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**Kate Olinger Elected Vice Chair of the PPI Board of Directors**

The [Plastics Pipe Institute (PPI)](https://www.plasticpipe.org/) has named Kate Olinger, director of Industry Relations and Regulatory Affairs at GF Building Flow Solutions Americas, vice chair of the Board of Directors. Kate’s role went into effect June 1, 2025, and will consist of a two-year term.

Kate has been a member of PPI since 2012 and previously served as vice chair of the Building & Construction Division from 2018-2020 and chair from 2020-2022. She has also served three previous terms on the PPI Board of Directors, including her most recent role as treasurer.

In her role as vice chair, Kate will be the chair of the Membership Engagement Committee, the lifeblood of the organization that focuses on growing membership engagement and activity. Working alongside PPI President David Fink, Kate will oversee member recruitment to help grow the PPI community. She will also engage PPI members in the development of strategies that enhance the value that PPI offers to both members and the industry at large. Kate will continue to be part of PPI’s Executive Committee, which is comprised of the chair, vice chair, and treasurer.

PPI strives to improve the quality of life for generations to come by championing the advancement and use of sustainable plastic pipe. They have experienced significant growth over the past few years and continue to seek ways for individuals to get involved at all levels of their association.

“I am excited to continue my service with PPI to champion the mission of advancing the acceptance and use of plastic piping systems through research, education, technical expertise, and advocacy while working to engage members to collaboratively improve these strategies,” says Olinger.

“PPI is pleased to welcome Kate in her continued volunteer leadership role as vice chair of the Board of Directors,” says Fink. “Her extensive industry experience and deep knowledge of the association are highly valued and will continue to be a tremendous asset to the Board and PPI as a whole.”

Kate brings more than 20 years of experience in the plumbing and heating industry to this role, helping create innovative solutions that meet sustainability goals. In 2024, she was recognized as a top influential woman in the plumbing industry for her efforts in promoting a career in the trades and driving positive change.

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The Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. (PPI) is the major North American trade association representing the plastic pipe industry and is dedicated to promoting plastics as the materials of choice for pipe and conduit applications. PPI is the premier technical, engineering and industry knowledge resource publishing data for use in the development and design of plastic pipe and conduit systems. Additionally, PPI collaborates with industry organizations that set standards for manufacturing practices and installation methods.