TWO NEW MEMBERS JOIN CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER BOARD
SHARMA AND ZIERDEN BRING VARIED EXPERTISE IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 28, 2012 — Carnegie Science Center has announced the addition of two new board members: Venkee Sharma, president and CEO of Aquatech International Corporation, and Mike Zierden, vice president and product manager PCS for Bayer Material Science.

Venkee Sharma has been at the helm of Aquatech for 20 years. In this time, the company has transformed from a small, regional manufacturer of industrial water treatment equipment to a recognized and respected major player in global water industry. Aquatech is a leader in the Global Water Industry with more than 700 employees in six major locations/subsidiaries worldwide.

Sharma received engineering degrees in chemical and biomedical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) and has completed advanced management programs at Carnegie Mellon, as well as Stanford University. He presently serves on the Board of the Allegheny Conference for Community Development and the American Middle East Institute.

Michael Zierden is head of the Thermoplastic Polyurethane (TPU) Resin business for Bayer MaterialScience LLC. In this role, Zierden is responsible for all sales, marketing, manufacturing, research and development, and product management activities for the TPU business unit in North America. Prior to his current position, Zierden served as director of sales in Marketing and New Business Development for TPU.

Zierden holds a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Villanova University, as well as a master’s in business administration from Pepperdine University. He also obtained his Six Sigma black belt, while in the Business Excellence group at Bayer MaterialScience.

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About Carnegie Science Center
Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center’s goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh’s premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes and off-site education programs.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh
Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1895, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums dedicated to exploration through art and science: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. Annually, the museums reach more than 1.2 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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