



# NEWS RELEASE

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## PPI ANNOUNCES

### POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHANGES

IRVING, Texas – June 26, 2020 - The Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. (PPI) announced today that its Power and Communications Division (PCD) has elected Randy Kummer of Southwire Company LLC (Carrollton, GA) to division chair and Adriana Velasquez of Shell Polymers (Deer Park, TX) to vice chair. Kummer, who will also represent the division on the PPI Board of Directors for the next two years, takes over from Stephanie Maskas of Four Star Industries (Allendale, SC) who now moves into the past chair role. The changes took effect June 1, 2020. PPI's PCD focuses on high-density polyethylene (HDPE) conduit for power and communication cabling applications. PPI is the major North American trade association representing all segments of the plastic pipe industry.

Velasquez previously served on the PCD Management Committee as the Education Committee chair. Richard Hicks of Dura-Line, Ltd (Knoxville, TN) who now joins the management team for the first time, will assume chair of the Education Committee. Also joining the team is Logan Bridges of United Poly Systems, LLC (Springfield, MO) as chair of the Marketing and Communications committee. Other spots in the PCD include Kevin Copher of Blue Diamond Industries, LLC (Lexington, KY) who remains as the Advisory Council Liaison, and Tom Stewart of Dura-Line who continues as R&D Projects Chair, managing the work of PCD's research group activities.

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According to Patrick Vibien, P. Eng., director of engineering for PPI's Power and Communications Division, "PPI's management committee members provide significant guidance to staff on topics from advocacy and education, to codes and standards. These new leadership positions solidify their continued commitments to PPI and the conduit industry. We are grateful for the volunteer service of these dedicated members. "

More information can be found at <https://plasticpipe.org/power-comm/>.

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Randy Kummer of Southwire Company is the new Chair of PPI's Power & Communications Division.



Adriana Velasquez of Shell Polymers has accepted the position of Vice-Chair for PPI's Power and Communication Division.

**About PPI:**

*The Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. (PPI) is the major North American trade association representing all segments of 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. Additionally, PPI collaborates with industry organizations that set standards for manufacturing practices and installation methods.*