



PRESS RELEASE

BVSU President Uwe Staib confirmed in office

The German Association of Jewellery and Watches reflects the year 2018 at its ordinary general assembly. Presidium, board and advisory board have been newly elected.

Pforzheim, 12.02.2019. The general assembly of the German Association of Jewellery, Watches, Silverware and Related Industries e. V. (BVSU) re-elected Pforzheim-based entrepreneur **Uwe Staib** on Tuesday, 12.02.2019 as the BVSU president by secret ballot. The 62-year-old joins his fourth two-year term as BVSU President with immediate effect. Staib had taken office for the first time in February 2013. In addition, the Vice-Presidents and other members of the Executive Board were elected for the term of office 2019-2021 as part of the members' meeting.

Confirmed in their office: President **Uwe Staib** (Hermann Staib GmbH, Pforzheim), Vice Presidents **Peter Pfäffle** (Karl Scheufele GmbH & Co. KG, Birkenfeld) and **Adalbert Mayer** (AMS Uhrenfabrik A. Mayer GmbH, Furtwangen), Board members **Marcus Binder** (Binder Metalle GmbH & Co. KG, Mönsheim), **Michael Harer** (HOVON EUROPE GmbH, Pforzheim), **Karlheinz Karner** (Bauer-Walser AG, Keltern) and **Isabelle Mössner** (Emil Mössner GmbH + Co., Eisingen). New board members are: **Hermann Bender** (Max Fröhlich GmbH, Essen), **Oliver Scheurle** (Quinn Scheurle GmbH, for the Edelmetallverband Schwäbisch Gmünd) and **Tino Renninger** (Burkhardt + Bischoff GmbH + Co. KG, Keltern). According to the statutes, the chairman of the Association's Social Policy Committee (**Oliver Müller**, Allgemeine Gold- und Silberscheideanstalt AG, Pforzheim) and the first chairman of the Fachvereinigung Edelmetalle (**Dr. Philipp Reisert**, C. Hafner GmbH + Co KG, Wimsheim) are also members of the board.

Furthermore, the BVSU re-elected the advisory board with representatives from the entire industry. **Jochen Steidinger** (Karl Steidinger GmbH & Co. KpG, Metzingen) was re-elected as auditor.

Prior to the elections of the general assembly, BVSU Managing Director **Dr Guido Grohmann** reported on the diverse association activities in the past year 2018. The largest task of the year 2018 occupied the industry association from the beginning of February to the beginning of May when. As the employers' association of the precious metals industry, it negotiated collective

bargaining with IG Metall labour union. On May 7, 2018, the parties came to a collective agreement. The new collective agreement runs until 30 June 2020. Grohmann thanked the members of the negotiating commission for their commitment.

Also, those trade fairs were reflected, at which the BV Schmuck und Uhren was active with its members, such as the trade shows in Hong Kong in March, June and September, the JCK in June in Las Vegas, the Inhorgenta in Munich and Baselworld.

The committee work of the association in its networks took 2018 the highest value, e.g. the work of the association's own, product and topic-related specialist groups, the World Jewellery Council CIBJO, and the European watch associations EUROTemptus and CPHE. Also, the work within the advisory boards of the major trade fairs, the Federation of German Industry (BDI) and the National Association of Baden-Württemberg Industry (LVI), and in various other bodies such as the German Institute for Standardization (DIN) was discussed. In addition, Dr Grohmann reflected on tasks concerning public relations and various internal projects and changes. Together with the association members, he took a look ahead to the year 2019, during which the structural changes of the past few years within the association will be continued.

Mrs. **Karina Ratzlaff** reported on the activities of the World Jewellery Council CIBJO. **Christine Köhle-Wichmann**, General Manager of Deutsche Schmuck und Uhren GmbH reported on the financial year of BVSU's own subsidiary and service company.

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The German Association of Jewellery, Watches, Clocks & Supplying Industry (BVSU) was founded in Pforzheim in 1947. As a lobby group for over 170 predominantly medium-sized member companies, BVSU represents the interests of its members at a national, European and international level. BVSU is a member of the Federation of German Industries (BDI). It is responsible for coordinating the federal associations of the German jewellery and silverware industry. In this capacity it is also integrated in global efforts of the World Jewellery Confederation, CIBJO. BVSU represents the interests of the German watch and clock industry at a European level as a member of the European watchmaking associations EUROTemptus and CPHE. BV Schmuck und Uhren is a member of the Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC).