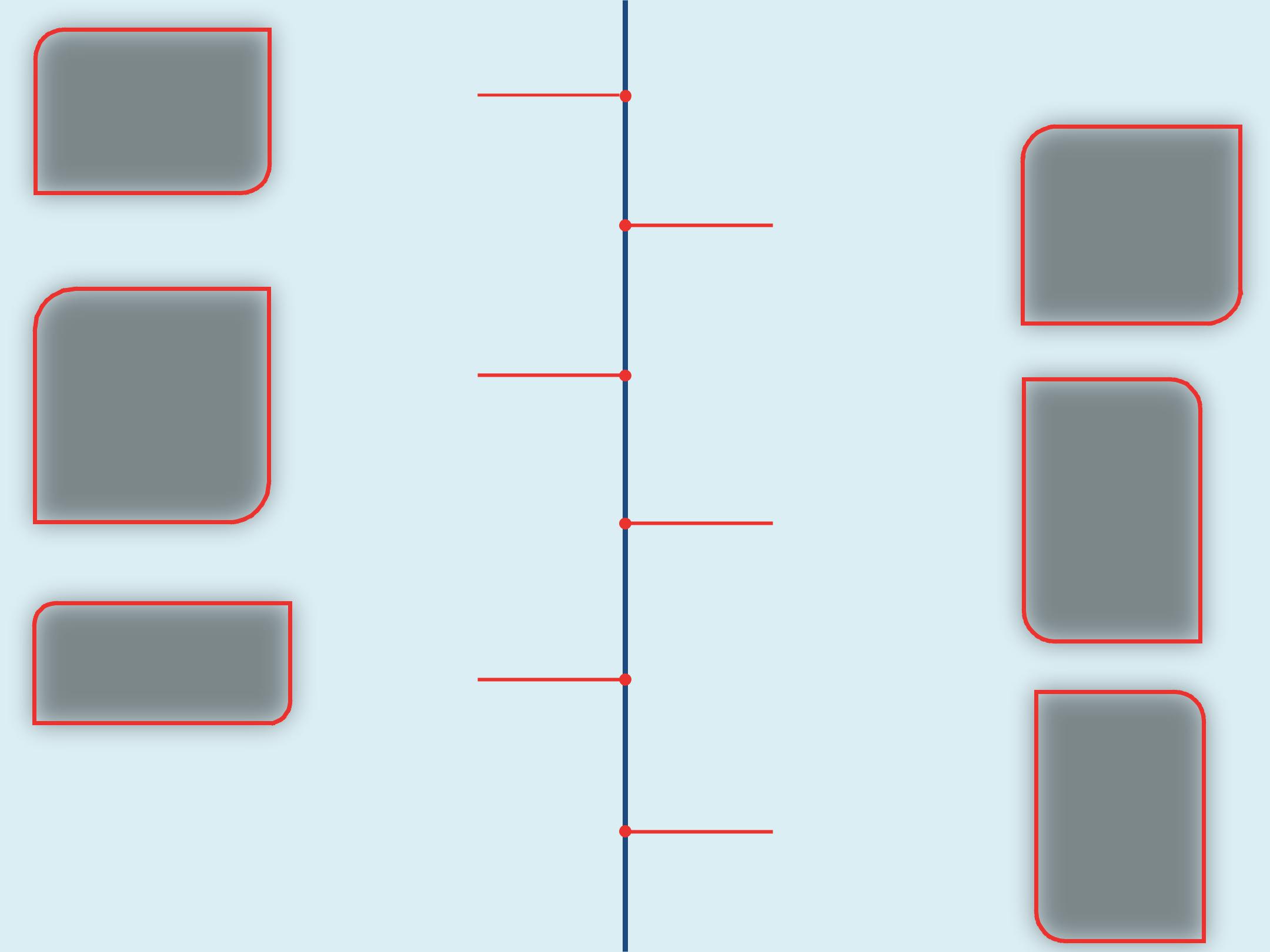
**National Conference Rebranded as Safety+ National Symposium**

**Safety+ National Symposium**

*New Orleans, LA*

**2018**

**2013**

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**30th Anniversary of VPPPA**

**30th Annual National Conference**

*National Harbor, MD*

**2015**

**8th Chairperson:**

Mike Guillory

**5th Executive Director:**

Mike Maddox

**32nd Annual National Conference**

*Kissimmee, FL*

**2017**

**9th Chairperson:**

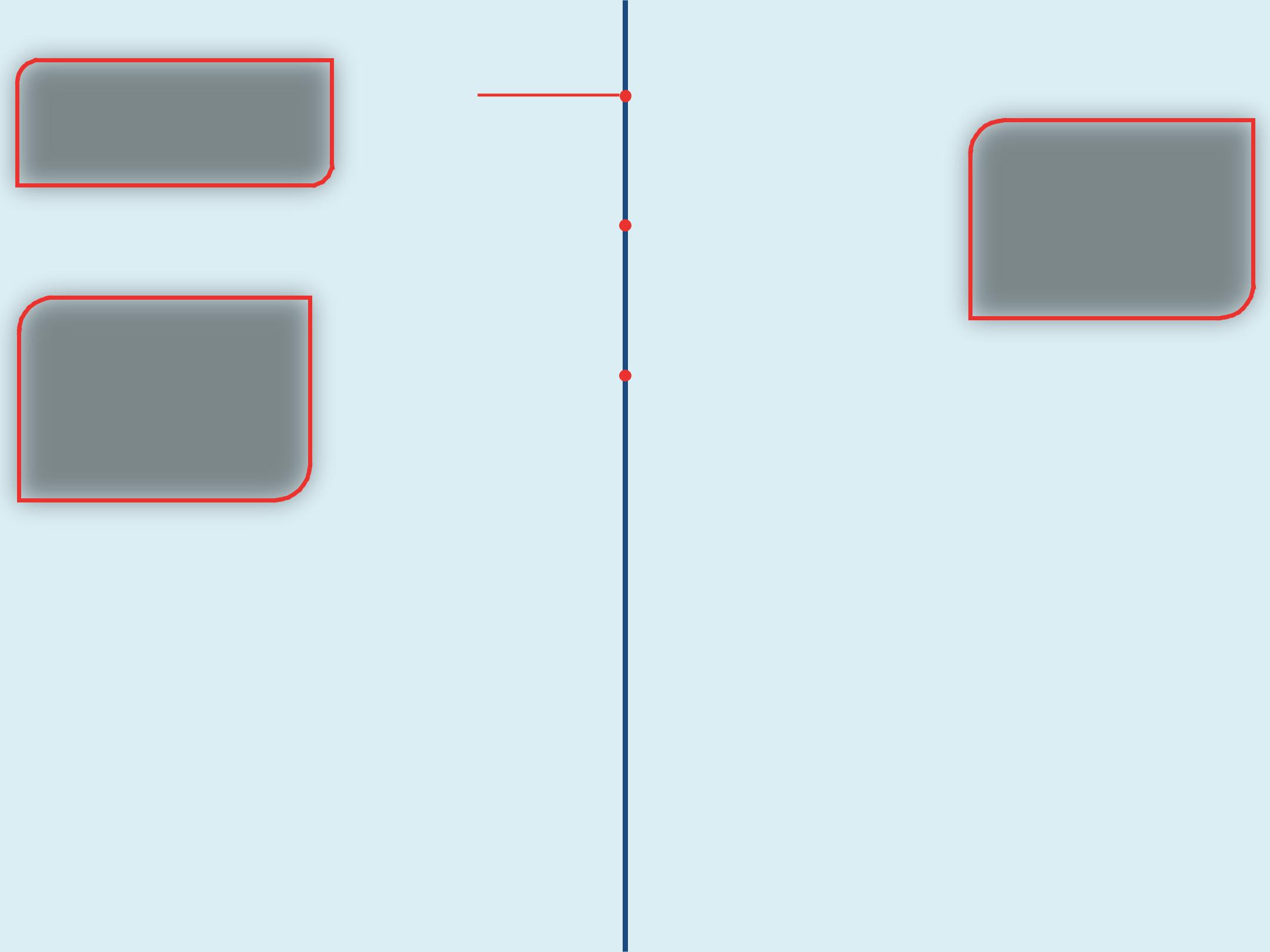
J.A. Rodriguez, Jr.

**The Leader Wins Gold for Feature Article from the Excel Awards**

First Strategic Plan Approved

Symposium Surpasses **3500** Participants

**Safety+ National Symposium** *Nashville, TN*

****35th Anniversary of VPPPA**

**Safety+ National Symposium**

*New Orleans, LA*

**2019**

**Safety+ National Symposium**

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| **2020** |  | *Orlando, FL* |
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August 25-28, 2020

Marriott Orlando

World Center

**Safety+ National Symposium**

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| *Nashville, TN* |  | **2021** |
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August 31-September 3, 2021

Gaylord Opryland Convention

Center

**2022  2022 Strategic Plan Fulfilled**

**2026 Strategic Plan Set  2023**

**2024  40th Anniversary of VPPPA**