

2024 FISA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS SUCCESSFUL

Energy was in the air at the recently completed 2024 FISA Annual Conference in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

The 270 attendees represented a combination of 35 Distribution firms, 46 Manufacturing companies and four Associate member companies. The theme of the Conference was "Navigating Transformation." Each of the six speakers referenced how businesses are adapting and changing. Unlocking your digital advantage and taking advantage of AI was a major theme but business transformation and adapting to new challenges also applies to cybersecurity and selling in the 21st century.

While recognizing the speed of change that surrounds us, the final speaker, Kevin Brown, talked about the Hero Effect and being your best when it matters the most. Kevin gave poignant examples of being in the moment and being there for the people in your life. His reminder to take the time to really listen and be present in the moment energized the audience as each person considered navigating transformation in today's world.

Each year, FISA welcomes first-time conference attendees whether they are new to their jobs with long-term member companies or are attendees representing new member companies. Here are comments from a few of the more than 35 first-time attendees:

"If you want to go far, go together." What you need for it is trust. FISA's 2024 Annual Conference "Navigating Transformation" gave me the opportunity to expand on this true adage, meet several of our North American channel partners, and future partners, some suppliers and manufacturers, and have good and honest discussions. I, along with my spouse Juri and my accompanying Tetra Pak team and their spouses, enjoyed the days in Coeur D'Alene very much. From the great social activities and conversations, over the insightful presentations, to the excellent food. Thanks again FISA. I came for the first time, but I'll be back in Florida next year!

Fiona Liebenz, Tetra Pak
Vice President Processing Key Components,
Plant Solutions & Channel Management

As a new member company and first-time attendee at FISA, I felt very welcomed. I enjoyed the opportunity to connect with other leaders of food industry suppliers, and I was very pleased with the accommodations. I absolutely loved the excursions which offered a great balance of networking and entertainment. We will definitely be back next year!

Adam Dupps, Masterleo
General Manager

"Attending the FISA conference for the first time lived up to all the high expectations set by my team members at Fristam Pumps. I experienced outstanding training, witnessed the industry's innovation firsthand, and connected with influential leaders working to elevate the field. It was remarkable to engage with so many channel partners and industry peers, united by a shared goal of improving the industry, even among competitors."

Kevin Femal, Fristam Pumps USA
President

"The FISA conference provides a very unique and fulfilling experience. As a first timer, the Board was sure to make me feel welcomed to the group. There was a balanced mix of networking, industry speakers with relatable topics, and exciting activities to participate in, which made it easy to build connections. The scenic background of Coeur d'Alene was a nice touch, making it a very memorable experience. I am already looking forward to next year's conference at the Omni!"

Vince Rufo, SPXFlow
East Regional Leader – Nutrition & Health

In the post-conference electronic survey, 76% of attendees who responded said they scheduled meetings in advance with attendees, and 99% said they met someone they planned to follow up with for future business. Connecting distributors and manufacturers, who sell through distribution, is the goal of the FISA Conference each year. By strengthening relationships and creating new partnerships, FISA focuses on raising the bar in the hygienic processing industry.

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And to the other 17 companies who generously sponsored events, thank you!



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



FISA Members,
As I write this message, my heart goes out to everyone in the areas of the country who have been affected by Hurricane Helene. We have seen the images of devastation from com-

munities in Helene's over 500-mile path, from the Gulf Coast of Florida to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who has felt the effects of Hurricane Helene, including those who have loved ones, homes, businesses, or other connections in these regions.

On a different note, reflecting on the recently concluded 2024 Annual FISA Conference in scenic Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, I am happy to report that it was a big success. We had a great turnout, not only for the conference sessions, but also for the NextGen event, the spouse/partner/guest breakfast, and all the wonderful afternoon activities.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of everyone involved. A big thank you to all who contributed to making this event such a memorable experience! Jason Ryan is the FISA volunteer who kept the Cvent programming updated for the conference registration process and for agenda changes. Andy Soukup programmed the conference App and was responsive to last minute additions and deletions to ensure the App had correct information which is essential to the Conference running smoothly. Gray Sherrill coordinated our golf tournament on the Coeur d' Alene's great course, and Bruce Michael skillfully organized trap shooting as a change from our traditional sporting clay event. Thank you to these special volunteers! And I would be remiss not to recognize Ola and Faith Wesstrom for serving as this year's Conference Chairs. Their enthusiasm and leadership played a significant role in the success of this year's event, making it truly memorable.

We want to recognize the invaluable contributions of Andy Soukup and Ola Wesstrom who rotated off the FISA Board of Directors. Their unwavering dedication throughout their time on the Board of Directors has been an inspiration to us all. As they rotate off the Board, we extend our deepest appreciation for their hard work, commitment, and service to FISA. With their departure, we are pleased to extend a warm welcome to our new Board members. We are excited to introduce Devon Vogel, of Nelson-Jameson Inc., Shawn Breeden, of Pentair, and Brock Beach, of Rodem, Inc. Read more about each of them on page three of this newsletter.

At the Conference, we had a great turnout for the NextGen event headed by Emily Gentile. This was the third year of having a special event before the Conference for members under 40 years of age and each year the gathering gets better.

As you know, FISA is committed to offering continuing education for members in different ways whether in-person or virtual. Once again, we will be offering two scholarships to the University of Innovative Distribution in March of 2025. One of those scholarships is designated to go to a NextGen member. Be sure to submit your scholarship application before November 1st and the winners will be notified by December 1st. This year, the FISA Business Academy was a new educational offering presented in a virtual format and launched with 27 participants. Plans are underway now for next year and will be announced soon.

Finally, be sure to mark your calendars for the 2025 FISA Annual Conference which will be September 11-14, 2025 at the Omni Amelia Island on beautiful Amelia Island, FL. Registration will not open until next spring but remember to register early because our room block will fill quickly. Thank you for your supporting FISA and stay well and safe.

Barry Dobbins, Dobbins Company

2025 FISA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

September 11 - 14, 2025
Omni Amelia Island
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WELCOME NEW FISA BOARD MEMBERS

At the FISA Annual Meeting on Friday, September 13th in Coeur d' Alene, Eric Perkins, past president and a member of the Nominating Committee, announced the proposed slate of Directors. With there being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made, seconded and approved and the slate was elected. Each of these newly elected directors will serve a three-year term on the FISA Board of Directors. *Congratulations to each of them and welcome!*

Meet Shawn Breeden of Pentair



How long have you been in this industry? I've been in the industry for 19 years and started with APV which was then acquired by SPX. I spent eight years there and joined Pentair in 2013.

What is your present title? I am currently North America Sales Leader for Pentair Food & Beverage Solutions.

When not working what do you enjoy doing? Spending time with my wife and three kids is how I spend my free time. We enjoy camping and attending concerts, and I'm involved with coaching the kids' sports teams.

Why are you willing to devote the time to being on the FISA Board of Directors? I cannot be more excited and honored to join the Board of Directors for FISA. I have been coming to FISA for more than 10 years and always enjoy connecting with new members and reconnecting with old friends and colleagues. FISA is an amazing, and unique organization to be a part of as a manufacturer since it allows distributors and manufacturers who sell through distribution to meet and continue to improve the hygienic processing industry together!

Meet Brock Beach of Rodem, Inc.



How long have you been in this industry? Over six years ago in 2018, I joined Rodem as Vice President of Sales and Marketing, and in 2023, I was honored to be promoted to President. My time at

Rodem has not only deepened my expertise in hygienic processing for critical markets such as food, beverage, dairy, pharmaceutical, and personal care but has also immersed me in the challenges and innovations of these industries. Before my role at Rodem,

I served as Vice President of Sales and Marketing at ICM Inc., a biofuels technology company, where I honed my skills in strategic planning, sales management, and market analysis. This varied experience has given me a comprehensive understanding of organizational leadership and the ability to navigate market trends effectively.

Your present title with Rodem? I currently serve as President and Chief Sales Officer (CSO) at Rodem. In this role, I am responsible for overseeing our company's strategic growth, long-term vision, and overall leadership, ensuring we remain a trusted partner in the hygienic processing industry.

Other industry boards you serve on, if applicable? I am a member of the Greater Cincinnati Area Vistage Executive group, which provides a platform for business leaders to collaborate, learn, and grow. Although I don't currently serve on additional industry-specific boards, my involvement with Vistage allows me to stay connected with leadership trends and best practices across industries.

Why you are willing to devote the time to being on the FISA Board? Rodem is committed to the success of our partners and customers, and FISA's mission aligns closely with our values. By serving on the FISA board, I can play a role in fostering the distributor-manufacturer relationships that are critical to both our business and the industry. I am eager to invest my time and energy into initiatives that strengthen these partnerships and ensure we continue to deliver value beyond just equipment, focusing on service, expertise, and innovation.

When not working, what do you enjoy doing? When I'm not working, I prioritize spending quality time with my family and staying active outdoors. I'm passionate about hiking and volunteering for both boys' and girls' lacrosse at Ryle High School. As a veteran of the United States Army, I've always had a deep appreciation for outdoor activities, teamwork, and giving back to the community.

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APPLY FOR A UID SCHOLARSHIP

The University of Innovative Distribution (UID) is an annual, intensive four-day educational program focused on the unique needs of the wholesale distribution industry. FISA will once again offer two scholarships to the March 10-13, 2025 program in Indianapolis, IN. The scholarships cover the \$1295 tuition cost. Students select their own half or full-day courses each day with classes focused on distribution management, territory sales, marketing, negotiation skills, inventory management, sales management, human resources, leadership, information technologies and many more.

Any FISA employee of a member company is eligible to apply for the scholarship as long as he/she has been employed in the industry for two years. Applicants provide a letter of recommendation from a company principal or manager and write a short essay about their reasons for wanting to attend.

To download an application, go to www.fisanet.org and click on Member Benefits. In the drop down menu, click on Targeted Education. Deadline for submission is November 1 and the winners will be announced December 1. If you have questions, call the FISA office at 336-274-6311.

2024 FISA ANNUAL CONFERENCE – NAVIGATING TRANSFORMATION



(L-R) Juri Jacobi & Fiona Liebehenz, Trey & Kate Morava



(L-R) Adam & Kristen Dupps, Ian & Emily Gentile, Brad & Audrey Munchel

2024 FISA Golf Tournament Winners

Long Drive:

Hole 9 - Scott Kerns

Closest to Pin: (Floating Green)

Hole 14 - Kurtis Kosky (4 ft. 0 in.)

Longest Putt: Mark Wassink (22 ft. 3 in.)

Winners: Dennis Wright, Kurtis Koskey, Max Van Ordstrand at 12 under

Special Award: Annie Herb for getting a birdie on the Floating Green.



2024 Trap Shooting Winning Team

David Newman - Newman Sanitary Gasket Co.

Kevin Kurstin - Wayland Industries

Eric Perkins – Statco/ DSI

Taso Giannoulis - Alfa Laval

Travis Perkins - Statco DSI



(L-R) Christopher Dockray, Arturo Gomez, Kyle Croft, Dave Pollock



NextGen Group Leaving for Taphouse Trivia



Jeannie Deml and her 4 lb.8oz. smallie

Special Membership Benefit

Enjoy the memories of the 2024 FISA Annual Conference and at no cost to you download and print any photos you would like to have.

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2024 FISA ANNUAL CONFERENCE — COEUR D' ALENE, ID



Sergio Filho & Ana Morelli



Dawn & Jeff Heerema



Rick & Paula McDaniel and Bryan Downer



(L to R) Ryan & Sarah Frimel & Cathy & Jim Larsen



John Christensen & Kevin Brown



Friday afternoon kayakers



Andy Soukup and first-timers Sam Weinger & Cassandra Williamson



Thankfully, the weather cleared after the first hole for the FISA Golf Tournament.



Hikers to Mineral Ridge overlooking Lake Coeur d' Alene



FISA Board of Directors (L to R front) Barry Dobbins, Deb Tracy, Ali Legatt, John Georgen (Back Row) Joe Reynolds, Ola Wesstrom, Eric Perkins, Andy Soukup



Bob & Cathy Goetz

Member News & Views

The who, what, where, when and whys of the FISA membership.

How to Submit News

The Distributor News is published quarterly and the deadline for the next issue is December 1, 2024. Due to space limitations, we cannot print specific product information, but personnel changes, changes of address, expansions or other industry news is always of interest.

If you have a question, please call 336-274-6311 or email stella@fisanet.org

Thermaline



Mike Cunningham

Thermaline is pleased to welcome **Mike Cunningham** as the new Eastern Region Sales Manager. Mike comes to us with many years of experience in the sanitary equipment industry, working with both manufacturers and distributors in the food, beverage, and bio-pharmaceutical markets. Over his storied career, Mike has successfully built many manufacturer, distributor, and end-user relationships. Located in Auburn, WA, Thermaline is a proud private U.S. manufacturer of plate, corrugated tubular, and shell-and-tube style heat exchangers, serving the sanitary/high-purity markets for nearly 40 years.

Fristam Pumps USA

Fristam Pumps USA has announced the retirement of **Peter Herb** as President effective at the end of September. Pete has been with Fristam for 36 years where he has served in many leadership roles. In 2003, he took over as President and has served in that role for the last 20 years. During this time, he has led the company to tremendous growth expanding the business into new markets and growing its distribution channels. Fristam thanks Pete for his years of dedicated service and wishes him well in his next chapter. **Kevin Femal** will assume the role of President for Fristam Pumps USA. Kevin joins Fristam with 20 years of experience in the distribu-



Kevin Femal

tion and service industries serving the sanitary markets including food, pharma and healthcare. He was recently CEO of an industrial manufacturing, repair and distribution business that doubled in sales during his six-year tenure. Kevin is a Madison, WI native and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he earned a double major in Marketing and Management. Join us in welcoming Kevin.



Matthew Eggert

In another personnel change, **Matthew Eggert** has been promoted to Design Engineering Manager. In his new position, Matthew will be responsible for the design, sustainability, development and improvement of Fristam's product lines, as well as providing technical support for the company and its customers. Matthew has been with Fristam for eight years as a Design Engineer. He has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Fristam Pumps USA, Middleton, WI, is a leading global manufacturer of sanitary centrifugal

and positive displacement pumps, blenders and mixers used by the beverage, dairy, food and pharmaceutical/biotech industries.

Statco/DSI



Eric Perkins

After a successful 30+ year history with Statco-DSI, **Eric Perkins** will be retiring from the industry in December of this year. He was brand new to the industry and started his career working within the inside sales department. Over the years as he advanced his career, he held several positions such as outside sales, regional sales manager and eventually becoming President and Co-Owner of Statco-DSI. With Eric's leadership, Statco-DSI grew into an industry leading process distributor/integrator organization. In 2020, Statco-DSI merged with ProMach where Eric continued as VP and General Manager. His current role is VP of Commercial, Process for ProMach. Eric's entire career has been in the Food, Dairy, Beverage and Pharmaceutical industry. He has been involved with FISA for over 15 years and has held positions on the Board which includes serving as President. Although he will miss the industry and FISA, he is excited for his new adventures.

Twinco, Inc.



Ron Eiseman

After 44 years, Twinco's Operations Manager, **Ron Eiseman**, has moved into retirement. Since 1980, Ron has worked as a welder, inside and outside sales, and eventually was named Operations Manager and has been in that role for almost 20 years. Ron has been working with his successor since January of 2024, and will continue to assist and advise as needed. Ron has been an active participant in FISA for many years and is a former member of the Board of Directors. He and his wife, Lynn, plan to spend time with their grandkids, travel, and enjoy summers on the shore of Lake Erie.

M.G. Newell Corporation



Lane Daley

M.G. Newell is pleased to announce that **Lane Daley** has joined the company as the Director of Engineering for their Greensboro Division. In this position, Lane will report to **Brian Jones**, VP of Engineering. Lane brings over 14 years of process engineering and project management experience to M.G. Newell. Lane has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from N.C. State University. She also has her P.E. license.



Mark Bednarczyk

Mark Bednarczyk has been promoted to Senior Project Engineer. In this role, Mark will be responsible for executing more complex projects using his experience as a design engineer and project manager. Mark has been with M.G. Newell for six years.



Kayode Bello

Kayode Bello has joined the company as a Project Engineer in their Greensboro, NC office. Kayode brings over five years of engineering and processing experience to M.G. Newell. Kayode has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria. He earned a Master of Science in Chemical Engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.



Nick Jensen

Nick Jensen has joined the company as an Outside Sales Representative in their Louisville, KY office. In this position, Nick will report to David Brink, VP and GM of the Louisville Division. Nick brings over four years of sales experience to M.G. Newell. Nick has a B.S. in Business Management from West Chester University of Pennsylvania.



Jose Tan

Jose Tan has joined the company as a Project Engineer in their Greensboro, NC office. Jose has more than 15 years of process and project engineering experience. Jose has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from N.C. State University. In 2024, he earned his MBA from N.C. State University in marketing and business analytics. Jose was also PCQI certified in 2024.



Matt Collins

Matt Collins has joined the company as a Control Systems Engineer for their Newell Automation Division. In this position, Matt will report to **John DeBruin**, Controls Engineering Manager. Matt brings over six years of controls development and support experience to M.G. Newell and has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from UNC-Charlotte. He is also Ignition Core Certified.



Marlie Acklin

Marlie Acklin has joined

the company as a Project Engineer for their Nashville Division. In this position, Marlie will report to **Steve Masotti**, Nashville Engineering Manager. Marlie has more than three years of process and engineering experience and earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Dixon Sanitary



Matt Vessier

Dixon® Sanitary is pleased to announce **Matt Vessier** is the new Southwest Sanitary Sales Specialist. With over 15 years of experience across the industrial equipment and consumer goods industries. He will be serving as the key point of contact for all new and existing customers in the southwest region of the US. We are also pleased to announce **Bill Novick** as the new Northeast Sanitary Sales Specialist. Bill, who joined Dixon in early 2023 as a Territory Manager, has more than 20 years of managerial and sales experience to this role, including his service in the US Army. In his new position, Bill will be the primary contact for all sanitary customers in the northeast region.

Girton Manufacturing

Girton Manufacturing Co., Inc. wishes to congratulate **Rick Davis** on his retirement effective December 3, 2024. Rick has been with Girton Manufacturing Co., Inc. for 45 years. Rick started in the Engineering Department as a draftsman in 1979. In 1987 Rick moved into Sales Engineering. In October of 1987, Rick sold his first project to Upjohn Pharmaceutical in Kalamazoo, MI. Rick has been responsible for sales in the Pharmaceutical Industry both in the United States and abroad for Girton's washing equipment for the last 37 years. Rick will be turning the sales reigns over to his Sales Assistant, Brian Stewart, who also has had an extensive engineering background with Girton Manufacturing Co., Inc. for the past 27 years. Rick is planning on enjoying his retirement with his wife, Donna, camping and spending time with their grandchildren. When Rick is not camping you can find him umpiring local high school baseball.

Pentair



Molly Tsipis

Pentair is pleased to announce that **Molly Tsipis** has been promoted from Food and Beverage Sales Leader for North America to Global Sales Leader for all of Food and Beverage Solutions. Molly has been with Pentair for 11 years and has spent the last six years within Food and Beverage and is in the Detroit, MI area. With this change, Pentair has promoted **Shawn Breeden** from N.A. Sales Manager to Sales Leader of Food and Beverage Solutions for N.A. Shawn has 19 years of experience in the Food and Beverage industry and has been with Pentair the last 11 years, located in Buffalo, NY.



Shawn Breeden

Charley Phipps has been promoted to N.A. Sales Manager for Pentair – Sudmo. Previously he was the Channel Manager. Some in the industry know Charley as Professor Phipps from his 'Phipps Tips' during the COVID travel restrictions teaching many across the globe about valves. Charley has been with Pentair for more than seven years.



Charley Phipps

Steve Eckard has been promoted to N.A. Service Manager for Pentair Food and Beverage Solutions leading their Sudmo and Haffmans product lines. Steve has been a staple in the industry and been with Pentair-Sudmo for over 16 years based out of their Delavan, WI office.



Steve Eckard

Brandon Milet has been with Pentair for over three years with extensive Brewing experience coming from one of the largest craft breweries in the industry. Brandon has been promoted to Business Development Manager for Beverage where previously he held the role of Haffmans Product Specialist, and he is in the Raleigh-Durham, NC area.



Brandon Milet

Ramon Acevedo-Arvelo was recently hired as the Sales Support Manager for Food & and is located in the Delavan, WI office



Ramon Acevedo-Arvelo

managing the inside sales and customer service group. Ramon comes to us with over 20 years of experience, most recently with Brady Corporation as the Customer Operations Manager.

QualiTru Sampling Systems



Randy Westcott



Rachel Trice

QualiTru is pleased to announce the addition of **Randy Westcott** to their accounting team as the new Senior Staff Accountant. Randy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Minnesota and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA). QualiTru Sampling Systems is also excited to announce **Rachel Trice**

as the second recipient of the Darrell Bigalke Food Safety and Food Quality Award, established in honor of QualiTru founder, Darrell Bigalke's, legacy in advancing food safety and quality standards. Rachel, a South Minneapolis native, is an intern at Land O'Lakes, working as a Test Kitchen Intern in the culinary center. As a dedicated mother of two, she balances her personal and professional life with remarkable dedication. With a passion for food science, Rachel aspires to become a Product Development Food Scientist, focusing on supporting small, BIPOC-led businesses and tackling food disparity in inner-city communities. The Darrell Bigalke Award recognizes students who excel in food safety and quality and demonstrate a commitment to positively impacting the food industry. Please join QualiTru in congratulating Rachel Trice on this well-deserved honor!

WELCOME NEW FISA BOARD MEMBERS, *continued from pg 3*

Meet Devon Vogel of Nelson-Jameson, Inc.



How long have you been in this industry? My passion for the dairy & food industry has continued to flourish since my first internship with Nelson-Jameson over 15 years ago.

Your present title with Nelson-Jameson? Vice President of Customer Solutions.

Other industry boards you serve on if applicable. I am not currently serving on any other industry boards, however, I am proud to share that I have been selected to the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) NextGen Leadership Program along with 29 other mid-senior level dairy industry professionals for the 2024 Cohort 6. In addition, I am also an active participant in IDFA's Women in Dairy network and mentoring program.

Why you are willing to devote the time to being on the FISA Board? I am honored to join the FISA Board of Directors,

where I look forward to collaborating closely with industry peers and proudly representing Nelson-Jameson. Nelson-Jameson has a long standing and valued partnership with FISA. This rich history of strengthening connections, elevating education and creating manufacturer and distributor relationships is what allows us to evolve and improve our service to customers. As we navigate the changing market and digital procurement practices, I am proud to help position FISA as a leader in fostering innovation and supporting the next generation of industry leaders.

When not working, what you enjoy doing? When we're not working, you will find myself, husband Derek, and two little boys enjoying the outdoors. Wisconsin summers are the absolute best, and we do all that we can to make the most of those three beautiful months via camping, boating, and mountain biking. In the winter, you will find us traveling to warm places with a beach, ice fishing and teaching our boys how to snowboard. We also enjoy sports of all kinds – whether watching them on TV or cheering on the sidelines for our kids.

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DECEMBER 11, 2024

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JULY 1, 2025

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