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ISANTA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

International Staple, Nail and Tool Association's (ISANTA) Board of Directors elected Guenther Kram as Chairman of its Board of Directors and elected Tom Green as Vice-Chairman for 2009. Chris Miller was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Mark Hickok, Manager – Product Safety and Regulatory Compliance for Milwaukee Electric Tool (Techtronic Industries North America Inc.), was re-appointed Chair of its Legislative and Legal Advisory Committee. Pat Talano, Segment Market Manager with Paslode, was appointed Chair of its Public Relations Committee. Winfred Grindle, Quality Assurance Technician for Hitachi-Koki USA, was appointed Chair of its Technology Committee.

Kram is the Business Unit Manager at Illinois Tool Works, Inc. Paslode division located in Vernon Hills, Illinois. Kram received his MBA and undergraduate degrees from DePaul University which is located in Chicago. He has 23 years with ITW, of which 17 years have been spent in the fastener business and the last six with the Paslode division.

Green is Vice-President of Pneumatic Products for PrimeSource Building Products in Carrollton, Texas and is responsible for managing pneumatic fastening tools, power tools, power tool accessories, and air compressors. Green is a graduate of the University of Alabama and earned his degree in Marketing Management. He has 29 years of experience in the fastening industry with the last 7 years with PrimeSource.

Miller is President and CEO of Master Fasteners International LLC, in Long Beach, CA. Miller received a B.S. from California State University - Long Beach in 1969. He has 39 years experience in the nail and staple industry with the last 14 years at Master Fasteners. He is involved with all aspects of the business, with the emphasis on original equipment manufacturer sales throughout North America.

ISANTA has nineteen members: BeA Fasteners USA, BlueLinx Corporation, Black & Decker Industrial Products Group, Bostitch, California Nail & Supply, Dubai Wire, ITW (Duo-Fast and Paslode), Falcon/Specialty Fasteners, Fasco/Beck, Hitachi Koki USA, Jaaco Corporation, Makita USA, Master Fasteners, Max USA, Millennium Steel & Wire, Prebena, PrimeSource, Senco Fastening Systems, and Techtronic Industries.

The association concentrates in the areas of fastening recommendations, product and safety standards, and safety programs for fasteners and fastening tools used in: residential and commercial construction, remodeling, manufactured housing, furniture, vehicles, pallets and containers, and other industrial markets.

(Photos: Kram, Green, and Miller)

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