

## 2018 BOOM Awards Be Our Own Motivation



BOOM is a statewide award ceremony recognizing individuals with a disability who have excelled professionally or personally.

Each year, three individuals will be honored as the Employee of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year and Athlete of the Year. They will be recognized at an Awards Ceremony Luncheon at re:con – the convention of new beginnings. Winners will receive recognition of their accomplishments, including a one-minute video produced about their journey. Additionally, they will be invited to join the BOOM committee to help nominate and select future award recipients.

The goal of the BOOM Awards is to provide stereotype-busting role models for people with disabilities. Great inspiration comes from people who have done it and done it well – that's who we're celebrating.

Nominees must be residents of the state of Michigan and have demonstrated excellence over an extended period of time.

### Award Categories:

#### Employee of the Year

The Employee of the Year is someone who has made a significant contribution at her/his place of employment. This person has displayed promptness, initiative and drive in the performance of her/his job duties with her/his current employer.

#### Entrepreneur of the Year

The Entrepreneur of the Year is someone who has persevered to start and run a successful business, for a minimum of one year. This person has displayed determination, inventiveness and tenacity as a business owner.

#### Athlete of the Year

The Athlete of the Year is someone who competes and excels in a team or individual sport. This person has displayed a high level of skill, continuous improvement and excellent performance in a series of venues or competitions.

The BOOM Awards Committee looks forward to your nominations. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Renee Hall at [rhall@maro.org](mailto:rhall@maro.org).



The convention of new beginnings.

## **Proud Partners with re:con 2018!**

re:con – the convention of new beginnings proudly announces inclusion of the 2018 BOOM Awards, which recognize excellence as demonstrated by individuals with disabilities, into its annual program.

You are invited to nominate individuals for a BOOM Award that have demonstrated continuous, significant excellence. Recipients will receive a commemorative plaque at the convention at the Grand Traverse Resort – November 8, 2018.

### ***Nomination Information***

- All nominations become the property of BOOM and will not be returned.
- All nominations must be submitted on the attached form and accompanied by two letters of support.
- Nominations must be received by August 31, 2018 and can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to:

**2018 BOOM Awards  
c/o MARO  
417 Seymour Suite 5  
Lansing, Michigan 48933  
Fax: 517-484-5411 - rhall@maro.org**

Each nomination will be assessed based on the criteria outlined above. The quality and relevance of supporting materials will also be considered.

**2018 BOOM Awards**  
***Employee of the Year***

Name of person submitting nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee**

(A separate nomination form must accompany each entry.)

Name of person or organization nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Title of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Work address of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a separate page to answer each question, with a separate statement for each.

1. How does the nominee qualify for BOOM recognition?
  
2. Describe the nominee's accomplishments and explain why they are worthy of recognition.
  
3. How long has the nominee worked for her/his current employer?
  
4. Briefly describe any other considerations that demonstrate the nominee's outstanding qualities as an employee.

If the person is selected, will the nominee or a representative accept the award in person?

\_\_\_\_\_yes                      \_\_\_\_\_no

**This form should be completed and submitted with two letters of support.**

**2018 BOOM Awards**  
***Entrepreneur of the Year***

Name of person submitting nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee**

(A separate nomination form must accompany each entry.)

Name of person or organization nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Title of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Work address of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a separate page to answer these questions, with a separate statement for each.

1. How does the nominee qualify for BOOM recognition?
  
2. Describe the nominee's accomplishments and explain why they are worthy of recognition.
  
3. How long has the nominee owned and operated her/his business?
  
4. Briefly describe any other considerations that demonstrate the nominee's outstanding qualities as an entrepreneur.

If the person is selected, will the nominee or a representative accept the award in person?

\_\_\_\_\_yes                      \_\_\_\_\_no

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**2018 BOOM Awards**  
***Athlete of the Year***

Name of person submitting nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee**

(A separate nomination form must accompany each entry.)

Name of person or organization nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Title of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Work address of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a separate page to answer these questions, with a separate statement for each.

1. How does the nominee qualify for BOOM recognition?
  
2. Describe the nominee's accomplishments and explain why they are worthy of recognition.
  
3. In how many events has the nominee competed? Provide specific examples of achievement where possible.
  
4. Briefly describe any other considerations that demonstrate the nominee's outstanding qualities as an athlete.

If the person is selected, will the nominee or a representative accept the award in person?

\_\_\_\_\_yes                      \_\_\_\_\_no

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