



## Mid-West Fastener Association Names Francesca Lewis Executive Director

**Lake Zurich, IL, June 19, 2023.** The Mid-West Fastener Association (MWFA) Board of Directors announced today the appointment of Francesca Lewis, as Executive Director, effective July 1, 2023.

Francesca's exemplary communication and leadership skills will assist in the continued growth and success of the Association.



With an impressive career spanning over 20 years, Francesca has thrived in the fields of sales and account management. Her strong work ethic, excellent communication skills, and remarkable ability to build and maintain relationships have been instrumental in her professional success. Through her expertise and dedication, she has consistently delivered outstanding results and fostered long-term partnerships with clients. Her experience in event planning, growth and development of education, and client relationships will serve the association well.

Francesca is very excited about her new role, ***"I can't contain my excitement. This opportunity has me buzzing with anticipation and a sense of adventure. I'm ready to hit the ground running and make a positive impact."***

Francesca is a dedicated business professional with a passion for fitness and a love for family. Born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago, she embarked on her educational journey at Oakton Community College, where she studied business. Eager to further expand her knowledge and skills, she later pursued her studies at DePaul's School for New Learning (SNL) in downtown Chicago.

Currently residing in Park Ridge with her husband Jeff and their two beautiful daughters, Francesca cherishes every moment spent with her family. As a devoted wife and mother, she finds immense joy in nurturing her children and creating lasting memories together.

MWFA President Jake Davis had these remarks concerning Francesca's appointment, ***"This entire process presented many new challenges for the MWFA board, and I can confidently say that we could not be happier with the result. I have to commend the search committee on their professionalism and the many hours dedicated to finding the right fit to replace Nancy Rich. I am so excited to work with Francesca and look forward to introducing her to our amazing and supportive members"***.

Outgoing (retirement) MWFA Executive Director Nancy Rich states, ***"I'm looking forward to working with Francesca as she prepares to lead the MWFA while continuing its great legacy. I'm confident Francesca will be a great asset to the MWFA and do an awesome job."***

Nancy Rich (CBNSA HOF '21) will continue to work alongside Francesca Lewis for the remainder of 2023 as interim Executive Director and will thereafter work with Francesca Lewis to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

Francesca Lewis's appointment marks the end of a comprehensive search process led by a dedicated committee of MWFA Board of Directors and supported by executive search and leadership advisory committee. The Search Committee comprised of Bob Baer, Glen Brin, Jake Davis, Matt Delawder, David Gawlik, George Hunt III and Nancy Rich led an extensive evaluation of external and internal candidates for the role. The full MWFA Board unanimously supported Francesca Lewis's selection as Executive Director.

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