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PPI WELCOMES NEW LEADERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IRVING, Texas - July 29, 2011 - The Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. announced a new slate of officers for 2011 through 2013 at its Annual Meeting in Hilton Head, SC. Gary Runyan of Zurn Pex, Inc. was named Chairman of the Board, a two year appointment. The team also added George Zagorski of Blue Diamond Industries, as Vice Chairman, Carl Baker of Dow Chemical Company, as Advisory Council Chairman, and Frank De Alba of Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, as Treasurer. Moving to the position of Past Chair is Donna Stoughton of Charter Plastics, Inc. Working with Division Chairs, the Executive Director and Legal Counsel, this group governs the association and oversees its business.

"The Board leaders are industry professionals who have logged years of service to help drive PPI's mission: to promote plastics as the materials of choice for piping applications" stated Tony Radoszewski, Executive Director of PPI. "Their continued guidance to expand knowledge about economical and environmental benefits inherent in plastic pipe materials and systems application will have far-reaching impact."

Runyan, who is Manager, Product Development and Engineering for Zurn Pex, Inc., a manufacturer of plumbing products and accessories, has nearly 40 years invested in the plastic pipe industry. Previously, he participated as Chairman of PPI's Building and Construction Division; as Chairman of PPI's Technical Committee and he has served, and will continue, on the PPI's Hydrostatic Stress Board, a voluntary industry group of professionals with expertise in

thermoplastic materials that work closely to validate performance and define industry-wide procedures.

"Our industry is faced with three key challenges at this point in time to help rebuild our infrastructure," Runyan stated. "One is price. One is performance. Another is technical. The PPI and our members are positioned to satisfy our nation's need for all three. The products we produce are technologically cutting edge and improving all the time. And these products provide a very sound platform for cost efficiency and long life use."

The Chairs of the five PPI divisions participating on the Board are:

Corrugated Plastic Pipe Division: Patrick Collings (Lane Enterprises); Municipal and Industrial Division: Allison Crabtree (PolyPipe); Fuel Gas Division: Dick Kraft, (Endot); Building & Construction Division: Christina Smith (Viega); and the Conduit Division: Jennifer Marin (Endot).

The Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. is the major trade association representing all segments of the plastic piping industry. For more about PPI's programs and technical library, go to:

www.plasticpipe.org.

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PHOTO: Gary Runyan (left) of Zurn Pex, Inc., PPI's new Chairman of the Board, reviews plans with PPI's Executive Director, Tony Radoszewski. (Photo by PPI)