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BVSU General Assembly 2023: President Uwe Staib confirmed in office

The German Association of Jewellery, Watches, Clocks & Supplying Industry (BVSU) reflects on the year 2022 at its general assembly. The presidium, executive board and advisory council were newly elected.

Pforzheim, 08.02.2023. The general assembly of the German Association of Jewellery, Watches, Silverware and Related Industries re-elected the Pforzheim entrepreneur **Uwe Staib** as BVSU president in a secret ballot on Tuesday, 08.02.2023. The 66-year-old takes up his sixth two-year term as president of the association with immediate effect. Staib had taken over the office for the first time in February 2013. During the general meeting, the vice presidents and other board members were also elected for the term 2023-2025.

Confirmed in office: President **Uwe Staib** (Hermann Staib GmbH, Pforzheim), Vice President **Marcus Binder** (Binder Metalle GmbH & Co. KG, Mönshiem), Board Members **Hermann Bender** (Max Fröhlich GmbH, Essen), **Michael Harer** (HOVON EUROPE GmbH, Pforzheim), **Karlheinz Karner** (Bauer-Walser AG, Keltern), **Adalbert Mayer** (AMS-Uhrenfabrik A. Mayer GmbH, Furtwangen), **Tino Renninger** (Burkhardt + Bischoff GmbH + Co. KG, Keltern) and **Oliver Scheurle** (Quinn Scheurle GmbH, for the Precious Metals Association Schwäbisch Gmünd). Newly elected after a two-year break was Vice President **Peter Pfäffle** (Karl Scheufele GmbH). In accordance with the statutes, the first chairman of the Precious Metals Association (**André Christl**, Heraeus Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG) is a natural (non-elected) member of the board.

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

Before the elections of the general assembly, BVSU Managing Director **Dr. Guido Grohmann** reported on the diverse activities of the association in the past year 2022. With **Jessica Kreis**, a new in-house lawyer has been responsible for the area of labor and collective bargaining law since March 1, 2022. Grohmann thanked the member companies for having welcomed Ms. Kreis so well to the association last year. He also referred to the successfully concluded collective

bargaining negotiations on old-age provision in 2022. In addition to labor law, there was strong demand for the association's many other consulting services on topics such as certifications, hallmarking, export issues and REACH chemical law.

After also the support and presence at the trade fairs of the jewellery and watch industry in the first months of the year 2022 still lay fallow, the association could venture at the Inhorgenta in April a first fair and then in June in Las Vegas for the first time in two and a half years to offer and carry out a German Pavilion. In the upcoming March, it will be possible to visit Hong Kong again for the first time since September 2019. Grohmann continued to refer to the strong increase in work in the areas of advocacy and public relations after the peak phase of the pandemic and was pleased to welcome eight new member companies.

Ms. Karina Ratzlaff reported on behalf of the Federation of German Jewellery and Silverware Associations on the activities of the world jewellery association CIBJO. Managing Director **Christine Köhle-Wichmann** reported on the business year of BVSU's own subsidiary and service company Deutsche Schmuck und Uhren GmbH.

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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).