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PHCPPros Announces Return of Popular Livestreaming Experience for AHR Expo 2022

PHCPPros, a B2B multimedia company serving the professional plumbing, heating, cooling and piping (PHCP) community, will broadcast live discussions on today's trending topics straight from Booth #C2036 at AHR Expo 2022 in Las Vegas — taking livestreaming to the next level at the event for the second year in a row.

With the help of a professional production crew from LIVE STREAM Las Vegas, PHCPPros will stream interviews with top executives to its thousands of social media followers during the first two days of the show — Monday, Jan. 31, and Tuesday, Feb. 1. Participants include representatives from Ariston Group, Caleffi Hydronic Solutions, Milwaukee Tool, NIBCO, Precision Plumbing Products, Raypak, Taco Comfort Solutions, ThermOmegaTech, Watts Water Technologies and Lync, Weil-McLain, and more.



“After the phenomenal success of the first PHCPPros LIVE broadcast at AHR Expo 2020, there was no question that we had to bring the experience back in 2022,” said PHCPPros Principal Cate Brown. “We can’t think of a better way to reconnect with our industry friends after in-person events and meetings were put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic. PHCPPros LIVE will be a great opportunity for them to reach all those attending the show — and an even better way to reach those who aren’t!”

PHCPPros invites all show attendees to stop by Booth #C2036 to experience this one-of-a-kind event. Both in-person and at-home viewers can expect to see top executives discuss new products and developments, as well as today’s trending topics, such as trade and tariffs, COVID-19, new technology, the labor shortage, supply chain challenges, and more.

“PHCPPros LIVE takes livestreaming to the next level and offers an industry-first opportunity for leaders in the PHCP community,” said Brown. “We are once again creating a streaming event with a production quality and atmosphere similar to that of a late-night talk show. PHCPPros always tries to transform our tradeshow

booths into interactive experiences, and this year will be even more exciting than our last PHCPPros LIVE broadcast.”

PHCPPros LIVE interviews will air from 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. throughout their two-day run. Each interview will last approximately 20 minutes and will be livestreamed on PHCPPros’ Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Youtube channels. Each company featured in PHCPPros LIVE will receive a professionally edited interview after the show as well, offering participants a piece of permanent content they can share for years to come.

Stay tuned for more details on the PHCPPros LIVE schedule by following PHCPPros on social media and www.phcppros.com. For more information or to sign up for PHCPPros LIVE at AHR Expo 2022, contact PHCPPros Digital Strategy Manager Nicole Meyer at nicole@phcppros.com.

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PMI Elects Viega's Martin Knieps President of 2022 Board of Directors

Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI) announced the election of Martin Knieps as president of the 2022 PMI Board of Directors during PMI’s 67th Annual Meeting of the Membership, Nov. 17. The senior director of operational excellence at Viega LLC, Knieps succeeds Todd Teter, senior vice president and general manager of the Professional Plumbing Group House of Rohl North America, a division of Moen Inc. Teter will remain on the board as immediate past president. The



meeting was held during the PMI21 Manufacturing Success Conference in San Diego.

In addition to Knieps and Teter, the other members of the 2022 board will be board vice president Sal Gattone, LIXIL; board secretary/treasurer Chip Way, Lavelle Industries; and at-large directors Daniel Gleiberman,

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Sloan Valve Co.; Cambria McLeod, Kohler Co.; Bob Neff, Delta Faucet Co.; and Belinda Wise, Kerrox Ltd.

In his acceptance remarks, Knieps said he was honored by the confidence placed in him by the membership. He emphasized PMI's abundant room to grow by embracing the opportunities created by products using Internet of Things and artificial intelligence technology and by addressing challenges posed by climate change. "Nobody does the work alone and your participation makes all the difference," he said.

Knieps thanked Teter for his contributions as the 2021 PMI board president by presenting him with a California state flag flown over the capitol in Sacramento. He also announced that the 68th Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held as part of the PMI22 Manufacturing Success Conference from Oct. 24-27, 2022, at the Omni Louisville Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

In remarks summing up 2021, Teter recognized PMI member companies that joined during the year – Brasscraft, Elkay and Dornbracht, announced the acceptance of Uponor as a new manufacturing member in 2022, and welcomed prospective new members and 16 first-time conference attendees. He presented the PMI President's Award to Pete Jahrling, director, design engineering, Sloan Valve Co., and former two-term PMI board president.

Teter also praised PMI volunteers and member companies for stepping up during the COVID-19 pandemic to protect public health and safety and to assure that PMI could accelerate value to members during a difficult time. In 2022, as PMI members begin a new initiative to address climate change by setting a goal of zero waste, Teter said, "none of us has the solution to climate change but each has a part to play."

In his state of the association report, PMI CEO/ Executive Director Kerry Stackpole congratulated Teter for his leadership during a challenging year and expressed his delight in seeing all the attendees in person. "The success of PMI is found in three things – people, process and products," he stated. Stackpole held a moment of silence in memory of Paul Patton, a former PMI board president, and spoke of his distinguished contributions to PMI and the plumbing manufacturing industry. He also

reviewed PMI's accomplishments, its coalition partners, and the issues the association tackled during 2021.

After stressing the importance of increasing engagement with PMI among employees of all PMI member companies, Stackpole presented the PMI Ambassador Award to Cambria McLeod, a senior staff engineer at Kohler Co., 2022 PMI board member, and 2021 co-chair of the PMI Water Efficiency and Sustainability Committee.

Aqua-Rex Announces Arrow Sales Inc. Representation in Indiana

Aqua-Rex is adding to their team by partnering with Arrow Sales Inc. to represent its product in the state of Indiana. Arrow Sales is a focused and driven firm that represents products in the plumbing space for all categories. Aqua-Rex will add another component to their growing lines covering a large spectrum of plumbing needs. Indiana is known to have challenging hard water throughout the state, and now Arrow Sales will bring a new solution to their clients.

Aqua-Rex is unique in being the only conventional water softener alternative of its type with independent third-party performance verification from IAPMO R & T Labs and is being increasingly specified in place of conventional softeners, as well as, on projects where softeners would normally not be used because of cost and environmental reasons.

Arrow Sales current line card is diverse and matches well with Aqua-Rex which has units sized to be suitable for single family homes, multifamily and all types of commercial, hospitality, health care and correctional facilities.

"When I sat down with Arrow Sales in person, it was clear they are dedicated to their lines and passionate about creating the best results for their clients. We're proud to have them represent Aqua-Rex and we know they'll do great in Indiana," said Jonny Seccombe, president of Aqua-Rex.

Sloan Headquarters Achieves Alliance for Water Stewardship Certification

Sloan, a leading world manufacturer of commercial plumbing systems, has achieved certification to the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) Standard at its Franklin Park, Illinois, headquarters.

A globally-applicable framework for major water users to understand their water use and impacts, AWS certification enables organizations to further work collaboratively and transparently for sustainable water management. As a global manufacturer of water-efficient commercial restroom products, Sloan's Franklin Park location innovates and develops sustainable plumbing fixtures each day.

"At Sloan, 'Water Connects Us' is more than just a tag-