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John F. Gerling Inducted as Fellow of IMPI; Voting Board Members and Executive Board Elected, Schiffmann Memorial Awards Unveiled at Annual General Membership Meeting

June 21, 2022 - The International Microwave Power Institute (IMPI), the leading scientific organization dedicated to connecting the global microwave and RF energy community, is pleased to announce several major developments out of their Annual General Membership Meeting last week in Savannah, Georgia, USA.

Mr. John F. Gerling of Gerling Consulting, Inc. was inducted as the 36th Fellow of the Institute on June 15th. Gerling's association with IMPI began in 1984; he has served in a variety of leadership positions since the mid-1990's, including Interim President since September 2021 and Treasurer since 2011. The Fellow Nominating Committee, chaired by IMPI Fellows, Dr. Juan Aguilar of the University of Nuevo Leon and Dr. Juming Tang of Washington State University, nominated Gerling after an extensive review process.

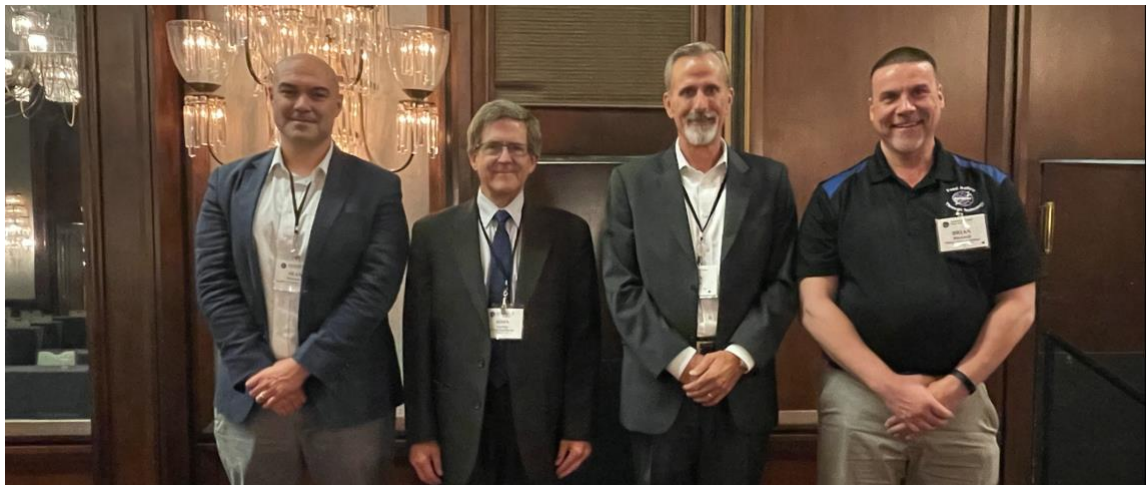
When presenting the nomination to the Board, Tang and Aguilar stated, *"This recommendation recognizes [Gerling's] outstanding leadership in IMPI and contributions in advancing the knowledge and designs of microwave systems in diverse applications, including NASA space programs, industrial heating, and consumer goods."* Letters of recommendation provided by Dr. Ralph Bruce of Vanderbilt University, Mr. Jerome Czajkowski of Richardson Electronics and Mr. Mohammad Kamarehi of MKS, cited Gerling's technical contributions to the field as well as his strong ethics and service to the Institute and larger microwave/RF community. The Board of Governors was unanimous in their decision to bestow the Institute's highest honor to Gerling.

The membership re-elected three Voting Board Members: Dr. Eric Brown of Conagra Brands, Dr. Ulrich Erle of Nestlé R&D, and Dr. Klaus Werner of pinkRF. Voting Board Member, Marie Jirsa of Tyson Foods, chaired the Nominating Committee. Voting Board Members serve a three-year term.

Following the Annual General Membership Meeting, the Board met to elect their leadership for the coming year. Gerling was elected as President of IMPI, Mr. John Mastela of EliteRF was re-

elected as Vice President, Mr. Brian Blackwell of Odyssey Technical Solutions will serve as Treasurer and Dr. Sean McKeown of Graphic Packaging International was elected Secretary. The officers will serve a one-year term.

IMPI began the annual meeting by unveiling the *Robert F. Schiffmann Leadership Award and Memorial Scholarship*. Bob Schiffmann, who was active in IMPI since 1967 and served over twenty-years as IMPI's President, died in September of 2021. Schiffmann's wife and several members of his family were present for the unveiling of the awards and received a commemorative plaque from IMPI. Scholarship [contributions can be made here](#).



IMPI's 2022/2023 Executive Board from left: Dr. Sean McKeown (Secretary), Mr. John F. Gerling (President), Mr. John Mastela (Elite RF) and Mr. Brian Blackwell (Treasurer).



Left: Mr. John F. Gerling, inducted as an IMPI Fellow, receives a plaque from Dr. Juan Aguilar. Right: Gerling presents a plaque to members of the Schiffmann family.