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PVF Roundtable Announces Newmans Valve's Sara Alford as New President

The PVF Roundtable, a Houston-based not-for-profit organization of companies involved in the pipe, valve and fitting industry, provides a platform for members to interact with one another, network and discuss important issues impacting the PVF industry.

The membership firms consist of manufacturers, distributors, fabricators, engineering firms, construction companies and end-users. A General Assembly Meeting is held in Houston several times a year, to allow attending members to meet and provide an important forum for the dissemination of industry information.

In January 2020, Newmans Valve General Manager, Sara Alford took office to become the PVF Roundtable's new president. In her term, Sara will support the 14 board members and their initiatives to grow the organization.

"In my term as President, I would like to see the organization grow with more EPC, Fabricators and End users while continuing to grow our strong distribution membership. This will allow our organization to grow significantly and be able to provide more opportunities for scholarships to touch more young lives," said Sara. "With more educational sessions, we will bring back prior members and sign on new members by offering more than just networking sessions. We will continue to grow our PVF Young Professional Committee to help bridge the gap between the tenured folks and the young professionals coming into the industry."

Membership in The PVF Roundtable provides a medium for informal contact with peers and an opportunity to discuss common problems in an informal setting leading to possible mutual solutions. The "Task Group" method of problem solving adopted by the Roundtable has proven to be effective and is available to members in the more complex problems faced by the industry. Trends can be identified and potential

problems examined by members working together. Industry, governmental and environmental changes can be examined and members can determine how these might affect their own particular firms.

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"The greatest benefits to being a PVF Roundtable member are the industry connections you make at our meetings along with the fundraising we do as a 501c3 to enable us to give industry scholarships to those who need it. It is important to have a platform such as PVF Roundtable to offer a space where industry folks can network and discuss the current state of the industry. Many of our members are able to make those connections with suppliers to help grow their business," Sara revealed.

While The PVF Roundtable is not a Standards-writing organization, it maintains close ties with those organizations in the industry that do produce those Standards. In addition, close relations are maintained with major industry trade groups. These relationships have provided a major avenue for problem solving over the past decade and the organization anticipates that they will continue to do so. Additionally, those ties provide insight on industry trends,



giving members an advantage in planning their future activities.

Sara entered the valve industry in 1999 with Newmans Valve as a project contract administrator, which set the foundation for her growth within the PVF industry.

"With the mentorship and guidance of Ginger Restovic, I have moved into various job roles within the company, understanding the value of each role and excelling to the position I hold now as General Manager of Newmans Valve," Sara explained. "My previous experience in running a business and my dedication to continual improvement has set the foundation for me to take on the PVF Presidents role."

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Dear readers,

I wanted to take the opportunity to reach out to let the Valve World community know that the KCI team is here for you during this uncertain time. We want to assure you that we take the health and well-being of our customers, and associates very seriously. Like you, we are closely monitoring the quickly developing effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The valve industry is important to the ongoing success of

operations in the most critical processes, necessary supplies and common functionality of things we have become accustomed to in everyday life. As essential suppliers, we appreciate your dedication to protecting and caring for employees, customers, and the public.

We are all in this together. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and follow guidance from public health officials and government agencies, so we can continue to support our customers and communities as needed. We will

get through this together. Please feel free to contact me about the ways you feel the valve industry is stepping up in this time of need at s.bradley@kci-world.com.



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