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### **IAPMO Celebrates 85 Years of Protecting Health and Safety**

**Ontario, Calif. (May 17, 2011)** – Talk about a potent cup o' joe.

When a group of Los Angeles plumbing inspectors on a coffee break in 1926 hatched the idea to form an association to deal with plumbing issues in the city, little could they have imagined 85 years later their brainchild would protect the health and safety of roughly half the planet's 6.8 billion people.

Formally founded on May 17, 1926, as the Los Angeles City Plumbing Inspectors Association, what is now the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) develops and promotes a family of model codes that include the *Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC®)*, the provisions of which form the basis of plumbing codes across the globe.

These original 39 members, though initially focused solely upon their own city, left plenty of room in the mission of their first constitution to grow into the far-reaching international body IAPMO is today: "To advance the latest and most improved methods of sanitation; To promote the welfare of and the harmony between the owner, builder and the craftsman; To accomplish uniformity in the application of the provisions of the ordinances."

Since that time, The IAPMO Group has grown into a multinational operation with offices in 13 nations featuring services spanning from code development, training and education to product testing and certification. In addition to the *UPC*, IAPMO publishes the *Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC®)*, *Uniform Solar Energy Code (USEC®)* and *Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tube Code (USPC®)* — each of which has been designated an American National Standard by the American National Standards Institute.

"IAPMO's 85 years of protecting public safety through sound plumbing and mechanical practices and products have always been rooted in the selfless dedication and commitment of our members," said IAPMO President Dan Daniels, the 59th person to serve in that role. "Even as much as the association has accomplished in these eight and a half decades, I believe we're still only getting started."

IAPMO CEO GP Russ Chaney added: "We honor IAPMO's founders with each new person, city or nation protected by the Uniform Codes and IAPMO's product certification marks of conformity. We thank them for their foresight in establishing an association capable of reaching so far and so many."

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