

# PMPA in Las Vegas

PMPA held its Annual Meeting at the Bellagio Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. The Annual Meeting is a well-attended meeting with exciting speakers and a celebration of the year.



What happened in Vegas is not staying there. The PMPA Annual Meeting held in October 2019 at the Bellagio Resort and Casino in Las Vegas was filled with dynamic speakers, networking and a fun-filled Awards Banquet. PMPA members brought home new ideas, new strategic relationships, renewed friendships and shiny awards. (A lucky few may have brought home some casino winnings, too.)

## Board Meeting/GMAS Agreement

The week started off with a Board of Directors meeting which resulted in the much-anticipated signed management agreement with Gardner Metalworking Association Services (GMAS) (*Note. Gardner Media is the parent company of GMAS and publishes Production Machining Magazine.*) The PMPA Board of Directors, staff and membership are excited about this new endeavor as GMAS will provide valuable resources to advance the PMPA mission.

## Learning and Networking

Friday was busy with speakers such as Nick Pinchuk, CEP of Snap-On Tools who motivated the audience to up-skill the workforce. Jesse Cole, owner of the Savannah Bananas, showed up with his signature yellow tux and high-energy to talk about designing the ultimate customer service. Todd McLees discussed the future of

manufacturing while PMPA's lobbyists, Omar Nashahibi and John Guzik from The Franklin Partnership, shared valuable information and insights from Washington D.C. In the meantime, spouses were learning how to play Texas holdem, blackjack and roulette in a special event just for them. The day ended with a PAC reception which raised over \$17,000!

Saturday speakers included Jason Tuchen and Jason Torey from Randori Inc. They are former Navy SEALs who shared incredible stories and lessons about leadership. Patrick Ungashick from NAVIX Holdings, LLC gave an electric talk on generational planning, and valuing our businesses. Saturday afternoon was enjoyed at the PMPA poolside cabana where members had a chance to network and relax.

## Awards Banquet

The Annual Awards Banquet was held Saturday evening during which PMPA members dressed up and filled the Monet Ballroom to celebrate each other and their accomplishments. Awards included 25 Years of PMPA Membership earned by Avanti Engineering, Inc., L&M Precision Products Inc., Langolf Company, Logan Clutch Corporation, and Northwest Automatics, Inc. EMC Precision, Fox Manufacturing Co., Graycer Screw Products Co., Inc., and Millard Machine were recognized for their 50 Years of PMPA Membership plaque while Tompkins Products Inc. was honored for their 75 Years of PMPA Membership plaque.



Mike Reader signs the PMPA/GMAS management agreement.



PMPA members enjoy the Political Action Committee (PAC) Reception at The Club in the Bellagio while raising over \$17,000 for the PAC!



PMPA spouses learn how to play blackjack from a Bellagio dealer.

The Director's Service Award was given to Aneesa Muthana from Pioneer Service Inc., James Preston Jr. from Meier Screw Products & Mfg. Co., and Debra Sommers from Lakeview Precision Machining Inc.

Technical Member Participation Awards were earned by Absolute Machine Tools, Champion Screw Machine Engineering, Inc., Henning Industrial Software, Inc., Horn

USA, Lester Detterbeck Enterprises, Ltd., Peterson Tool Company, Inc., Somma Tool

## What happened in Vegas didn't stay in Vegas.

Company/Max-Bar Swiss Inc., Valbruna Stainless, Inc., and ZPS America LLC.

Committee Service Awards recognized Dave Seabrook from Micron Manufacturing Company for the IT Committee; Kevin Coffman from Champion Screw Machine Engineering, Inc.; Edward Brooks from Huron Automatic Screw Company for the PMTS Committee; Kathleen Dibble from Prime Engineered Components for the Quality Committee; Tony Gemignani from R.F. Mau Co. for the Technical Program Committee; and Eric Somma from Somma Tool Company/Max-Bar Swiss for the Update Committee.

Meeting Attendance Pins were given to Rich Henning from Henning Industrial Software, Inc. and Michael Laughlin from Corey Steel Company, Inc for 20 meetings. The 40 Meeting Pin was earned by James Fetcko from Ohio

Screw Products, Inc., and Joe Gentile from Hangsterfer's Laboratories, Inc. An impressive 80 Meeting Pin was earned by John Detterbeck from Lester Detterbeck Enterprises, Ltd.

The honors continued with the Technical Member Distinguished Service Award which was given to Bob Drab from Corey Steel Company, in recognition of his career-long support of PMPA members. Three Gold Micrometer Awards were awarded this year: Larry Harrison from EMC Precision, Dennis Izzy from Prime Engineered Components, and Ted Force from Medical Device & Implants. LLC.

The evening ended with the "passing of the gavel" as Michael Reader from Precision Plus Inc. and 2018-2019 PMPA President, passed out red Making PMPA Great Again hats and handed the president's gavel to Victor DaCruz from DACRUZ Manufacturing. Victor gave a heartfelt speech and the dancing began!

Welcome, Victor DaCruz, our new President. Congratulations to our award recipients. And a big pat-on-the-back to all our members for making PMPA great. **PMPA**

Note: For descriptions and criteria for awards, please go to [bit.ly/PMPA-PM1219-Awards](http://bit.ly/PMPA-PM1219-Awards)

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