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Slate of Nominees for IMPI Voting Board of Governors Election Announced, Candidate Statements and Voting Instructions Released

May 14, 2022 - The International Microwave Power Institute (IMPI), a leading global scientific organization dedicated to non-communication microwave and RF energy applications, is pleased to announce the Slate of Nominees for the 2022 Board of Governors election. The nominees are: Dr. Eric Brown of Conagra Brands, Dr. Ulrich Erle of Nestlé R&D, and Dr. Klaus Werner of pinkRF. IMPI Voting Board Member, Marie Jirsa of Tyson Foods, chaired the Nominating Committee.

The election will take place during the Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 5pm EST, at the DeSoto Hotel in Savannah, Georgia, USA. The Annual Business Meeting is being held in conjunction with the 56th Annual Microwave Power Symposium (IMPI 56) taking place June 14-16, 2022 at the same venue.

In accordance with the Institute's Bylaws, the term for the elected Voting Board Members shall be three years. IMPI Members who are unable to join the Annual Business Meeting in Savannah [are encouraged to vote electronically](#), through 5pm on June 15, 2022. All IMPI members in good standing may cast one ballot. The Candidate Statements are as follows:

Eric F. Brown, Principal Research Scientist, Conagra Brands, Inc.

"I have been involved with IMPI as part of Conagra's corporate membership for the past eight years, starting as the Technical Host for the webinars and serving on the Board of Governors since 2019. IMPI has provided fantastic opportunities to engage a variety of industry experts, and I have learned a lot from them. I would like to continue as a voting member on the Board of Governors as there are many exciting opportunities in microwave technology that should become available over the next few years."

Ulrich Erle, Expert Cooking Technology and Food Science, Nestlé R&D Solon/Ohio

"Being a part of IMPI, both representing a corporate member for twelve years and as a voting member of the Board of Governors for nine years, has enriched my life in many different ways. There is no other organization where microwave and RF professionals from so many different countries and diverse industrial as well as academic backgrounds meet on a regular basis. The

result is a fruitful exchange of concepts, ideas and practical information. The networking opportunities IMPI events provide are invaluable, and the personal relationships from those interactions are lasting.

Since 1966, IMPI has always stayed true to its mission to serve the information needs of those involved in non-communication applications of microwaves and RF energy. I am grateful and proud to support this mission, including the promotion of new concepts, such as Solid State Technology. Given another term as a voting member of the Board of Governors, I will carry on with the mission.”

Klaus Werner, CTO and Founder, pinkRF; Chairman, IMPI Solid State RF Energy Section

“It is my firm believe that the solid state RF Energy technology has unique potential to make possible and improve a large number of processes that require heating or plasma processing of “things”. The technology will reduce our CO₂ footprint and contribute to quality of life. With its track record and amount of competence available through its membership, IMPI is the ideal organization and platform to further this vision. Serving the organization as voting member on the board will allow me to help the organization to grow its clout and relevance in the broad field of RF and microwave technologies.”

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