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**AHAM ELECTS NEW VOLUNTEER LEADERS**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 30, 2008)**- The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) announced the election of new association leaders at its annual member meeting in Ft. Myers, Florida, on April 29, 2008. Included are AHAM Officers, Board of Directors and Division leaders.

AHAM's newly elected Officers are Board Chair Jerry G. Ryder, President, InSinkErator, Emerson Electric Co.; First Vice Chair Mark J. Bissell, President and CEO, BISSELL Inc.; Second Vice Chair Robert P. Scaglione, Senior Vice President & Group Manager, Sharp Electronics Marketing Company of America; and Treasurer Mike L. Carpenter, President, Focus Electrics, LLC.

John Alexander, Vice President and General Manager, New Business and Innovation, Whirlpool Corporation was elected to the Board of Directors with a term expiring in 2010.

Re-elected members of the Board of Directors with terms expiring in 2011 are Gerald J. Lozinski, Vice President, Global Product Development, Jarden Consumer Solutions; Gordon L. Stauffer, Director, Special Projects, Northland-Marvel, an Aga Company; Mark J. Bissell, President and CEO, BISSELL, Inc.; John R. Arganbright, Vice President, Panasonic Home Appliance Sales, Panasonic Home Appliances Company of America; Howard E. Buckles, Senior Associate General Counsel, Electrolux North America, Inc.

Members of the AHAM Board of Directors continuing to serve include Earl F. Jones, Senior Counsel, GE Consumer & Industrial; Robert P. Scaglione, Senior Vice President & Group Manager, Sharp Electronics Marketing Company of America; Franz J. Bosshard, President and CEO, BSH Home Appliances Corporation; Edward V. McAssey, III, Chief Operating Officer, Lasko Products, Inc.; Jerry G. Ryder, President, InSinkErator, Emerson Electric Co.; Liston P. Durden, Senior Vice President, Marketing, Viking Range Corporation; Donald E. Hoeschen, Vice President, Sales, National Presto Industries, Inc.; John Herrington, President, Digital Appliances, LG Electronics USA, Inc.; Mike L. Carpenter, President, Focus Electrics, LLC; and Mark L. Balcunas, President, Invensys Controls- Americas and Asia Pacific.

The AHAM Board approved Division leaders for two year terms ending in 2010. In the Major Appliance Division, Paul V. Sikir, Vice President of Design Engineering, Sub-Zero Wolf Inc. will serve as Board Chair and Jennifer Mintman, General Manager, Dishwasher & Clothes Care, GE Consumer & Industrial will serve as Vice Chair.

In the Portable Appliance Division, Gary Feder, Vice President, Marketing & Product Development, Hunter Fan Company will serve as Board Chair and Manuel Cortez, Senior Vice President, Operations, Groupe SEB, NA will serve as Vice Chair.

In the Floor Care Division, Scott Bolbock, Senior Director, Marketing, Electrolux Home Care Products, will serve as Board Chair and Winston S. Lindsay III, CEO, Lindsay Manufacturing, Inc. will serve as Vice Chair.

In the Supplier Division, Mark L. Balcunas, President, Invensys Controls- Americas and Asia Pacific was re-elected Board Chair and David P. Yundt, Vice President and Director, Stainless Products, Main Steel Polishing Company, Inc. was re-elected as Vice Chair.

Major Appliance Division Chair Paul Sikir, Portable Appliance Division Chair Gary Feder and Floor Care Division Chair Scott Bolbock will also serve as ex-officio members of the AHAM Board of Directors.

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*The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) is a not-for-profit trade association representing manufacturers of major and portable home appliances, floor care appliances and suppliers to the industry and is headquartered in Washington, DC. You can visit the AHAM web site at <http://www.aham.org>.*

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