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# 2020 AGENCY PERSONNEL AWARD

JOHN BORETSKY SPONSORED BY  **SCI**  
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**WITH AN EXTENSIVE** background in advertising, marketing and political public relations, John Boretsky served as Executive Director of the New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides for eight years before joining Safari Club International as Guide/Outfitter Liaison in 2006.

While Executive Director of NMCOG, John represented the outfitting industry on the US Fish and Wildlife Service's initial Mexican Grey Wolf Recovery Team, the New Mexico Game and Fish Department's Wildlife Conflict Resolution Committee, the Department's Landowner Sign-up Management Solutions Committee, and the US Forest Service's Jemez Mountains Seeking Common Ground Elk Task Force. NM Governor Bill Richardson appointed him to the New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Task Force.

As SCI's Guides and Outfitters Liaison, he was instrumental in founding the Professional



Outfitters and Guides of America (POGA) and subsequently getting POGA accepted as a voting partner in the American Wildlife Conservation Partners. He was also instrumental in forming the Operators and Professional Hunters Associations of Africa. John was

appointed by Secretary of the Interior Zinke to the Bureau of Land Management's Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council and has recently been appointed by Secretary Bernhardt to the BLM Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council. For his service to the professional hunting industry in South Africa he was made an honorary member of the Professional Hunters Association of South Africa and in recognition of his contributions to sustainable use conservation in Africa was named an honorary member of the African Professional Hunters Association. John is a two time recipient of the Safari Club International's prestigious President's Award.

John served as a Captain in the US Army in Vietnam as Deputy Senior Advisor to the Army of Republic of Vietnam's Seventh Armored Cavalry Regiment as well as the First Infantry Regiment on the northern border of South Vietnam.

He is self-confessed as "a more or less average rifle shot", a "sometimes fair wing shooter", and a "really, really terrible fly fisherman." John lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico with his wife Susan, along with two Labrador retrievers, named Bella and Sheba. 🐾

