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## KEN HOOPER ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO RETIRE AS NEMRA CEO

**PORTSMOUTH, NH,** – The Board of Directors of the National Electrical Manufacturers Representatives Association (NEMRA) today announced that Ken Hooper, President and CEO, will retire from his role in June 2019. Hooper has served as NEMRA's leader since 2009.

"Ken has been a visionary leader and under his direction NEMRA has grown its membership, introduced numerous innovative programs, and propelled our annual conference to be the largest and most productive meeting in the electrical industry," said Joe Tumlin, Chairman of NEMRA. "We will miss his advocacy of the independent representative sales model but are confident our succession plan will yield a leader fully capable of maintaining our momentum," Tumlin added.

"With this announcement, the Board has activated a search to be conducted by a leading executive recruitment firm. Over the coming months we will be actively engaged in assessing candidates for the position," said Fran Pollart, NEMRA's incoming Chairman and head of the search committee. "We are focused on finding a dynamic new leader who will work with Ken to ensure a flawless leadership transition," added Pollart.

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## **About NEMRA**

NEMRA, the National Electrical Manufacturers Representatives Association, offers its members powerful resources for educational and professional development, networking, and new business opportunities. The NEMRA membership combines the premier sales representative firms in the electrical industry with the leading electrical equipment manufacturers. Founded in 1969, NEMRA currently has over 650 member firms in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.