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The Building Owners and Managers Association of Buffalo announces the 2022 award winners.

November 16, 2022, Buffalo, N.Y. – The Building Owners and Managers Association of Buffalo announced their 2022 award winners during the Annual Business Meeting of Members and Awards Program. Over 80 BOMA members gathered at the Marquis Ballroom of the Hotel at the Lafayette to celebrate their colleagues and honor outstanding buildings and professionals in the commercial real estate industry. The program was sponsored by Trautman Associates.

Award winners were announced in a variety of categories. Stacey Fonagy of National Fuel Gas received the **BOMA Member of the Year Award** for her distinguished service. Stacey has served 4 years on the BOMA Board, she has been Chair of the BOMA golf outing for several years and played an integral role in selecting a new venue for 2022 and ensuring the event was a success. She assisted with bringing National Fuel and National Grid together for a program on the CLCPA Draft Scoping Plan and also represented BOMA during the Facilities Management Expo. “She puts her heart into BOMA and doesn’t ask for anything in return. She is a true leader, a strong decisionmaker, and it’s calming to know when Stacey is managing a project because I know the end result will exceed everyone’s expectations,” said BOMA executive director, Jennifer Aiple.

Jennifer O’Connell of Uniland Development Company received the **Property Manager of the Year Award**. Jennifer has been called a property management powerhouse. From working with clients ranging from Sodexo and Kaleida Health to Aetna, Vision Financial Group/MassMutual, and the federal government, she is always responding to clients, onsite or on point, proactively addressing their needs and working with her Uniland colleagues to deliver the best experience for the tenants and their evolving business needs. Jennifer demonstrates professionalism and service that adhere BOMA’s principles in dealing with clients and stakeholders.

Paul Ciminelli, President & Chief Executive Office of Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation, was honored with the “BOSS” of the Year Award by Ciminelli employees. Paul leads a multi-generational company that currently manages a real estate portfolio totaling approximately 26 million square feet and covering 7 states. His passion for people, places, and business have contributed to his success in Buffalo and beyond. Paul actively promotes a family atmosphere centered on caring and respect among employees,

taking time to personally engage and share his ideas and experiences with the office each day. He can also be found running alongside his staff for the annual corporate challenge. An avid sports fan, he generously shares tickets to sporting events – as well as his personal take on the game, and he is always willing to give a summary of the book he just finished.

A complete list of BOMA honorees is included below.

Sarah Cudmore and Zach Melas, both of Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation, were also recognized for completing two consecutive 3-year terms on our Board of Directors. Newly elected board members, Gianna Puckett, TM Montante Development; Paul Hagan, Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation; and Crystal Guash, McGuire Development Company, were congratulated as they begin their new terms in January 2023.

The 2022 BOMA Awards winners include:

- **BOMA Buffalo Member of the Year:** Stacey Fonagy, National Fuel
- **Property Manager of the Year:** Jennifer O'Connell, Uniland
- **Project of the Year:** 201 Ellicott Project, Ciminelli
- **Building Services Employee of the Year:** Mark Argy, TM Montante Development
- **Vendor of the Year:** Gam Exterminating
- **Boss of the Year:** Paul Ciminelli, Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation
- **Manufacturing/Warehouse Project of the Year:** Lornamead Expansion Project, Uniland

Congratulations to all of the 2022 BOMA Buffalo Awards recipients! The annual awards program judges include: Jennifer Aiple, BOMA Buffalo; Kevin Hassen, Uniland Development Company, BOMA Past President; and Paul Muck, LEED AP, BOMA Past President. Mr. Muck graciously emceed the awards program.

About BOMA Buffalo

Founded in 1921, the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Buffalo is a not-for-profit trade association providing an array of programs and resources to commercial property professionals including education, networking opportunities, benchmarking data, building measurement standards, and legislative and regulatory advocacy. BOMA Buffalo's membership includes commercial building owners, property and facility managers, developers, contractors and vendors, architects, and other real estate professionals. BOMA Buffalo is a federated chapter of BOMA International. Learn more at www.bomabuffalo.com

About BOMA International

Founded in 1907, the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International is a federation of U.S. local associations and global affiliates. The leading trade association for commercial real estate professionals for more than 100 years, it represents the owners, managers, service providers and other property professionals of all commercial building types, including office, industrial, medical, corporate and mixed-use. BOMA International is the partner individuals in the commercial real estate industry choose to maximize value for their careers, organizations and assets. Its mission is to advance a vibrant commercial real estate industry through advocacy, influence and knowledge. Learn more at www.boma.org

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