

BIR is the international trade association of the recycling industries. Around 70 countries are represented through their national trade associations and individual companies which are involved in recycling. BIR comprises four commodity divisions: iron and steel, non ferrous metals, paper and textiles, and has three commodity committees dealing with stainless steel and special alloys, plastics and rubber. BIR's primary goals are to promote recycling and recyclability, thereby conserving natural resources, protecting the environment and facilitating free trade of secondary raw materials.

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General Assembly:

Andy Wahl appointed as interim Treasurer

Singapore, 21 May 2019



Andreas "Andy" Wahl, President of TAV Holdings Inc. (USA), has been appointed as interim BIR Treasurer following the election of previous Treasurer Tom Bird as the global federation's World President. Mr Wahl will fill this position until the end of the Treasurer's mandate in May 2020.

A familiar figure within BIR for many years, Andy has chaired the Media Metals Separation Committee, the Communications

Committee and the Statutes & By-Laws Committee. He also served on the board of the BIR Non-Ferrous Metals Division for more than 17 years and has been on the world organisation's Advisory Council for over 13 years.

In addition, Mr Wahl has held many prominent posts within the US Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI), among them Chairman of the Non-Ferrous Division Committee, the Membership Committee and the Trade Committee. Other ISRI committees on which he has served over the last 18 years include shredder and finance. Furthermore, during his tenure as Trade Chair, he had a special task force focus on high profile issues such as container theft.



Mr Wahl started out in the industry almost 30 years ago with Eumet Recycling, subsequently joining fellow German firm Kerscher Metals before moving on to Huron Valley's base in Belgium. Crossing to the USA, he worked for Newell Recycling between 1997 and 2014, including 12 years as Vice President of its Non-Ferrous Division. For the last five years, he has been President of TAV Holdings Inc. of Atlanta - a leader in separation technology for different industries, as well as a non-ferrous metals processing and trading company.

"I am proud to step in for Tom Bird for the remainder of the Treasurer's mandate and will look to take best care of BIR's finances during these quite unpredictable times for the recycling industry and for the global business community as a whole," he says. "I look forward to playing my part in ensuring that our world organisation remains robust and highly effective in the face of the many challenges confronting us."

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