



First Man of SWA Mayford Ramsey Passes Away

MAYFORD RAMSEY, husband of Dottie Ramsey the former president and chief operating officer of Modern Supply Co., and the ‘First Man’ of the Southern Wholesalers Association (SWA), passed away Jan. 12, 2023.

On Behalf of SWA

“Husband of Dottie Ramsey passed away on Jan. 12, 2023. Mayford was the original ‘First Man’ of SWA and he was one of the most genuine and friendly people you would ever want to meet. He was a true gentleman and always left any person or group he spoke with feeling better when he left them...except when he was a Trooper for the State of Tennessee, as I am sure he wrote a few citations in his career. We celebrate his life and recognize

that he and Dottie were such strong partners in life. And in true Dottie and Mayford fashion, their giving continued after they departed. In their will, they left \$25k to the Dottie Ramsey Scholarship fund, and the remainder of their estate was divided up and given to multiple charitable organizations. It is an honor to have known them both and I am sure they left a legacy most of us will never know about, but the one we do know is pretty amazing.”

CIPH President and General Manager Ralph Suppa Announces Retirement



AS WITH MANY GOOD THINGS IN LIFE, they eventually come to an end. The Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating (CIPH) has had a very good thing in

Ralph Suppa and has flourished with his leadership. But, after 35 good years, Suppa has decided to flourish in a new career, and will retire Dec. 31, 2023 from his position as the Institute’s president and general manager.

“Serving CIPH since 1988 has been an honor and a joy,” Suppa said. “During the next year and a half, I will continue to work alongside our exceptional staff and board of directors to deliver on the association’s mission. And, when the search committee completes its work, I’ll do everything I can to ensure a seamless transition and position my successor to lead CIPH to what I’m sure will be even greater success.”

Suppa has played a key role in the development of the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating programs and services since joining the association in 1988 as a program manager. He was appointed president and general manager in 2002.

Stated Andrew Dyck, past chair, “It

has been my pleasure to work with Ralph since the early 90’s as a volunteer with CIPH. Ralph was involved with the CHC, back then, and his passion for our industry was the same then as it is now. Ralph has always made every member he works with feel appreciated and Ralph never took for granted the work the hundreds of volunteers do for CIPH every year. In fact, he is a big reason for the many great volunteers we have had serve CIPH”.

Chair of the Board Matt Robinson praised Ralph for his continued push to evolve CIPH into a future-proofed trade association with North American recognition and continued member loyalty and engagement.

“It will be hard to replace Ralph’s dedication to our industry and to the people who make up CIPH,” Robinson said. “Ralph’s integrity, passion, and member-focused leadership have provided great value to our entire association. He has done a fantastic job of focusing on the current member needs while having the foresight to look around the corner and make members aware of developments that will affect their businesses.”

CIPH will retain an executive search firm to coordinate the search for the association’s president which will begin shortly with the intent to have a candidate in place by June 2023.

PMI Announces Leadership Appointments

PLUMBING MANUFACTURERS INTERNATIONAL has appointed Belinda Wise to secretary/treasurer of the PMI Board of Directors and Lowell Lampen as a new board member.



The director of business development, North America, for Kerox, Ltd., Wise succeeds

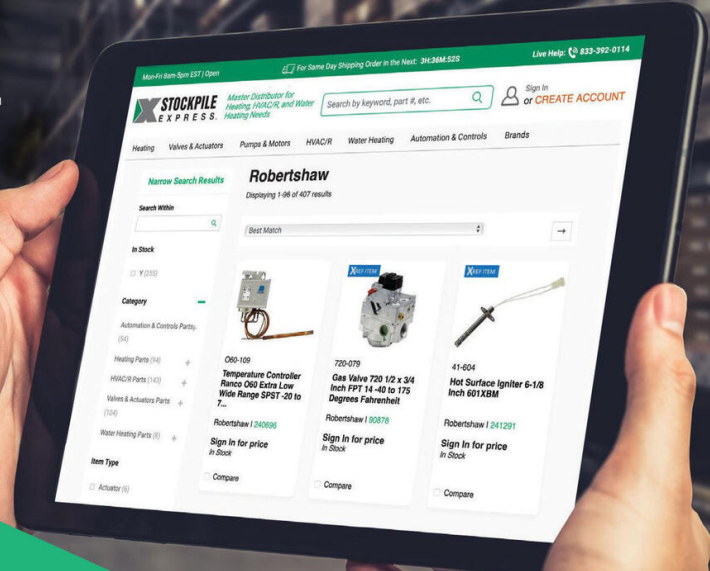
Cambria McLeod, a long-time employee of a PMI manufacturing member who is stepping down as part of a planned career transition. According to the PMI by-laws, only individuals who are employed by PMI manufacturing members can serve on the board. New board member Lampen is a strategic technical partnership manager at Kohler Co. who has served as the co-chair of the PMI Advocacy/Government Affairs Committee for the past four years.

Other members include board president Sal Gattone, LIXIL; immediate past board president Martin Knieps, Viega LLC; board vice president Chip Way, Lavelle Industries; and at-large directors Kevin Campbell, Moen, Inc.; Daniel Gleiberman, Sloan Valve Co.; and Bob Neff, Delta Faucet Co.

“We welcome Belinda and Lowell to their new responsibilities and thank Cambria for her dedicated service to the board and as an active PMI member these past many years,” Gattone said. “We encourage all PMI members to follow their example as volunteer leaders. Your participation will make our association stronger and more effective.”



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