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IAPMO Revises Code Development Timeline

Ontario, Calif. (June 22, 2011) — The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) has revised some upcoming dates in the timeline toward the development of the 2012 editions of the American National Standard designated *Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC®)* and *Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC®)*.

In accordance with the ANSI-accredited code development process, balloting through the *UPC* and *UMC* Technical Committees will begin Sept. 30 on all membership amendments from the floor of the Technical Meeting Convention at IAPMO's annual conference, Sept. 25-29, in San Antonio. A two-thirds vote of approval is required from the Technical Committee to advance any amendment.

Receipt of initial ballots occurs on Oct. 7, when comments are re-circulated to Technical Committee members. One week later, Oct. 14, is the final closing date of ballots and receipt of vote changes based on re-circulated comments.

IAPMO employs a consensus development process accredited by the American National Standards Institute, gathering the largest assembly of plumbing and mechanical experts in the world at its annual education and business conference and technical committee meetings, enabling anyone — members and non-members alike — to have a voice and a vote on proposed changes to the code. The 2012 editions of the *UPC* and *UMC* will mark the fourth time these codes have been developed in this manner.

IAPMO urges its members and other interested parties to get involved in the code development process to ensure effectiveness in preserving the public health, safety and welfare through strict governance of the Uniform Codes. Installers, plumbing and mechanical officials, the construction industry, engineers and manufacturers all benefit from a cooperative effort in developing codes.

The entire 2012 code cycle timeline, as well as background on IAPMO's ANSI-accredited consensus development process, can be found at <http://www.iapmo.org/Pages/CodeDevelopment.aspx>. For any further questions, please contact Lynne Simnick, IAPMO director of Code Development, at (909) 472-4110 or lynne.simnick@iapmo.org.

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