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BHMA Honors Michael Tierney as the 2024 Richard A. Hudnut Award Recipient

The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) presented Michael Tierney, BHMA Standards Director and staunch contributor to BHMA, the Richard A. Hudnut Award during the BHMA 2024 Annual Spring Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Richard A. Hudnut Distinguished Service Award recognizes exemplary performance by an individual identified by their association colleagues as having consistently demonstrated integrity, outstanding dedication, and a strong commitment to the standards or code development process of BHMA.

Michael Tierney has been major industry and BHMA contributor for more than 20 years and has retired at the end of May. Tierney is being recognized with this honor due to his dedicated service to BHMA, having served as the Products Standards Director. Under this role, he coordinated the development and revision of the BHMA performance standards for building hardware products.

“Over the last 25 years, Michael has been a major contributor to the positive culture and success of BHMA. He was outstanding to work with – demonstrating exceptional insight, dedication, and talent throughout his years with us. Michael was a staunch advocate of the industry and BHMA, a reliable supporter of his team, knew from experience how to gain consensus and move initiatives forward. He will be sorely missed,” said Ralph Vasami, BHMA Executive Director.



CNHA Tools Branch 2024 Management Meeting Held in Shangdong

On May 13th, China National Hardware Association (CNHA) management meeting was held in Shandong Province. CNHA chairman, Vice Chairmen, Tools and Hardware Branch President, Executive President, Vice Presidents, and relevant representatives attended the meeting. The meeting started with a report on CNHA's key work in 2024, and the delegates exchanged views on the recent key concerns of the tool industry. The meeting also introduced the standardization work of tools and hardware in detail, hoping to lead the industry to green development and industrial transformation and upgrade, and expanding domestic demand. In addition, in terms of China International Hardware Show (CIHS) organized by CNHA, the association said that it will fully display Chinese hardware and tools products to customers through various information dissemination channels, such as online and offline, and carry out global promotion for Chinese tool enterprises. CNHA Chairman Chang said that the tool industry is an indispensable industry in people's life. Under the current situation, the environment faced by enterprises has changed a lot compared with the past, which has affected the business development of enterprises. Enterprises need to stick to innovation, quality first, continuously improve user satisfaction and product competitiveness in order to sustain development. In this process, the Tools Branch should fully play the role of guidance and service, timely reflect the development of the industry and demands, and do a good job in serving the members.



Hardware Association Ireland Hosts First Regional Meeting of 2024 in Limerick

On the 30th of May, Hardware Association Ireland team and Executive Committee welcomed a number of its members and Corporate Partners to its first Regional Meeting of 2024, which took place at the Castle Oaks Hotel in Limerick. The day kicked off with a tour of the Grant Engineering site in Crinkle, Co. Offaly. The HAI team was warmly welcomed by Niall Fay and Keith Scully from Grant, who gave attendees a fascinating overview of the company's history, along with a detailed tour of their site, the manufacturing line, and of their latest products. They also provided some great insights into the quickly changing future of the heating sector, including the emergence of HVO and other green resources and technologies.

Later in the day HAI Members and Corporate Partners met at Castle Oaks Hotel in Limerick for their first Regional Meeting of the year. It was a great celebration of comradery and networking in the hardware/DIY sector, and a great time was had by all, with industry peers getting to connect. After dinner the evening concluded with two great presentations from HAI Corporate Partners:

Denise McCarthy from Securitas Technology updated their latest retail security services, including intruder deterrent technology and surveillance services, and David Lombard from O'Leary Insurances advised attendees on how to get the most out of their insurance policy – including advice on dealing with brokers, the advantages and disadvantages of pricing around, and what questions to ask your broker. ■

