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Rawalpindiwala Receives Patrick J. Higgins Medal at ASME A112 Plumbing Materials & Equipment Meeting

Ontario, Calif. (Feb. 9, 2015) — IAPMO Green Technical Committee member Shabbir Rawalpindiwala recently received the prestigious Patrick J. Higgins Medal at the ASME A112 Plumbing Materials & Equipment Meeting in San Antonio. Pete DeMarco, senior vice president of Advocacy and Research for The IAPMO Group, presented the award to Rawalpindiwala on Jan. 29.

The Board on Standardization & Testing established the award to honor Patrick J. Higgins, a longtime chairman of the A112 Committee on Plumbing Materials & Equipment and a member of the Board on Standardization. The award, first given out in 2008, recognizes an individual who has contributed to the enhancement of standardization through participation in the development and promotion of ASME codes and standards or conformity assessment programs in a number of areas.

Rawalpindiwala, the manager of Codes & Standards for Kohler Co., is a former director of Standards and director of Quality Control for IAPMO.

"I am very grateful to ASME for presenting me with this award," Rawalpindiwala said. "Beyond the recognition of my work at ASME, this medal has an additional special meaning to me due to the close friendship I enjoyed with Pat Higgins."

DeMarco, a member of the A112 Committee on Plumbing and Materials who is also the chairman of the Patrick J. Higgins Award Committee, said it was an honor and a pleasure to present the medal.

"Shabbir has made countless contributions toward advancing standardization in the plumbing industry and is most deserving of this award," he said. "Without a doubt, Pat Higgins would be very pleased to know that the award bearing his name was presented to Shabbir."

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