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### **AME Inducts Jerry Bussell and Helen Zak into 2017 Hall of Fame**

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. – November 1, 2017 – The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is pleased to induct Jerry Bussell and Helen Zak into the AME 2017 Hall of Fame, which recognizes industry thought leaders and influencers who support the values, principles and practices found within leading enterprise excellence organizations.

Jerry Bussell has been formally recognized as one of the top lean practitioners and leaders in North America. Bussell has a strong track record of leading and advising companies in numerous industries on how to implement highly successful lean transformations. He is a committed servant leader and coach, a sought-after adviser and a respected keynote speaker on a global basis. Bussell enjoyed a highly successful career in operations for forty-six years. His career includes tenures at Kraft Foods, International Hydron, Allergan, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Medtronic.

Helen Zak is chief development officer of Catalysis, a not for profit educational institute with a mission to transform the healthcare industry using lean thinking. She has 32 years of lean leadership experience in the automotive, capital equipment and healthcare industries, including engineering roles at General Motors and plant management roles at Thermo Fisher Scientific. Zak served as COO of the Lean Enterprise Institute where she worked with Jim Womack to spread the topic of lean throughout the world and to every industry. Zak has contributed to 20 published works, helped design numerous educational programs and is a frequent speaker on the topic of lean.

Each year, the AME Hall of Fame selection committee identifies appropriate candidates and determines whom to honor with induction into the Hall of Fame. The nomination process includes a review and approval of submissions by the selection committee based on the significance of an individual's contributions to the growth of enterprise excellence within the manufacturing community. People outside the committee can also nominate candidates. To learn more about the AME Hall of Fame and the 2017 inductees, visit [www.ame.org/hall-of-fame](http://www.ame.org/hall-of-fame).

#### **About the Association for Manufacturing Excellence**

The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to the journey of continuous improvement and enterprise excellence. AME's membership is composed of a trusted network of volunteers who are committed to leveraging the practitioner-to-practitioner and company-to-company shared-learning experience. Through engaging workshops, plant tours, webinars, summits and industry-leading conferences, AME members are continually discovering and implementing new continuous improvement strategies and best practices. Join AME in leading the "Renaissance of Manufacturing in North America." For more information, visit [www.ame.org](http://www.ame.org) or email [info@ame.org](mailto:info@ame.org).

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