

2024 Azbee Awards of Excellence Heartland Region Award Winners (Alphabetical by publication name)

aftermarketNews (Babcox Media)

Category: Online - Video - News and Feature

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: Year in Review: Meet Your 2023 Nesmakers
Madeleine Winer, Editor

Automotive News (Crain Communications)

Category: All Content - Company Profile

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: Lordstown Motors
Molly Boigon, Reporter

Category: All Content - Data Journalism

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: Buy-Sell Movers

Jack Walsworth, Reporter; Julie Walker, Reporter; Melissa Burden, Senior Editor; Heather Rowe, Senior Data Researcher; Tim Reck, Designer; Michele Jacques, Copy Editor; Victor Galvan, Web Editor

Category: All Content - Enterprise News Story

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: Wanted: Electricians to fix thousands of broken EV chargers
Hannah Lutz, Reporter

Category: All Content - News Analysis

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: GM axing CarPlay is part of a larger automaker battle over control and revenue
Molly Boigon, Reporter

Category: All Content - Technical Article

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: EV battery companies debate semisolid vs. solid-state tech
Hannah Lutz, Reporter

Category: Online - Best Social Media Campaign

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: From the Newsroom

Rudy Schork, Social Content Creator; Michael Martinez, Reporter; Audrey LaForest, Reporter; Marisa Marcinkowski, Social Media Content Strategist

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Automotive News (Crain Communications)

Category: Online - Online Single Topic Coverage by a Team

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: Hydrogen will happen - if it can come clean

Jerry Hirsch, Mobility Editor; Pete Bigelow, Director, Tech and Innovation; Molly Boigon, Reporter; Hannah Lutz, Reporter; Karn Dhingra, Reporter

Category: Online - Podcast

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: Driving to Zero

Jake Neher, Podcast Host; Jamie Butters, Executive Editor

Category: Online - Web Feature Article, Industry

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: Legislators to automakers: Don't touch that dial! Inside the fight over AM radio

Molly Boigon, Reporter

Category: Print - Regular Department

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: Shift

Molly Boigon, Reporter; Pete Bigelow, Director, Tech and Innovation; Douglas Bolduc, Managing Editor Automotive News Europe; Hannah Lutz, Reporter; Jerry Hirsch, Mobility Editor

Club + Resort Business (WTWH Media, LLC)

Category: Online - Podcast

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: Club + Resort Talks Announces 2023 Top Ranked Patio

Phil Keren, Senior Editor; Rob Thomas, Editor

Category: Online - Video - News and Feature

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: Portage Country Club in Akron, Ohio Hosts PGA HOPE Cup

Phil Keren, Senior Editor

Compact Equipment (Benjamin Media)

Category: All Content - Regular Column

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: Editor at Large

Keith Gribbins, Publisher and Editor

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Design World (WTWH Media, LLC)

Category: All Content - Editor's Letter

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: Insights

Paul J. Heney, VP, Editorial Director

Category: Print - Special Issue or Supplement

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: Engineering Diversity and Inclusion

WTWH Engineering Group's Editorial and Design Staff

FSR Magazine (WTWH Media, LLC)

Category: All Content - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: Are Kitchens Becoming More Female Friendly?

Charlie Pogacar, Branded Content Associate Editor; Peggy Carouthers, Director, Branded Content Studio; Erica Naftolowitz, Art Director

Category: All Content - Individual Profile

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: Envisioning the Future of Epic Hospitality: Epic Brands Founder Yavonne Sarber Champions Progress on All Fronts

Callie Evergreen, Editor; Erica Naftolowitz, Art Director

Category: Design - Publication Design

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: FSR Magazine

Erica Naftolowitz, Art Director; Callie Evergreen, Editor

Greenhouse Management (GIE Media Inc.)

Category: Design - Opening Page/Spread - Photo

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: Ecological Insight

Allison Krieg, Art Director

Hotel News Now (CoStar Group)

Category: All Content - Enterprise News Story

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: Taylor Swift's Hotel Impact

Trevor Simpson, Associate Editor

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Hotel News Now (CoStar Group)

Category: Design - Web Article Design

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: Hotel Del Coronado's Renovation Updates Iconic California Resort
Rachel Daub, Senior Graphic Designer

Category: Online - Event Coverage

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: 2023 Hotel Data Conference
Hotel News Now Editorial Staff

Category: Online - Online Breaking News Coverage

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: Choice's Hostile Pursuit of Wyndham
Hotel News Now Editorial Staff

Category: Online - Online Industry News Coverage

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: Hotel News Now
Hotel News Now Editorial Staff

Category: Online - Podcast

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: The Hotel News Now podcast
Sean McCracken, News Editor; Candace Carlisle, Senior Staff Writer; Colin Sherman,
Director of Hospitality Market Analytics

Category: Online - Video - News and Feature

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: Hotel Data Conference Video Recap
Hotel News Now Editorial Staff

Lawn & Landscape (GIE Media Inc.)

Category: Design - Front Cover - Photo

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: From the ground up
Stephanie Antal, Art Director; Cooper & O'Hara Photography

Medical Design & Outsourcing (WTWH Media, LLC)

Category: All Content - Company Profile

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: The secret behind Intuitive's surgical robotics success
Danielle Kirsh, Senior Editor

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Medical Design & Outsourcing (WTWH Media, LLC)

Category: All Content - Data Journalism

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: Untangling medtech CEO pay ratios: Exploring the industry's corner office compensation dynamics

Danielle Kirsh, Senior Editor

Category: All Content - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: Diversity in medtech: Women hold less than a quarter of executive roles in medtech

Danielle Kirsh, Senior Editor

Category: Print - Feature Article, 11 or Fewer Issues per Year

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: LVADs save lives: So why aren't more available?

Chris Newmarker, Executive Editor; Jim Hammerand, Managing Editor; Matthew Claney, VP and Creative Director

Nursery Management (GIE Media Inc.)

Category: All Content - Case Study

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: Survive the gauntlet

Matt McClellan, Editor; Katie McDaniel, Assistant Editor; Kelli Rodda, Editorial Director

Category: All Content - Editor's Letter

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: View Point

Matt McClellan, Editor

Category: All Content - Individual Profile

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: Stride for stride

Katie McDaniel, Assistant Editor

Category: All Content - Q&A

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: Q&A with Shubber Ali

Katie McDaniel, Assistant Editor

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Pest Management Professional (North Coast Media)

Category: Design - Front Cover - Illustration

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: State of the Industry Report

Tracie Martinez, Art Director; Mike Right, Illustrator

Category: Design - Front Cover - Photo

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: Ant Control: New tips, technologies and trends for this pervasive pest

Tracie Martinez, Art Director

Category: Design - Front Cover - Typographic

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: Labor Pains

Tracie Martinez, Art Director

Category: Design - Publication Redesign

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: Pest Management Professional

Tracie Martinez, Art Director; Pete Seltzer, VP of Graphic Design & Production; Marty Whitford, Publisher and VP of Content; Heather Gooch, Editor-in-Chief; Diane Sofranec, Senior Editor

Category: Print - Special Issue or Supplement

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: 90th Anniversary Issue

Marty Whitford, Heather Gooch, Diane Sofranec, Ellen Wagner, Tracie Martinez, Courtney Townsend

Category: Print - State of the Industry

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: State of the Industry Report

Marty Whitford, Publisher and VP of Content; Heather Gooch, Editor-in-Chief; Diane Sofranec, Senior Editor; Tracie Martinez, Art Director; Courtney Townsend, Graphic Designer

PracticeLink Magazine (PracticeLink)

Category: All Content - How-To Article

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: Burnout: How to spot it, avoid it, and react to it

Ken Allman, Founder & CEO; Laura Hammond, Editor; Jack Brannen, Art Director

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PracticeLink Magazine (PracticeLink)

Category: Print - Single Topic Coverage by a Team

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: PracticeLink Magazine's Job Interview Issue

Ken Allman, Founder & CEO; Laura Hammond, Editor; Jack Brannen, Art Director

QSR magazine (WTWH Media, LLC)

Category: All Content - Data Journalism

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: The 2023 QSR® Drive-thru Report

Danny Klein, Editorial Director; Ben Coley, QSR Editor; Tory Bartelt, Senior Art Director;
Greg Sanders, VP Editorial

Category: All Content - Original Research

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: QSR 50

Greg Sanders, VP Editorial; Danny Klein, Editorial Director; Ben Coley, QSR Editor; Sam
Danley, Associate Editor; Tory Bartelt, Senior Art Director

Seaside Retailer (Breakwall Publishing)

Category: All Content - Company Profile

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: Experiencing the Magic

Brooke Bilyj, Contributing Writer

Security (BNP Media Inc.)

Category: All Content - Regular Column

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: Leadership & Management

Michael Gips, Contributing Columnist

Smart Business (Smart Business Network Inc.)

Category: All Content - Company Profile

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: Meeting Evolving Expectations: Jeff Broadhurst guides Eat'n Park through
growth

Brooke Bilyj, Contributing Writer

Solar Power World (WTWH Media, LLC)

Category: All Content - Technology & Innovation Reporting

Award Level: Regional Bronze Award

Title of Entry: Solar Power World editors pick their Top Solar Products of 2023

Kelly Pickerel, Editor in Chief; Kelsey Misbrenner, Managing Editor; Billy Ludt, Senior Editor

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Solar Power World (WTWH Media, LLC)

Category: Print - Special Issue or Supplement

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: Top Solar Contractors

Kelly Pickerel, Editor-in-Chief; Kelsey Misbrenner, Managing Editor; Billy Ludt, Senior Editor;
Allison Washko, Art Director; Mariel Evans, Senior Graphic Designer

Souvenirs, Gifts & Novelties (Breakwall Publishing)

Category: Design - Publication Redesign

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: Souvenirs, Gifts & Novelties

Karen Carr, Publisher and Creative Director

Today's Medical Developments (GIE Media Inc.)

Category: Design - Data Visualization

Award Level: Regional Gold Award

Title of Entry: Medical Infographics

Stephanie Antal, Art Director

Category: Design - Front Cover - Photo Illustration

Award Level: Regional Silver Award

Title of Entry: Medical Manufacturing's Future

Stephanie Antal, Art Director