President's Message

By Jason Ferris

I am honored and excited to be taking over as President of the Fluid Sealing Association, and I want to thank my many industry colleagues who have supported me in taking on this role. I truly believe in our mission of advancing our industry, innovation, sustainability, safety, and reliability, and am grateful for the contributions of our membership towards that cause.

I'd like to thank Amy Hammarstrom for her excellent leadership of the organization as President over the past two years. She has driven significant success within the organization, and I am fully aligned with the strategies she has helped the Board set on education, government and regulatory affairs, and enhancing content for our members. Congratulations as well go to Mark Savage as our incoming Vice President of the organization. I am excited to continue working alongside him on the Board.

Our Annual Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina in October was a great success, seeing record attendance at a variety of meetings, excellent guest speakers, and a great evening event at the NASCAR Hall of Fame. I have to admit that I got a little choked up seeing Dale Earnhardt's car, as I was a huge fan of his. Thank you as well to everyone that responded to the post-meeting survey. We received a total of 23 responses, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive with a rating of 3.8 out of 4 for the overall meeting value.

The Board and I will review feedback in our January meeting, and I will provide an update in my next newsletter on insights and actions as a result of that review.

As I mentioned during my comments at the Annual Meeting, my priorities for the next two years are to listen to members about how we can increase engagement and value in the organization, to create deeper relationships with other organizations, and to gather insights from our customers on how they view the value of the Fluid Sealing Association. I also want to drive involvement of a younger generation of members to ensure sustainability of this great organization for the next 92 years.

I wish you all the best through the upcoming Holiday season and New Year, and look forward to working with the membership of the Fluid Sealing Association on a bright future ahead.