

Kevin Chavis Re-Elected as Pacific-West Fastener Association President

Kevin Chavis of Star Stainless Screw (Commerce, California) was elected to serve a second term as president of the Pacific-West Fastener Association at a recent meeting of the Pac-West Board of Directors.

Chris McCaffrey of R&D Fasteners (Rancho Cucamonga, California) was elected as the association's vice president, and Ron Stanley of Empire Bolt & Screw (Spokane, Washington) was elected secretary/treasurer. Rick Peterson of All-West Components & Fasteners (Seattle, Washington) stays on the Board as immediate past president.

Gigi Calfee of Copper State Bolt & Nut (Phoenix, Arizona), Steve Kendall of Portland Screw Company (Portland, Oregon), Beth Van Zandt of Desert Distribution (Santa Clarita, California), and Doug Weiland of Stelfast (Milpitas, California) were elected by the Pac-West membership to serve three-year terms on the Board of Directors.

Other members of the Pac-West Board are Corey Bell of THB Inc. (Salt Lake City, Utah), Hans Fuller of Fuller (Surrey, British Columbia), Alison Hubbard of North State Fastener (Sunnyvale, California), and Clay Weaver of Industrial Threaded Products (Brea, California).

At the association's recent fall conference, tribute was paid to retiring Board members MaryEllen Dinicola of The Socket Source (Cerritos, California), Dallas Puckett of Valley Nut and Bolt (Olympia, Washington), Tim Roberto Jr. of Star Stainless Screw (Union City, California), and John Wachman of Desert Distribution (Scottsdale, Arizona).

Pac-West also recognized its two newest honorary members, Larry Stanley (Empire Bolt & Screw, Spokane, Washington) and Dave Kendall (Portland Screw Company, Portland, Oregon).

Pac-West's 2016 Fall Conference took place September 28-October 1 at the Embassy Suites Downtown in Portland, Oregon. The conference featured the perfect mix of stimulating educational programs and fun events.

Education offerings at the Pac-West 2016 Fall Conference included:

- Carmen Vertullo's insightful presentation on "What Distributors Need to Know about Plating," followed by a plant tour of East Side Plating.
- Facility tour of Brighton-Best International in Portland.
- Business Executives roundtable discussions.
- Business Owners roundtable discussions.
- "Turning Buyers into Investors" by Jason Bader of The Distribution Team
- "State of the Fastener Industry" presented by Tim Roberto of Star Stainless Screw and Simmi Sakhuja of Stelfast.

Conference social events included a brewcycle tour of some of the city's craft brew pubs. The next day included a tour of Multnomah Falls with lunch at Edgefield, a historic property and gardens, and a dinner cruise on the Willamette River.

Pac-West's [next conference](#) will take place March 15-18 at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach, California. Cosponsored by the National Fastener Distributors Association, the conference will feature a tabletop show on March 16.

Also on the schedule for 2017 is the Pac-West Fall Conference, August 23-26 at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler in Whistler, British Columbia.

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