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IAPMO's Hansen to Co-Chair High-Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition

Ontario, Calif. (Oct. 23, 2013) – Dain Hansen, director of government relations for the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO®), has been named co-chair of the High-Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition (HPBCCC).

The HPBCCC (<http://hpbccc.org>) is a private-sector coalition comprised of approximately 200 organizations that provides guidance and support to the High-Performance Buildings Caucus of the U.S. Congress. It was formed to increase awareness of, and inform policymakers about, the major impact buildings have on health, safety and welfare, and the opportunities to design, construct and operate high-performance buildings that reflect concern for these impacts.

The HPBCCC works with members of the Congressional Caucus, as well as other interested members of Congress, to promote and showcase best practices in building design and focus on issues reflecting all aspects of high-performance buildings, including accessibility, aesthetics, cost-effectiveness, functionality, historic preservation, productivity, safety and security, and sustainability.

Hansen and Doug Read, director of government affairs for ASHRAE, will share in the leadership of the HPBCCC and assist in the development of a more formal infrastructure that will allow the coalition to thrive.

"As the chair of the HPBCCC over the last six years it has become evident that sharing and rotation of the HPBCCC leadership provides greater acceptance of the complex issues confronting both policymakers and industry groups in moving toward more high-performing buildings," Read said. "With that said, IAPMO, through Dain's leadership, can help build a stronger and more strategic path forward in the development of sound policy for the broader building community."

Hansen said IAPMO is proud to bring its considerable industry expertise to the coalition.

"Being a longtime supporter and member of the HPBCCC, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to co-chair this highly recognized coalition with ASHRAE," Hansen said. "IAPMO has a strong and valued voice in the industry; and therefore working closely with Congress and other stakeholders on issues facing the building community is a benefit for the entire industry."

Prior to joining IAPMO, Hansen was a lobbyist at the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA). Before that, he worked on Capitol Hill as a senior policy adviser for several members of Congress. His experience and expertise have focused primarily on energy and water policy and federal appropriations.

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