

Excel's Paul Mullet is OPEI Chairman for 2014-2015



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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Officers for the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) for the 2014-2015 year include: OPEI Chairman Paul Mullet, President, Excel Industries; OPEI Vice Chair Lee Sowell, President, Outdoor Products at Techtronic Industries, N.A., Incorporated; and OPEI Secretary/Treasurer Tim Merrett, Vice President of A & T Global Platform and Turf & Utility, Deere & Company. Immediate past chair is Todd Teske, Chairman, President & CEO at Briggs & Stratton Corporation. OPEI is entering a new era of growth and engagement because of the ground work laid for many years by our board of directors,” says Kris Kiser, President and CEO of OPEI. “As the voice of outdoor power equipment, utility vehicle, and small engine manufacturers, we are doing more to support manufacturers, advocate on their behalf, educate dealers, and share safety standards and best practices within the industry and with consumers.”

“A hundred million plus consumers use our products and our industry is continuing to expand and grow,” adds OPEI Chairman, Paul Mullet. “OPEI is championing the highest standards of safety and excellence during this phase of growth and innovation.”

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