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

May 29, 2023 - 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 2023 Board of Governors election. The nominees are: Mr. Ben Ballart of SAIREM, Mr. John F. Gerling of Gerling Consulting, Dr. Sean McKeown of Graphic Packaging International and Mr. Roger Williams of 3D RF Energy Corporation. IMPI's Secretary, Dr. Sean McKeown chaired the Nominating Committee.

The election will take place during the Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 4:35pm CT, at the Curtis Hotel in Denver, Colorado, USA. The Annual Business Meeting is being held in conjunction with the 57th Annual Microwave Power Symposium (IMPI 57) taking place June 27-29, 2023 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 Denver, or prefer to cast their ballot electronically in advance of the meeting, [are encouraged to vote electronically](#), through 4pm on June 28, 2023. All IMPI members in good standing may cast one ballot. The Candidate Statements are as follows:

"As a Corresponding Board member and representing SAIREM at IMPI, it has quickly become apparent that microwave power related technologies have the potential to benefit many industries, increase many processes' efficiency and reduce carbon emissions. Microwave power is still vastly misunderstood by many in the industry and IMPI is undoubtedly playing a key role in educating scientists and increasing the reach of microwave power around the world. Serving IMPI as a voting member seems like a great opportunity to help grow the organization and further promote microwave power technologies."

- *Ben Ballart, Managing Director, SAIREM CORP*

“When I first joined IMPI in the 1980s and attended my first symposium, IMPI was in its heyday of activity fueled by tremendous growth of the microwave oven market. IMPI was then and is still widely recognized as the go-to source for microwave and RF applications technology. Throughout most of my association with IMPI I’ve held several positions on IMPI boards, including ISMI Section VP and President, IMPI Treasurer, and now IMPI President. After having experienced challenges during COVID, IMPI is now in a healthy growth period and I am confident about its ability to meet the needs of the microwave/RF applications community. With the help of the membership, fellow board members and executive management, I’m eager to continue as a board member to help plot the course and steer IMPI towards greater success and further growth.”

- *John F. Gerling, President, Gerling Consulting*

“I am writing to express my interest in continuing my role as a voting member of the IMPI Board of Governors. Over the years, I have attended many conferences and workshops and served multiple roles, first as the IMPI Webinar Chair and currently as Secretary and Board Member Nomination Committee member. I believe IMPI plays a critical role in advancing the field of microwave power and serving as the authority on non-communication uses of microwave energy. On a personal level, the organization has played a large role in my professional development by providing a platform for collaboration and exchange of knowledge. In continuing my roles, I would work strengthen the institutions position and promote the interests of its members. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to the opportunity to serve.”

- *Sean McKeown, Graphic Packaging International*

“A decade ago, IMPI's 47th annual symposium was held in Providence. In 2013 I was working for NXP, already developing solid-state power technology for industrial microwave applications. But it was in IMPI that I found the community of professionals, researchers, and academics representing an incredibly diverse range of disciplines that intersected so well with the the technology I was focused on. In the ten years since then, I have stayed involved with IMPI—as presenter, instructor, exhibitor, technical program committee member, and most recently as a member of the Board of Governors. I am grateful for all the knowledge, insight, and friendships that this eclectic community has contributed to me, and I am committed to helping IMPI to grow and flourish in the next decade.”

- *Roger Williams, CEO and Founder, 3D RF Energy Corp.*

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