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#### **SPRI elects DeFreitas as president for 2007-2008 Term**

Waltham, MA, January 2007 — SPRI's nominating committee has elected Mark DeFreitas as president for the 2007-2008 term. SPRI members nominated DeFreitas at the association's 25th Annual Conference and Business Meeting, held Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> in San Diego, CA. SPRI represents sheet membrane and component suppliers to the commercial roofing industry.

DeFreitas is a sales manager of Siplast Inc., Irving, TX, and takes over for outgoing SPRI President Paul Larson of ITW, Glenview, IL.

"I am honored to serve as president of this association," said DeFreitas, who has served on SPRI's board of directors for five years. "These are exciting times for the roofing industry, and SPRI will continue to take a lead role in providing positive contributions to our dynamic industry."

DeFreitas has worked for Siplast for the past 16 years and is manager of Siplast's Continuing Education programs. He brings a wealth of experience to his new position, including solid training and management skills. An active participant at SPRI for more than four years, DeFreitas has also chaired the association's promotion committee and served as treasurer in 2005.

"SPRI has a full agenda for 2007, and we look forward to working with other roofing industry organizations to continue to improve our industry."

DeFreitas' predecessor Paul Larsen has led several SPRI subcommittees over the past 11 years and served on the board of directors for four terms. He will retire from the board this year.

SPRI is a leading trade association representing suppliers of flexible sheet membranes and a wide variety of other components used in commercial roofing systems. Like DeFreitas and Larson, delegates from member companies work together through SPRI on a wide range of projects, including code issues and standards development. For more information about SPRI and its activities, visit SPRI's Web site at [www.spri.org](http://www.spri.org), or contact the association at [info@spri.org](mailto:info@spri.org).