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# **ABMA Announces Award Recipients at Inaugural WIBI Symposium**

**Vienna, VA – October 23, 2025** – The American Boiler Manufacturers Association (ABMA) proudly announced the recipients of its inaugural Women in the Boiler Industry (WIBI) Awards at the closing luncheon of the first-ever WIBI Symposium.

The awards mark a new tradition recognizing individuals whose leadership, service, and commitment have profoundly advanced the ABMA, the WIBI professional community, and the boiler industry at large.

The two-day Symposium was an overwhelming success providing a vital platform for forging powerful connections and fueling knowledge.

Shaunica Jayson, ABMA VP of Membership and Marketing and WIBI Co-Creator stated, "The launch of the WIBI awards recognize the impact of our female leaders and the male allies and celebrates their extraordinary contribution. These recipients embody the very spirit of WIBI—leadership, vision, and a relentless commitment to advancement across our entire industry."

## **WIBI Trailblazer Award: Honoring Pioneering Women**

The WIBI Trailblazer Award is the highest honor, celebrating groundbreaking women whose courageous efforts have shattered barriers and fundamentally transformed the industry landscape. This award was presented to Nancy Stephenson and Nancy Simoneau.

Nancy Stephenson, Pioneer and First Female ABMA Board Member

Nancy Stephenson was honored as a true pioneer and a lifelong leader in the boiler industry. She was recognized for her extraordinary efforts in shattering glass ceilings as the first female board member for the ABMA. Her work set the precedent for female leadership within the association, paving the way and championing the next generation of female leaders. Her commitment to breaking barriers has left an indelible mark on the industry.

Nancy Simoneau, ABMA Chair and WIBI Co-Creator

Nancy Simoneau, President & CEO of Groupe Simoneau, received the Trailblazer Award for her dual roles in industry leadership. Her career reached a historic peak



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when she became the first female ABMA Board Chair in the organization's 137-year history. Additionally, she was recognized as the co-creator and Chair of the WIBI Professional Community, serving as the chief architect of the platform that made the Symposium possible. Her tenacity, vision, and leadership in both the ABMA and WIBI will continue indefinitely to inspire, shape, and transform the industry for many years to come.

# **WIBI Excellence Award: Recognizing Exceptional Commitment**

The WIBI Excellence Award honors individuals whose outstanding volunteer contributions have significantly advanced the WIBI initiative and the broader goals of the ABMA, exemplifying a spirit of collaboration and dedication to the industry. This award was presented to Jennifer Guerrero-Ferreira and Dustin Divinia.

Jennifer Guerrero-Ferreira, Commercial Market Manager, Dungs Combustion Controls

Jennifer Guerrero-Ferreira was recognized as an "absolute engine of volunteer effort." An accomplished engineer, Jennifer's commitment is seen across multiple ABMA functions: she chairs the ABMA Controls and Instrumentation Product & Market Group, chairs Team Educate on the BOILER Expo Advisory Committee and served as a lead volunteer on the WIBI Symposium Advisory Committee. Furthermore, Jennifer was instrumental in the planning and logistics for Dungs' participation, which includes the generous support of Karl Dungs as a WIBI Symposium Premier Sponsor and hosting the Manufacturing Facility Tour.

Dustin Divinia, President & CEO, Vector Systems

Dustin Divinia was honored for his critical role as an ally and selfless contributor whose dedication has been instrumental to WIBI's success from day one. Dustin's commitment to the ABMA, WIBI, and the boiler industry is extensive.

His ABMA leadership roles include serving as a past ABMA Board Member, past Chair of the Associates Product & Market Group, and currently as the Chair of the ABMA 2026 BOILER Expo Advisory Committee.

His unwavering support for WIBI specifically includes being the first sponsor of the BOILER 2024 WIBI Luncheon, sponsoring the 2026 WIBI Luncheon, and serving as a Premier Sponsor of the Symposium. He dedicated his time as a WIBI speaker at the ABMA 2025 Summer Meeting and is a vital WIBI Symposium Advisory Committee member. He exemplifies what it means to go above and beyond as a male ally, making him a true beacon of inspiration for advocacy in our field.

The ABMA also recognized Carrie Murakami as the inaugural WIBI Rising Star Award recipient from the 2025 Annual Meeting. The Rising Star Award was established to facilitate more exposure for up-and-coming women, giving them opportunities to network with industry leaders.



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The successful inaugural WIBI Symposium has firmly established the foundation for these awards, which will continue to celebrate and spotlight the achievements of women and allies who are forging an inclusive and prosperous future for the boiler industry.

## **About ABMA**

Since our founding in 1888, the American Boiler Manufacturers Association (ABMA) has advocated for the safe production and operation of boilers, facilitated advances in energy efficiency, and provided solutions for our member companies. Throughout our history, the boiler industry and our member base have relied on the ABMA to lead the industry as it tackles challenges and embraces opportunities in our constantly evolving sector. Through participation with ABMA, our members are better informed, connected, and positioned to thrive in today's global boiler industry. To learn more, please visit <a href="https://www.ABMA.com">www.ABMA.com</a>.

## **About WIBI**

The Women in the Boiler Industry (WIBI) Professional Community, co-founded by ABMA Chair Nancy Simoneau and ABMA Vice-President of Membership & Marketing Shaunica Jayson, promotes, inspires, supports, and connects women and allies in the boiler industry through networking events, education, and professional development. To learn more please visit <a href="https://www.ABMA.com/wibi">www.ABMA.com/wibi</a>