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Mechanical Contractors Association of Western Washington Announces Leadership Transition

SEATTLE-Longtime MCA of Western Washington Executive Vice President Brian Garvey is leaving the organization after a twenty seven year career highlighted by several noteworthy accomplishments.

Garvey came to MCAWW in 1981. Under his leadership the small local plumbing and pipefitting contractors group developed into the Association today that is recognized as the premier subcontractor's organization in the Northwest.

As Executive Vice President, Garvey represented signatory members in negotiations with the Plumbers & Pipefitters Unions in Washington State, oversaw legislative issues and assisted with applicable code development. He also is recognized for his key role in establishing MCA's Board of Education Project Managers Certification Program. Garvey is also responsible for establishing three MCAWW student chapters (CWU, UW, & WSU).

Garvey served on numerous municipal, county, state, and national boards and committees. In addition to his role on the Seattle King County Plumbing Board of Appeals, he was Chairman of the WA State Governors Advisory Board of Plumbers. During his tenure he helped develop and caused to be adopted by the state of Washington the certification rules for workers that install or

remodel medical gas piping in hospitals and clinics. For this achievement, he was awarded the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Official's "Industry Man of the Year."

He was also recognized by his MCAWW membership when they bestowed they highly regarded Robert E Leichnetz award for "courage, integrity, and dedication."

Garvey noted that one of his most satisfying accomplishments was when he negotiated a \$50,000 contribution to a non-profit organization from a local public agency that "failed to follow the proper bidding and award procedures."

MCA President, Steve Stirrett noted that Garvey's experience with the association was greatly appreciated. The MCA Board of Directors has named Ed Kommers, P.E. as Garvey's successor. Kommers has extensive industry experience and most recently served as MCA's Director of Technical services.

The Mechanical Contractors Association (MCA) of Western Washington membership consists of union-signatory plumbing, piping, and HVAC contractors throughout western Washington. Current Board members consist of President **Steve Stirrett** of *Stirrett Johnsen*; Vice President **Jack Cheetham** of *McKinstry Co.*; Secretary/Treasurer **Mike Shinn** of *Shinn Mechanical*; Trustee **Jerry Bush** of *University Mechanical Contractors, Inc.* and Immediate Past President **Dave Thoday** of *Auburn Mechanical*.

Mechanical Contractors Association of America

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To represent the mechanical contracting industry and to act as its spokesman in dealing with the public, government, and other industry associations, manufacturers, and organized labor.