<u>OPEI Announces 2011-2012 Officers and</u> <u>Directors</u>



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The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute welcomes Jean Hlay, president and chief operating officer, MTD Products, Inc., as the first woman to serve as its chair of the board and board member.

Other officers for 2011-2012 include Richard Fotsch, president of the Global Power Group, Kohler Company as vice chair; and Dan Wilkinson, president of Jacobsen, A Textron Company, as secretary/treasurer.

Continuing their service on the board are: Daniel Ariens, president of Ariens Company; Steven Bly, executive vice president of Echo, Inc.; Edward Cohen, vice president-government & industry relations of American Honda Moto Co., Inc.; Michael Hoffman, chief executive officer of The Toro Company; Michael Jones, president of Husqvarna Professional Products; John May, senior vice president of AT&T Global Platform, Turf & Ag Division, John Deere Company; Gary Michel, president & CEO of Club Car, Inc.; Paul Mullet, president of Excel Industries; Todd Teske, president & CEO of Briggs & Stratton Corp.; and Fred Whyte, president of STIHL, Inc. and immediate past chairman.