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RPA Completes Annual Membership Meeting and Conference

Mokena, Ill. (Oct. 1, 2012) — Radiant Professionals Alliance (RPA) members and other mechanical industry leaders recently gathered in Chicago for the organization’s annual Membership Meeting and Conference, where they had the opportunity to come together for networking, education, professional recognition and the advancement of radiant/hydronic technologies.

In welcoming attendees to the Sept. 18-21 event, RPA Board of Directors Chairman Mark Chaffee spoke with optimism about the “new RPA,” which joined the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO®) earlier this year.

“The new RPA — right now — is energized and equipped with the talent to chart a course of action,” he said. “Ready to engage and enlist all of you here, along with our fellow industry leaders, for the purpose of directing and guiding the future of the hydronic and radiant industry.”

The event’s keynote address was delivered by Weldon Long, who, after serving time in jail, turned his life around and became a highly successful HVAC contractor, motivational speaker and author of books including the award-winning “The Upside of Fear.”

The membership meeting also included educational seminars, a member forum, and presentations from three IAPMO officials: Allen Inlow, senior director of Business and Product Development; Dave Viola, senior director of Technical Services; and Dain Hansen, director of Government Relations.

The conference was co-located with Penton’s Mechanical Systems Week, an event for which the RPA signed on as an endorsing partner. The RPA presented seminars during the event and hosted a booth in the Mechanical Systems Week Expo.

RPA Director Kathleen Mihelich said she was very pleased with the turnout and reaction of the attendees.

“The members who attended came with a purpose,” Mihelich said. “They wanted assurances that the RPA’s mission and direction coincides with what they believe is necessary to strengthen the industry. They were inspired by what they heard and are not only resuming their participation, but encouraging others to, as well.”

The RPA is an exciting and active international organization of professionals who share the desire to advance the understanding and acceptance of radiant and hydronic technologies. These stakeholder members are dedicated to the professional growth and advancement of everyone in the organization; including each other. For more information about the RPA, visit www.radiantprofessionalsalliance.org or contact Director Kathleen Mihelich by e-mail at Kathleen.Mihelich@RadiantProfessionalsAlliance.org.

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