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West Bloomfield, Mich.—The Floor Covering Installation Contractors Association (FCICA) announced that Christopher Capobianco of Patchogue, N.Y., has been elected to the office of chairman following the resignation of Jonathan Stewart who left the FCICA for a new position outside of the industry. Growing up in the industry, Capobianco’s floor covering lineage goes back to his great grandfather on his father’s side and his grandfather on his mother’s side. Since 1978, his career has included retailing, architectural sales and technical support for two manufacturers, writing a number of trade publications and volunteering for several trade associations. His most recent venture, Flooring Answers, is a consulting firm which provides a valuable source of information, training and support for people and companies that specify, buy, sell and/or install floor coverings,” he noted. “My goals are to raise the visibility of the FCICA so the industry knows who we are—a trade association of commercial floor covering contractors with \$800 million in annual sales,” he said. It is the role for the FCICA to work together with the other associations in the industry to improve training programs and raise the level of education in the industry. In addition to Capobianco, the 2005-2006 executive board includes: William Beck as vice chairman; Anthony D’Antuono, secretary-treasurer; Bill Dietrich, immediate past chairman, and Michelle Swiniarski, vice chairman of associates. Continuing as executive vice president is Kimberly Oderkirk. New to the board of directors and serving until 2008 are Anthony Crisalli; Carl Embrey, and Cathy Panagakos. Those continuing to serve until 2007 are: Dave Stafford; Don Styka and Gerry Swift. Continuing terms which will expire in 2006 are: Al Baer; Tom Guilfoyle and Jim Schmid. In other news, FCICA recently released an instructional video titled, “Glue Down Pattern Installation.” The video, which was produced by the Floorcovering Installation Training (FIT) committee and J&J Industries, covers everything from job site conditions and substrate preparation to patteren and runoff as well as explaining printed, overtufted and graphic patterns. The video is a must for people who sell, estimate or install patterned carpet,” concluded Christopher Capobianco. “Direct Glue Down Pattered Installation” is part of the FCICA FIT program, which is an installation training program on carpet and resilient floors. The cost for the video is \$49.95. For more information about FCICA, call 248/661



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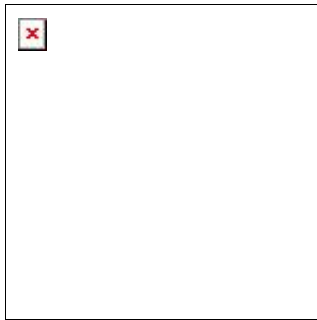
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