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## **Casey McIlhon Elected NFDA President for 2015-2016**



Casey McIlhon of Assembled Products (Des Moines, Iowa) was elected as the 2015-2016 president of the National Fastener Distributors Association. Marc Strandquist of The Wurth Group (Indianapolis, Indiana) will serve as vice president, Kameron Dorsey of Beacon Fasteners & Components (Wheeling, Illinois) is the new associate chair, and Paul Tiffany of Copper State Bolt & Nut (Phoenix, Arizona) will remain on the Board as immediate past president.

Three new Board members were elected to serve on the NFDA Board: Kevin Godin of General Fasteners Company (Livonia, Michigan), Adam Pratt of Sherex Corporation (Tonawanda, New York), and Jennifer Ruetz of AIS-All Integrated Solutions (Franksville, Wisconsin).

Continuing on the NFDA Board are Giovanni Cespedes of Falcon Fastening Solutions (Charlotte, North Carolina), Gary Cravens of Advance Components (Carrollton, Texas), Jim Lindrup of Great Lakes Fasteners & Supply (Grand Haven, Michigan), and Kevin Miller of Bamal Corporation (Charlotte, North Carolina).

The new Board was introduced at the NFDA 2015 Annual Meeting, held June 10-11, in Rosemont, Illinois. Highlights of the Annual Meeting included programs on:

- Building the Bridge: The Generation Gap Through the Eyes of Young Fastener Professionals - presented by Bryan Wheeler of Star Stainless Screw (Wood Dale, Illinois) and Melissa Patel of Field (Machesney Park, Illinois).
- Cutting Edge Trends in Warehousing and Delivery - presented by Chad Almjdeld of Logistics Planning Service (Waconia, Minnesota)
- Plating: Current Issues and Products - presented by Brian Lowry of Curtis Metal Finishing (Sterling Heights, Michigan)
- Ready for Growth? An Economic Update - presented by Alan Beaulieu of the Institute for Trend Research (Manchester, New Hampshire)

Tribute was paid during the meeting to retiring Board members Marty Goeree of The Elgin Group (Brecksville, Ohio), Bob Luzum of Accurate

Component Sales (New Brighton, Minnesota), and Kevin Reidl of Hodell-Natco Industries (Valley View, Ohio).

During the annual business meeting, Casey McIlhon gave an update on the association's activities during the past year and plans for the coming year.

Nine new members were introduced at the annual business meeting:

- Brikkson
- Distribution One
- Earnest Machine Products
- Elite Fasteners
- Lakeside Construction Fasteners
- Logistics Planning Services
- OEM Parts and Tools
- Owner Resource Group
- QFC Industries

The annual business meeting also featured remarks from Ivan Lin of the Taiwan Fastener Trading Association.

Many thanks to the Annual Meeting sponsors: Dokka Fasteners, Rotor Clip Company, Star Stainless Screw, Taiwan Fastener Trading Association, Wurth Service Supply, Beacon Fasteners & Components, Cable Tie Express, IFE Americas and Spirol Distribution.

Upcoming NFDA events include:

NFDA Executive Retreat  
November 8-10, 2015  
Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne, Miami  
Key Biscayne, Florida

NFDA Joint Conference with the Pacific-West Fastener Association  
March 1-4, 2016  
Loews Coronado Bay Resort  
San Diego, California

NFDA Annual Meeting & Executive Sales Planning Sessions  
June 27-28, 2016  
The Galt House Hotel  
Louisville, Kentucky

For more information about NFDA and its activities, visit [www.nfda-fastener.org](http://www.nfda-fastener.org) or contact Vickie Lester, [vl Lester@nfda-fastener.org](mailto:vl Lester@nfda-fastener.org) , telephone 714-484-7858.