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Product Stewardship Institute Announces Three New Board Members

Institute Reduces Health and Environmental Impacts of Consumer Products

BOSTON, July 6, 2009 – The Product Stewardship Institute, Inc. (PSI), a national, non-profit organization that reduces the health and environmental impacts of consumer products, today announced the addition of three new board members to its governing body. Resa Dimino (New York Department of Environmental Conservation), Ann Pistell (Maine Department of Environmental Protection), and Becky Jayne (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) join a board of local and state leaders who work with PSI to drive environmental improvement and product redesign by passing producer responsibility laws that require manufacturers to internalize the costs of managing their products when they become wastes. Since its inception in 2000, PSI has helped save money for local governments by developing model programs and harmonizing product stewardship policies that shift costs from taxpayer-funded government programs to the producers and consumers of products.

PSI is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors comprised of 7 representatives from state environmental agencies and 4 representatives from local environmental agencies. The Board of Directors assists Scott Cassel, PSI's Executive Director, in making strategic decisions for the Institute. Currently, PSI focuses on about 15 product areas, including electronics, fluorescent lamps, mercury thermostats, paint, pharmaceuticals, medical sharps, batteries, and packaging. PSI is well known for its ability to convene government, business, and environmental stakeholders to develop product stewardship legislation, regulations, and programs.

“PSI's Board consists of innovative government officials who keep their own agencies at the forefront of progressive waste management policies while providing leadership that benefits all agencies across the country,” said Cassel. “We rely on our Board for guidance and strategic counsel, and top-notch product stewardship policy advice.”

The following is a brief description of PSI's new Board Members:

Ann Pistell – Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Maine leads the nation in passing producer responsibility laws, and Ann Pistell is Maine's point person for the passage of product legislation. Maine has passed five Extended Producer Responsibility laws, being the first in the nation to pass laws governing fluorescent lamps, mercury thermostats, and electronics, all of which benefited from the groundwork laid by PSI. Ann has also worked on special projects for the state environmental agency, such as oil and gas drilling plans for Georges Bank off the New England coast, mercury products, pharmaceuticals in the environment, and chemicals in schools.

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Resa Dimino – New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Resa is a special assistant in the Commissioner’s Policy Office. She focuses on solid waste and recycling policy, and is a founder of the recently-created New York Product Stewardship Council – the first contracted partner of PSI’s local government initiative. With a strong background in recycling public education, advocacy, and policy development, Resa served as the Director of Programs for the Bronx River Alliance and Environmental Analyst for the Bronx Borough President, where she monitored solid waste and recycling issues in New York City. Resa also organized several national campaigns and coalitions on various recycling issues.

Becky Jayne, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Becky has worked at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency since 1989 and on pollution prevention issues since 1997. Her primary focus area is product stewardship, with emphasis on mercury-containing products, toxics in packaging, and government green purchasing. She implements Illinois’ mercury reduction and toxics-in-packaging laws, and is a representative of the QuickSilver Caucus – a coalition of state environmental associations that shares information, builds on successful programs, and supports expanded initiatives to reduce mercury pollution.

All PSI Board Members support PSI’s [mission](#) and the organization’s [Principles of Product Stewardship](#). The complete board includes the following:

Dave Galvin – King County Department of Natural Resources, WA (President)

Jennifer Holiday – Chittenden County Solid Waste Division, VT (Vice President)

Jack Price – Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Treasurer)

Tom Metzner – Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (Clerk)

Resa Dimino – New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Becky Jayne – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Scott Klag – Metro, Portland, OR

Mollie Mangerich – Sonoma County Waste Management Agency, CA

Scott Mouw – North Carolina State Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Ann Pistell – Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Theresa Stiner – Iowa Department of Natural Resources

About PSI:

The Product Stewardship Institute, Inc. (PSI) is a national non-profit environmental institute with membership from 45 states, over 100 local governments, and more than 50 businesses, environmental groups, and organizations that establishes cooperative agreements to reduce the health and environmental impacts from consumer products. For more information, please visit www.productstewardship.us.

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