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PPI ANNOUNCES

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHANGES

IRVING, Texas - June 4, 2024 - The Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. (PPI) announced today that its Building & Construction Division (BCD) has elected Bill Melvin of Legend Valve (Auburn Hills, MI) as Division Chair and Jim Paschal of Aquatherm (Lindon, UT) as Vice Chair. Melvin, who will also represent the division on the PPI Board of Directors for the next two years, takes over from Joseph Poniatowski of Asahi/America. The changes took effect June 1, 2024. PPI's BCD focuses on pressure piping materials for plumbing and mechanical applications.

Bill Melvin has served on the Management Committee in several roles, including the Communications Committee Chair and Vice Chair. Jim Paschal also serves as Chair of PPI's Polypropylene Pressure Pipe Steering Committee and formerly served as R&D Projects Chair. That position will now be filled by Rick Stock of Uponor. Brian Conner of Charlotte Pipe and Foundry joins the committee as Codes & Governments Affairs Committee Liaison.

Kate Olinger of Uponor now serves as the Past Chair of BCD, and is also the treasure of the PPI Board of Directors. Adam Grier of iNOEX serves as the Communications Committee Chair, and also as Chair of the PPI Umbrella Marketing Committee. Jason McKinnon of Viega LLC serves as the PPI Education Committee Chair and also as the BCD Education Chair, a position he has held for

more than eight years. Forest Hampton III of Lubrizol continues as Advisory Council Liaison & Strategic Planning Chair.

According to Lance MacNevin, P. Eng., director of engineering for PPI's Building & Construction Division, "PPI's management committee members provide significant guidance to staff on topics from research, codes and standards to education and advocacy. These new leadership positions solidify their continued commitments to PPI and the piping industry. We are grateful for the volunteer service of these dedicated members."

PPI is the major North American trade association representing the plastic pipe industry. The Building & Construction Division represents plastic pressure piping materials such as CPVC, HDPE, PEX, PE-RT, PP-R, and PP-RCT.

More information can be found at <https://plasticpipe.org/buildingconstruction>

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Bill Melvin of Legend Valve is the new Chair of PPI's Building & Construction Division.



Jim Paschal of Aquatherm was elected as Vice Chair for PPI's Building & Construction Division.

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Jim Paschal (left) of Aquatherm, new Vice Chair and Bill Melvin (right) of Legend Valve new Chair of PPI's Building & Construction Division with Lance McNevin, the engineering director for the division.



Rick Stock of Uponor is PPI's Building & Construction Division R&D Committee Chair.



Brian Conner of Charlotte Pipe and Foundry is the BCD Codes & Governments Affairs Committee Liaison.

About PPI:

The Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. (PPI) is the major North American trade association representing the plastic pipe industry and is dedicated to promoting plastic as the materials of choice for pipe and conduit applications. PPI is the premier technical, engineering and industry knowledge resource publishing data for use in the development and design of plastic pipe and conduit systems. PPI collaborates with industry organizations that set standards for manufacturing practices and installation methods.