

IABC announces 2015 Fellows Award Recipients

The International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) has announced its 2015 Fellows: Kellie Garrett MC, John Gerstner ABC, Amanda Hamilton-Attwell ABC, Jim Lukaszewski ABC, and Anna Marie Willey ABC MC.

The IABC Fellows designation is the highest honor the organization confers upon its members and is awarded to communication professionals for exceptional leadership and service to IABC. The Fellows will be presented their awards at the Excellence Gala to be held at the 2015 IABC World Conference on 15 June in San Francisco.

"This year's new Fellows reflect the time-served brilliance which our Association, and our profession as a whole, is proud to harbor. These five leaders have each distinguished themselves in our community, within business, and within society at large, and each has made a unique, lasting contribution to IABC," IABC Chair, Russell Grossman ABC said. "Honoring these practitioners as IABC Fellows signifies our deep deference and recognition for their sagacity, experience and reach and their overall contribution to the communications profession globally."

IABC Fellow nominees are considered based on: Outstanding contributions to the organizational communication field and profession; their body of work and career achievement; authorship, speaking and lecturing; and the impact they've had on IABC, whether global or specific to a region.

Kellie Garrett MC

Kellie Garrett MC, is a professional speaker, certified executive coach and consultant on strategy, leadership, corporate culture and employee engagement. She also provides training to Boards on these topics. She spent 20 years as an executive at Farm Credit Canada (FCC) responsible for business strategy, enterprise risk, communications and brand. Her teams have won dozens of IABC awards and former FCC CEO John Ryan received an IABC EXCEL award. She served as Chair of the IABC Research Foundation from 2006-2007. Garrett holds a Master of Arts in Leadership from Royal Roads University. She is certified as a board director (ICD.D) from the University of Toronto and as an Associate Certified Coach (ACC) through the International Coach Federation.

John Gerstner ABC

John Gerstner ABC, is a strategic communications leader whose work has spanned 30 years and 30 countries on five continents. He has career experience as an internal communications and intranet manager, consultant, marketer, website developer, video producer, book author, magazine editor, photo-journalist, conference producer, radio announcer and public speaker. Gerstner is CEO and founder of Communitelligence, an online learning community for corporate communicators. John served two terms on the IABC International Executive Board and was Chair of the Research Foundation in 2000. In 1992, he received IABC's District 4 Director's Award and was named IABC/Iowa Communicator of the Year in 1994. Gerstner has received more than 50 communication awards, including 13 IABC Gold Quills.

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Dr. Amanda Hamilton-Attwell ABC

Dr. Amanda Hamilton-Attwell is the founder and Executive Director of Business DNA and holds a Doctorate in Communication Science from the University of South Africa. Amanda joined IABC in 1996 because it was the organization that leaders in the communication industry belonged to. Being a serial volunteer, she has served in various roles in IABC since then, including as Chairperson of the IABC Africa Region, on the IABC Executive Board 2011-12, and as a Trustee of the IABC Research Foundation. She co-chaired the IABC Career Road Map Committee. Amanda has been part of the Blue Ribbon Panel for several years and in 2014 she was the 2014 IABC Gold Quill Award Chair. In 2014 she also received the Chairman's Award from Robin McCasland.

Jim Lukaszewski ABC, APR, Fellow PRSA, Fellow IABC, BEPS Member Emeritus

Jim Lukaszewski ABC, first joined IABC in Westchester County, NY, in the mid-80s. His first intensive IABC activity began in 1999, experimenting with the value and use of webinars which were then extended nationally. Since then, he has presented at the majority of IABC International meetings in the U.S. and has visited dozens of chapters as a presenter. In 2006 he published his 11th book, *Why Should the Boss Listen to You, The Seven Disciplines of the Trusted Strategic Advisor* through Jossey-Bass. Lukaszewski has just been appointed to the Global Communication Certification Council (GCCC) for a three-year term.

Anna Marie Willey ABC, MC

Anna Marie Willey ABC, MC, President, Total Communications Services Ltd., actively contributes to advancing the profession at the local, national and international levels. She is a dedicated IABC Regina member, volunteer, mentor and presenter. Her career spans the full scope of the communication profession, serving from entry to business leader levels. A former chair of the Accreditation Council and instrumental with the Executive Accreditation Seminars, she champions career development and was recently co-chair of the IABC Career Road Map committee, and helped to build the foundation for the inaugural IABC Academy. She was recognized with IABC Regina's 2015 Award for Outstanding Communications Contribution, the IABC Chairman's Award in 2011 and the Saskatchewan Lifetime Achievement Award for Communication Excellence in 2010.

*ABC – Accredited Business Communicator

**MC – Master Communicator, IABC Canada's highest recognition

More information on the Excellence Gala and World Conference (#IABC15): wc.iabc.com

About IABC

The International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) enables a global network of communicators working in diverse industries and disciplines to identify, share, and apply the world's best communication practices. IABC is recognized as the professional association of choice for communicators who aspire to excel in their chosen fields. For more information, visit www.iabc.com.

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