

**Bill McElrath**

Bill McElrath serves as the Business Director for Des Moines Performing Arts. Bill first joined the organization prior to the opening of the Civic Center in 1979. He left Des Moines for stints as Director of Fine Arts for Salt Lake County, Assistant Manager of the San Diego Convention and Performing Arts Center, and Director of the San Diego Civic Theater. He returned to his 'home' in 2000. He is a native Iowan and graduated from Iowa State University in Industrial Engineering with an emphasis on economics. Bill is a 37-year member of the International Association of Venue Managers where he has served on several committees, acted as a conference host, and is a long-term member of the organization's Certification Board.