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Jim Harrington Awarded Honorary IAPD Membership

OVERLAND PARK, Kans. – The Board of Directors of the International Association of Plastics Distribution (IAPD), the international trade association comprised of companies engaged in the distribution and manufacture of plastic stock shapes and pipe, valves and fittings, has awarded longtime member Jim Harrington, CPMR, an honorary membership in the association. Harrington, a manufacturers' representative member and president of Engineered Material Sales, Inc., is retiring at the end of 2014 after a long career in the plastics industry.

Harrington has a history of volunteer service in IAPD, including serving as Chair of the Editorial Committee for more than a decade, being a member of the Board of Directors, reigniting the Technical Advisory Committee in 2012, which he chaired until this year and chairing the Manufacturers' Representatives Common Interest Group (CIG). When longtime IAPD Director of Publications Janet Thill retired, Harrington prolonged his tenure as Editorial Committee Chair to help train Thill's replacement.

Another of Harrington's achievements with IAPD was the Introduction to Plastics seminars, which he started in 1992 with fellow manufacturers' representative George Southard, CPMR. In 2002, Harrington and Southard developed the Advanced Mechanical Plastics seminar, which they presented twice a year for seven years in various locations. A few years later, they presented the material as the Plastics Application seminars at numerous IAPD Conventions, along with Russ Consentino, CPMR.

Harrington received the IAPD Pacesetter award in 1994, an award that honors a volunteer who sets the pace for the organization through their service and commitment. He received the IAPD Paul Davis Award of Merit, IAPD's most prestigious award, in 2001.

"I congratulate Jim on receiving the well-deserved honorary membership designation," said IAPD CEO Susan E. Avery, CAE. "He has served the association well for decades and we have all benefitted from his dedication, expertise and leadership."



As an honorary member, Harrington will receive free lifetime membership in IAPD, with all the benefits of membership, as well as free convention registration.

About IAPD

The International Association of Plastics Distribution (IAPD), established in 1956, brings together distributors, fabricators, manufacturers, manufacturers' representatives, recyclers and service providers in an environment which encourages a free flow of ideas and information that help members build their businesses. Every program and service we provide is designed with the simple goal of helping our members increase profitability. Membership in IAPD is an affordable business investment. IAPD provides training, connections with customers and suppliers and information about developments that impact the industry. What makes IAPD unique is a commitment to educating customers and other key end-users about plastics. In other words, IAPD works with members to build the demand for plastics. Central to this effort is the reinforcement of the value of distribution. For more information, visit www.iapd.org.

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