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APSP'S FIRST COMMERCIAL COUNCIL MEETING SETS STAGE FOR SUCCESSFUL YEAR

(ALEXANDRIA, VA) - The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals held its first Commercial Council meeting on May 2 in Denver, Colorado. This inaugural meeting marks a new era of advancing the needs of the commercial pool and spa segment.

Co-Chaired by Derek Downey, all members reaffirmed its and APSP's commitment to address the needs and concerns of commercial pool and spa segment and discussed in-depth the role and work of the Council. Joining the Council which is comprised of Co-chair Derek Downey, Legal Pools; Co-chair Jason Schallock, CBP, CSP, Anderson Poolworks; Steve Barnes, AquaStar Pool Products; Dennis Berkshire, Aquatic Design Group; Kris Bridges, City of Martinsville, VA; Kenneth Gregory, Pentair Aquatic Systems; Stephen Neville, CBP, CSP, PPSO, Island Construction Corporation and Doug Winkler, Winkler Pool Management, were APSP President & CEO, Lawrence Caniglia; APSP Chairman of the Board, Chris Curcio and guests Steve Gutai, Zodiac Pool Products; Patrick Sweeny, Hayward Industries and Ron George a long time industry consultant.

"As APSP sharpens our focus on advancing the needs of the commercial pool and spa segment, we're excited to be working with such dedicated industry leaders," said APSP President & CEO Lawrence Caniglia. Their diverse experience will strengthen APSP's ability to address the most important issues to keep moving this segment forward."

During this meeting, the Council outlined its first year goals and created strategies to accomplish them. The Council is committed towards working towards influencing codes and standards that will affect all code officials, builders, designers and other stakeholders in the commercial segment. They plan to develop courses for both the contractor and code official. These course will be designed to help contractors learn how to work with code officials and help code officials learn to inspect public pools and spas.

"This meeting was instrumental in laying the foundation for Commercial Council," said Council Co-Chair, Derek Downey.

“It’s important that we recognize and address the needs of the commercial pool and spa segment. Through the work that we do here, we will be able to create important initiatives that will improve this segment and the pool and spa industry.”

The Council is looking for ways to grow the commercial pool segment and protect it from the often costly burdens associated with overregulation. To help move this initiative forward, they established a new Task Force to work with the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and the National Swimming Pool Foundation (NSPF) to synchronize the Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC) with the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC). The members of this Task Force include the following: Ken Gregory, Pentair; Dennis Berkshire, Aquatic Design Group, Inc.; Ron George, Water Quality, LLC; Jason Schallock, Anderson Pool Works and Steve Barnes, Aquastar Products.

“Now is the time to look into ways to more effectively and efficiently regulate commercial pools and spas,” said Council Co-Chair, Derek Downey. “This Council gives the commercial segment the platform it needs to work with key industry players to create a consistent and clear vision for the path forward.”

There are several opportunities available to become involved with the Commercial Council. All members of the industry are invited to become involved in the Council either as a Council member or as a participant in a Task Force. For more information about APSP’s Commercial Council or how you can participate, email Seth Ewing at sewing@apsp.org.

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About APSP’s Commercial Council

The APSP Commercial Council are industry representatives eager to tackle key issues, risks and opportunities facing the design, construction, operation and servicing of commercial pools and spas. The Council was created to provide a platform for pool and spa professionals who are dedicated to volunteering their time, talents and energy to advancing the needs of the commercial pool and spa segment. [Learn more here.](#)

About APSP

The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP) is the world’s oldest and largest association representing swimming pool, hot tub, and spa manufacturers, distributors, manufacturers’ agents, designers, builders, installers, suppliers, retailers, and service professionals. Dedicated to the growth and development of its members’ businesses and to promoting the enjoyment and safety of pools and spas, APSP offers a range of services, from professional development to advancing key legislation and regulation at the federal and local levels, to consumer outreach and public safety. APSP is the only industry organization recognized by the American National Standards Institute to develop and promote national standards for pools, hot tubs, and spas. For more information, visit APSP.org.

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