

Our History

April 20, 1887

47 officers representing 33 Boston area printing companies approve a charter to create The Master Printer's Club of Boston

Oct. 18, 1887

United Typothetae of America is organized in Chicago. (The United Typothetae of America would eventually become Printing Industries of America.) Its purpose is "to develop a community of interests and a fraternal spirit among the master printers of the United States and Dominion of Canada and for the purpose of exchanging information and assisting each other when necessary."

Oct. 24, 1887

The Master Printer's Club of Boston votes to join the United Typothetae of America.

1900

Master Printer's Club of Boston establishes the School of Printing Apprentices at North End High School.

1902

After 12 years with no permanent headquarters, national headquarters for United Typothetae of America is established in New York City.

Oct. 24, 1900

Master Printer's Club of Boston reorganized as the Boston Typothetae.

December 1900

Employing Printers Association merges with Boston Typothetae.

1908

United Typothetae of America national headquarters moves to Philadelphia.

1900-1910

The eight-hour workday for the printing trade becomes the norm.

Jan. 13, 1911

The Boston Typothetae, the Board of Trade, Electrotypers, Photoengravers, Cloth and Pamphlet Binders and Paper Jobbers was formed under the name Boston Typothetae Board of Trade.

1911

Boards of Trade across the country come under scrutiny of Federal Trade Commission.

1912

United Typothetae of America national headquarters moves to Chicago.

1924

Lithographic Technical Foundation, forerunner of Graphic Arts Technical Foundation, is founded.

1929

United Typothetae of America national headquarters moves to Washington, D.C.

1932

Boston Typothetae renamed Boston Typothetae, Inc.

1939

Boston Typothetae, Inc. changes name to Graphic Arts Institute of Massachusetts, Inc.

1947

Name changed to Graphic Arts Institute of New England, Inc., begins doing business as Printing Industries of New England.

1975

Organization moves from Boston to Auburndale in Newton, Mass.

1986

Organization purchases and moves into its own building in Natick, Mass.

1998

PINE purchases land and moves into new headquarters in Southborough, Mass.

1999

Boards of Directors of Printing Industries of America and Graphics Arts Technical Foundation vote to merge organizations into one.

2003

PIA/GATF boards vote to locate combined organization at site of GATF research facility in Sewickley, PA near Pittsburgh. PIA/GATF merges two governing boards into one.

Fall 2004

PIA moves headquarters to GATF facility.

2008

The PIA/GATF Board of Directors voted to change the association's name to Printing Industries of America.