

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **PMI Appoints Plumbing Industry Executives to Leadership Roles on Fair Trade Issue Committee**

Rolling Meadows, Ill. – June 29, 2016 – [Plumbing Manufacturers International](#) (PMI) today announced the appointment of Carol Baricovich as co-chair of the PMI Fair Trade Issue Committee and Michael Miller as liaison between the committee and PMI Board of Directors.

“We are invigorated to have Carol’s and Michael’s increased involvement with such an important committee,” said Paul Patton PMI board president and senior manager, R & D and regulatory for Delta Faucet Company. “The PMI Fair Trade Issue Committee focuses on advancing the conditions necessary for open and fair U.S. and global marketplaces, and to promote mutual respect among trading partners.”

Currently director of global brands and government relations at Insinkerator, Baricovich has more than 11 years of experience with government and public relations projects for disposer-category plumbing products. Baricovich joins current Fair Trade Issue Committee Co-Chair Chip Way, a sales manager and R & D engineer at Lavelle Industries. Baricovich’s co-chair position is effective immediately with an initial July meeting and a two-year term.

Michael Miller, director of product partnerships for NCH Corporation and current PMI board member, will act as a liaison to the Fair Trade Issue Committee by providing Baricovich and Way ongoing communication with the PMI Board of Directors. Miller has close to 20 years of plumbing industry product development and management experience. Prior to working in the private sector, Miller served as a chief fire control technician for submarine service in the U.S. Navy.

PMI advocates for enforcement of trade laws and border regulations, protection for intellectual property rights and modification of U.S. trade laws to call out indirect subsidies as unfair practices. PMI also seeks common international manufacturing standards, elimination of arbitrary import restrictions, and other positions that support imported products meeting the same requirements as domestic manufactured products. For more information about PMI’s position on fair trade visit: <https://www.safeplumbing.org/pmi/position-papers/fair-trade>.

#### **About PMI**

Plumbing Manufacturers International 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 nation’s plumbing products and represent more than 150 brands. As part of its mission, PMI advocates for plumbing product performance and innovation contributing to water savings, sustainability, public health and safety, and consumer satisfaction. For information on

PMI or its conferences, contact the organization at 1921 Rohlwing Road, Unit G, Rolling Meadows, IL, 60008; tel.: 847-481-5500; fax: 847-481-5501; [www.safeplumbing.org](http://www.safeplumbing.org).

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