

BILL OLER RETIRES AS CARPET CUSHION COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BILL HAINES NAMED NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

After 18 years of service, William (Bill) Oler announces his retirement as Executive Director of the Carpet Cushion Council, effective January 1, 2006. He will continue to assist the Council in its on-going testing sampling program.

The Carpet Cushion Council has named William (Bill) Haines as the new Executive Director.

Oler joined the Carpet Cushion Council in 1987 after twenty years as Senior Vice President of General Felt Industries, now Foamex Carpet Cushion/GFI.

During his tenure with the Carpet Cushion Council, Oler has represented the interests of the Carpet Cushion Council with government regulatory agencies, including the department of Housing and Urban Development, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency. He also has maintained the Council's relationship with affiliated associations such as the Carpet and Rug Institute, the World Floor Covering Association, the Floor Covering Installation Contractors Association, the Certified Floor Covering Installers, the Association of Specialists in Restoration & Cleaning, the Polyurethane Foam Association and the Canadian Carpet Institute.

In 1990-1991, Oler participated in the year-long EPA dialog on indoor air quality which resulted in a voluntary agreement between the carpet cushion industry and the EPA. The carpet cushion industry agreed to conduct a series of tests on carpet cushion to determine the total volatile organic compounds emitted from new carpet cushion and find ways to reduce them in the manufacturing process.

He holds a degree in electrical engineering from Yale University.

Haines comes to the Carpet Cushion Council after 42 years in the chemical business. with Shell Chemical, Bayer Chemical and ARCO. He retired in 1997 and worked with Foamex as a Senior Advisor to the Chairman of the Board and then as a consultant with Carpenter.

He holds a degree from St. Peters College in Jersey City, New Jersey and an MBA from Farley Dickinson University.

The Carpet Cushion Council is the trade association representing the manufacturers of separate carpet cushion.

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