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### Plumbing Manufacturers International Elects Nate Kogler President, Announces 2019 Board of Directors

Phoenix, Ariz. – Nov. 13, 2018 – The members of [Plumbing Manufacturers International](#) (PMI) elected Nate Kogler president of the 2019 PMI Board of Directors at PMI’s 44th annual meeting of the membership held during the PMI Conference last week. The director of product management at [Bradley Corporation](#), Kogler succeeds Pete Jahrling, director, product engineering and intellectual property at [Sloan Valve Company](#), who served as board president in 2017 and 2018. Jahrling will continue to serve on the board as immediate past president.

Kogler said PMI leadership will work to expand educational opportunities for members and use new technologies to share information. Collaboration will be key, he said. “None of us is smarter than all of us. We will build on the collective knowledge of our members and on the power of our relationships. Engagement, enthusiasm and support will drive us.”

Jahrling noted the strong commitment of the board members. “I enjoyed every minute of working with a great group of people who served on the board beside me,” Jahrling said. “It was an honor to serve as the president of this healthy, dynamic and forward-looking organization. I certainly benefited from the support and guidance of my fellow board members.”

Joel Smith, director – new product engineering at [Kohler Co.](#), was elected as vice president and Todd Teter, vice president and general manager - U.S. wholesale for [Moen Inc.](#), will serve as secretary/treasurer.

Elected as directors at large were Chip Way, director of OEM sales at [Lavelle Industries](#), and Michael Miller, director of product partnerships at [LSP](#), who will serve their terms through 2019.

Two new directors will serve two-year 2019-2020 terms. They are John Finch, principal engineer at [Masco Corporation](#), and Carol Baricovich, director - global brand communications, government relations, and marketing/business development at [InSinkErator](#).

“I hope to apply my innovation experience to help create and execute new solutions for PMI, including identifying a couple of new actionable efforts that both engage and provide great value to PMI members,” Finch said.

Baricovich stated that she looks forward to becoming an effective board member by focusing on areas where her expertise can make a difference. “We’ll work together with members to navigate the ongoing challenges of ensuring safe, responsible plumbing – PMI’s mission – with a continued focus on sustainability and also encourage members to draw on the organization’s many resources and benefits.”

Other highlights of the membership meeting were PMI Association Manager Jodi Stuhrberg receiving the President’s Award and Mariana Nicolae of Sloan Valve Company receiving recognition for her long and dedicated service to PMI.

## **About Plumbing Manufacturers International**

Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI) is the voluntary, not-for-profit international industry association of manufacturers of plumbing products, serving as the Voice of the Plumbing Industry. Member companies produce 90 percent of the United States' plumbing products. As part of its mission, PMI advocates for plumbing product performance and innovation contributing to water efficiency and savings, sustainability, public health and safety, and consumer satisfaction. PMI's members are industry leaders in producing safe, reliable and innovative water-efficient plumbing technologies. PMI members manufacture water-efficient toilets, urinals, faucets, showerheads and other products at more than 70 locations across the country and market them online and in home improvement stores, hardware stores and showrooms in all 50 states. For more information on PMI, contact the organization at 1750 Tysons Blvd., Ste. 1500, McLean, Va., 22102; tel.: 847-481-5500; fax: 847-481-5501. [www.safeplumbing.org](http://www.safeplumbing.org).

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