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EVERGREEN NAMES 2017-18 BOARD

» The Evergreen Marketing Group announces its new Board of Directors and Supplier Advisory Council effective July 1, 2017.

Evergreen's 2017-2018 Board of Directors includes:

Chairman, Rand Okemura, Slim's Power Tools, Honolulu, Hawaii: President John Calhoun. United Tool & Fastener. Houston, Texas: Vice President Paul Kuhlman, Acme Tools, Grand Forks, North

Dakota; Secretary Mike A. Bannigan, McQuade & Bannigan, Utica. New York: Treasurer Tighe LaRue, Salisbury Supply,



Wichita, Kansas; Director Leo Fay, Pro Tool & Supply, Waltham, Massachusetts; Director Keith Turtenwald, Lincoln Contractors Supply, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Evergreen's 2017-2018 Supplier Advisory Council includes: Jamie Christian, Milwaukee Tool Corp. (Chairman): Robert Varzino, JPW Industries: Patrick Kearl. Relton Corporation; Bill England, Radians Inc.; Ron Gehen, United Abrasives/SAIT; Mike Ferguson, Multiquip; Jim Doherty, Erin Rope Corporation; Bob Patch, Canow-Western (Manufacturer Rep Liaison); Mark Schindler, Lawless Sales Group (Manufacturer Rep Liaison).

Visit www.evergreen-marketing.com for more information.

HARDWARE SHOW TALLIES UP

>> The 2017 National Hardware Show has released its official attendance figures. According to the NHRA. the show drew 30,000 attendees to some 2,600 vendor booths. Next year, the National Hardware Show will be held May 8-10 at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Learn more at www.nationalhardwareshow.com.



» As of May 31, booth space for the 2018 edition of the EISENWARENMESSE International Hardware Fair was 90 percent sold. At the time, 64 percent of the booth space sold was held by countries from outside of Germany. The 2018 show will be held March 4-7, in Cologne, Germany. Learn more at www.eisenwarenmesse.com

SPHERE 1 ANNOUNCES AWARDS AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS

>> At their 18th Annual Meeting and Conference, 780 Sphere 1 members and guests celebrated a recordbreaking year for 2016. The 2016 Partnership of the Year awards for excellent service

were presented to Freud and Stanley Black & Decker. For the fifth year in a row, Hitachi



Power Tools has been awarded the 2016 Preferred Supplier for highest sales achievement by brand.

Nu Way, an industry leader in the sales and rental of concrete forms, equipment and accessories, was named the Member of the Year.

Sphere 1 has also appointed Dan Williams, Tigthon Tool, to its Board of Directors, Mike Gleason, Elfco. has been appointed to **Secretary**, and Ed Dainko, Hub Construction Supplies, has been appointed to Associate **Director**. Learn more at www.sphere1.coop.

FESTOOL BEGINS MANUFACTURING IN INDIANA

>> Festool has started producing its FS Guide Rails, an integral system component and accessory of many of its power tools, at the company's North American headquarters in Lebanon, Indiana, FS Guide Rails are aluminum tracks that work in collaboration with some of Festool's most popular products, including its track saws, routers and jigsaws. Festool plans to expand its Lebanon-based manufacturing facilities for additional production lines and other products in the future. For more information, visit www.festoolusa.com.

NETPLUS STAFF GROWS

>> NetPlus Alliance has hired Melissa Obenshain as its new operations coordinator, Sky Stage as digital marketing specialist and promoted Shirley Weiland to assistant vice president of distributor development and events. Obenshain serves as NetPlus Alliance's operations coordinator, supporting Weiland in her role as well as performing other office-support functions. Stage has joined the team as a digital marketing specialist, working with Zach Brado, who was recently promoted to director of business development. Learn more about NetPlus Alliance at www.netplusalliance.com.





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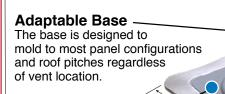
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