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**National Fastener Distributors Association
Announces New Vice President/Treasurer**

The National Fastener Distributors Association (NFDA) is pleased to announce the election of Jim Derry to its Board of Directors, as the organization's Vice President and Treasurer. With over 18 years of experience in the fastener industry, Derry has had a long tenure of active involvement with NFDA, including serving a previous term on the Board of Directors. He currently serves as the General Manager of Field, his family's fastener distribution company based in Machesney Park, Illinois.

As the Vice President and Treasurer, Derry plans to use his expertise, which includes certification as a Six Sigma Black Belt, to help adapt NFDA to a changing and challenging environment. His focus will be to help the organization diversify its revenue sources and expand its services, based on the evolving needs of members. His vision includes taking the association to a global scale. "The fastener industry continues to operate on an increasingly global basis, and the NFDA needs to find ways to enhance our members' ability to compete in a more complex global environment," he said.

Derry recognizes the direct link between the health of the association and the health the fastener industry. With extensive experience as a sales manager, he has no illusions about the core value of NFDA to its members. "We will continue to use input from our members to drive meeting agendas and address their business needs. It all boils down to helping our members more effectively manage, grow and generate profit in their businesses." While the NFDA has lost some members as a result of the current business climate, Derry is optimistic that this is a temporary situation, and that most will return as soon as possible. He is determined to make NFDA a valuable resource to a larger number of distributors and associates, thus playing an important role in the recovery of the fastener industry.

NFDA President Wendy Rose is excited to have Derry return as a Director. "We are glad to have such a familiar face back on the Board. Jim and his family have been an asset to the NFDA for some time, and this official position is a reflection of his leadership in the industry. With the vision and energy of people like Jim, NFDA will continue to be a vital asset to the fastener distributors, associates, and their partners."

Established in 1968, the National Fastener Distributors Association has over 200 distributor and associate members. Headquartered in Chicago, NFDA has been a leader in the fastener industry for 40 years, providing biannual meetings, education and affinity programs for its members. To learn more about NFDA, visit www.nfda-fastener.org.