

PFA achieves record growth in membership throughout North and South America

With the addition of three new US flexible polyurethane foam producers, eight new associate/supplier members, and four new federated members, the Polyurethane Foam Association (PFA) has achieved record growth this year with membership up more than 30 %, according to Joe Progar, PFA President and EVP of Advanced Urethane Technologies.

“PFA’s strategic work addressing legislative and regulatory threats is vital to our industry,” he said. “PFA’s collective efforts strengthen our industry as a whole and better equip foam manufacturers to meet future opportunities and challenges.” According to Progar, growth is coming from companies in the USA as well as from other countries. Since announcing its new federated membership category in May 2013, the PFA has gained several new members from Canada and Brazil and flexible polyurethane foam producers from other Panamerican countries are expected to join soon.

PFA has earned a reputation as a strong and insightful advocacy group on behalf of the flexible polyurethane foam industry and provides educational technical bulletins, legal briefings, white papers, and position papers for members. “PFA provides a valuable service to its members and, as the economy continues to improve, membership in our industry’s trade association becomes an investment that’s easy to justify. It’s no secret that the pressure is on from regulatory groups and PFA is best equipped to take on those challenges,” Progar added.

The Polyurethane Foam Association was founded in 1980 and represents manufacturers of open cell flexible polyurethane foam as commonly used in upholstered furniture seating, mattresses, pillows and automotive interiors. In 2012, more than 1 billion pounds of flexible polyurethane foam were produced by US foam producers. The PFA membership also includes raw material suppliers and companies that provide processing equipment and related services.

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