



# MFSA News Digest

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## MFSA Trustees Receive New Assignments

At the MFSA Trustees' meeting in Newark, NJ, the committee assignments were confirmed for at least the coming year. With five new trustees joining the Board, we feel the new vitality.

Members are encouraged to review the list of chairpersons and, if the committees sound like something you would feel good about contributing to, contact the chairman and join the committee. It is also suggested that *non-member* suppliers review the list to see how they might benefit from specific committees, should they choose to *join* MFSA.

Remember: It's only through contributions of time and talents that you can achieve the maximum benefit from the Association, and of course, the Association gains greatly as well.

*Chemical Committee*—Stan Olander, EPI, chairman; Peter Vignati, Fidelity Chemical, co-vice chairman; David Stephenson, Occidental Chemical, co-vice chairman

*Public Relations Committee*—Cliff Nye, MacDermid Inc., chairman

*International Committee*—Serge Archambault, chairman; Peter Schorsch, vice chairman

*Membership Promotion Committee*—Frank Dunigan, A Brite Co., chairman

*Internal Marketing Committee*—John Kinne, Atotech, chairman

*Equipment Committee*—Terry Hutchins, Napco, chairman

*Conventions & Conference Committee*—Tony Revier, chairman

*Distributors Committee*—Jerry Toussaint, Chemithon, chairman; Gino Lastoria, Empire Buff, vice chairman

*Metals Committee*—Betsy Kraft-Liberman, Kraft Chemical, chairman

*Government Relations Committee*—Brenda Whalen, Enthone-OMI, chairman

*Pretreatment Committee*—Ron Ascenzo, Oakite, chairman

Join a committee ... *make a difference.*

*1997 Membership Directory*  
The membership directory is now available and one will soon be mailed to each voting representative. The directories contain company name, address, FAX and phone numbers. In addition, in many cases it also lists the names of key personnel, the nature of the business, and home page and/or e-mail addresses.

Other MFSA members may request a copy of the directory, and non-

members may receive copies for \$10 each to cover shipping, handling and actual production costs.

Welcome to New Member

The Trustees are pleased to have the following new company join MFSA's ranks:

**Canadian Finishing Systems, Ltd.**, Burlington, Ontario, Canada, is comprised of industry veterans. Ken Lemke is its voting representative. Canadian Finishing Systems supplies a complete range of finishing equipment chemicals and services, from anode bags to zinc plating processes.

*Trustee Gives Public Testimony On Toxic Release Inventory*  
Brenda Whalen offered her public comments on the Toxic Release

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Inventory (TRI) on behalf of MFSA to the U.S. EPA's Region 1, Boston, MA. After covering the background of TRI and offering specific comments and suggestions, she concluded:

"MFSA and its member companies have demonstrated a commitment to environmentally responsible management of the chemicals we manufacture. MFSA has been an active participant in EPA's Common Sense Initiative and other multi-stakeholder partnerships where improvement of our country's environmental management is the goal. We collaborate extensively with the educational and advocacy efforts of the National Association of Metal Finishers (NAMF) and the American Electroplaters and Surface Finishers Society (AESF), which are organizations representing users of our products—metal finishing chemicals. Our company and many of our members subscribe to the principles of Responsible Care advocated by the CMA,

and encourage customers to engage in pollution prevention and the safe handling of chemicals. Yet, we have not been convinced that the expansion of TRI reporting to include chemical use information will serve our communities better, nor reduce the paperwork burden on U.S. industries. I do have three suggestions for EPA to consider:

1. EPA should go into communities to listen closely to what neighbors of chemical manufacturing facilities want to know about chemical use and chemical emissions.
2. EPA should seriously consider conducting a pilot study similar to the Materials Accounting Project planned jointly by the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable and the Business Roundtable to evaluate if chemical use reporting can be accomplished in a manner that benefits all affected stakeholders.
3. EPA should incorporate the findings of the Common Sense Initiative to streamline regulatory

reporting and improve ways to communicate data to the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this public meeting. We desire to continue our discussion with all stakeholders as efforts are undertaken to improve the efficiency and usefulness of TRI reporting."

A Peek at SUR/FIN® '97—Detroit MFSA has selected the Double Tree Hotel as its headquarters during AESF's SURFIN® Conference and Exhibit week, set for June 23–26, 1997. All of MFSA's committee meetings, the Annual Meeting and Luncheon, and the reception will be held there.

The Double Tree Hotel is located directly across the street from the Renaissance Center (formerly the Westin Hotel), and is about a five-minute walk from the Cobo Conference and Convention Center. We're anticipating a very well-attended conference. *P&SF*