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2000 Convention a Success!

The 2000 Annual Convention in Carmel, Calif. was a huge success! The attendance was up, the speakers were top-notch and the weather was great.

New to the convention was the Manufacturers' Sponsored Dinner. It was held in Monterey's his-

toric Heritage Harbor at the Old Whaling Station house. This event took people back to the days of old California. The evening was complimented by a Spanish themed menu, docents portraying characters from the



Monterey always brings smiles to people's faces!

1800s, and a Spanish guitarist strolling the grounds. It was designed to allow the members more networking time while enjoying some of Monterey's unique heritage.

Members' comments were overwhelming in favor of continuing this event. Look for it again during the 2001 Convention.

Jim Hopper of Applied Industrial Technologies was one of three speakers during the seminars held at the 2000 Convention.



Name Change Becomes Official

Associated Bearing & Power Transmission Distributors (AB&PTD) is now know as **Western Association of Industrial Distributors (WAID)**.

In 1999 the Board of Directors initiated the process of changing the name of the organization. The desire for the change stemmed from comments from prospective mem-

bers indicating that the organization should be more inclusive of its company types. The simple fact that the name was *Associated Bearing and Power Transmission Distributors* suggested that membership was limited to those particular areas. The Board decided to pursue a name that was broader and more inviting to the companies being recruited as members.

At the 2000 Annual Convention, the new name, Western Association of Industrial Distributors, was adopted. The search for a new logo is the next step. Any ideas are welcome! Just send your ideas to the office at 1414 K Street, Suite 660 Sacramento, CA 95814 or e-mail it to Executive Director Connie Seitz at cseitz@waidonline.org.

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WAID

*Preparing for
Tomorrow's Challenges*

Annual Convention
September 16-18, 2001
Carmel, Calif.

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www.waidonline.org

Who Are We?

WAID, formerly AB&PTD, was established in 1955 as a non-profit organization. Our members are the distributors of industrial bearings, mechanical and fluid power transmission products in the Western United States and Canada. Associate memberships are the suppliers, manufacturers and manufacturer's representatives of industrial products.

What Do We Do?

We promote and further our industry and our businesses.

We promote and provide educational opportunities for our members.

We promote and maintain high standards of business ethics in our industry.

We promote and encourage cooperation among our members and suppliers.

Annual Convention Returns to Carmel

Once again, Carmel, Calif. will be the setting for WAID's Annual Meeting and Convention to be held September 16-18, 2001. The La Playa Hotel will be the host facility. Guests will arrive at the La Playa on Sunday for the convention. After settling into your room, take a few moments to stroll in the lustrous, immaculately groomed gardens. The continuously blooming flowers, the precisely trimmed hedges and the lush green grass will take your breath away. These grounds have become the premiere wedding spot on the peninsula.

Sunday evening will kick off the convention with the traditional Welcome Dinner. Monday will be

a full day of activities. The Annual Members' meeting followed by three speaker sessions in the morning, then private business meetings in the afternoon will make you glad for the evening dinner! No rest for our attendees! Monday night will play host to our second annual Manufacturers' Sponsored Dinner. This event was such a huge success last year that we are making it a part of our regular program. This year this dinner will be located in those beautiful gardens on the grounds of the La Playa Hotel. Dress warmly just in case the ocean breeze kicks up!



Taking time out from the links!

Tuesday will be a full 18 holes of golf at our Annual Golf Tourna-

ment. Whether you are a regular golfer or just a once-a-year person, this tournament is designed for fun. Besides, everyone enjoys a good laugh! The Convention will conclude Tuesday night at the Awards Dinner. A variety of prizes will be awarded, along with the ceremonial "passing of the gavel" for the Association's President.

Your Board of Directors has worked diligently on lining up a quality program. The seminar speakers will prove to be current and timely with their industry related topics. This convention is truly a unique opportunity for quality information and quality networking with those ever so important associates. The location isn't so bad either!

— Connie Seitz