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Brewers Association Honors Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper with Friend in Beer Award at 2018 Great American Beer Festival®

- What:** [Great American Beer Festival \(GABF\)](#) founder **Charlie Papazian** will present **Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper** with the Friend in Beer Award in recognition of his contributions to, support of and storied history with the craft brewing community. Hickenlooper will then kickoff the final session of the 37th annual GABF.
- Who:** A former geologist and entrepreneur, Hickenlooper co-founded Wynkoop Brewing Company, the first craft brewery in Denver. Papazian started GABF in 1982, and has been at the helm of the Brewers Association for decades. In January 2019, Charlie will exit the Brewers Association on his 70th birthday.
- When:** **Saturday, September 22**
5:10 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. MT
- Where:** **Hall B, Backyard Stage in the GABF Festival Hall**
Colorado Convention Center
700 14th Street
Denver, Colorado
- Media Access:** Credentialed GABF media will be able to access the festival hall starting at 5 p.m., via the Brewers entrance. To apply for media credentials, please visit the [media access section of the GABF website](#).

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