



## Update on Update

Just before the Covid-19 overtook the country, Precision Machined Products Association was able to hold its annual Update Conference.

As of this writing, many people are working from home — myself included — and everyone is hoping that the social distancing works to flatten the outbreak curve. In early March, that sentence didn't exist and the tradition of PMPA's Update Conference continued. From March 5-7, 2020, over 170 PMPA members gathered at the InterContinental Buckhead in Atlanta, Georgia to benefit from networking and informative speakers.

The Update Conference started with Paul Akers who discussed his 2 *Second Lean* principles in a way that attendees were able to take home and implement. Afterwards, attendees tapped into their inner child to work with LEGO's in an interactive and engaging

teambuilding activity. Later that day, Brad Wolff discussed the timely topic of creating a company culture that can survive ongoing disruption and uncertainty. The day ended with

**"I attend for the great speakers. I'm always able to learn something and immediately use it in our facility,"**

-Kyle Detterbeck, Vice President of Lester Detterbeck Enterprises, Inc. and PMPA's NextGen Chair.

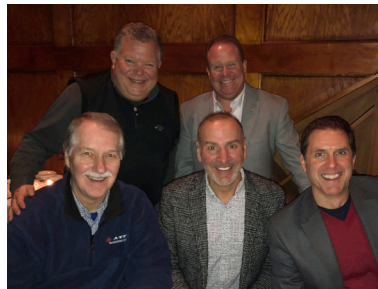
breakout sessions on drug policies, creating a workforce of leaders and the best practices for scheduling using technology.

The second day of sessions started with Vice Admiral Ronald Boxall from the U.S. Joint Staff who talked to attendees about what it takes to make a great leader. ITR Economist, Brian Bealieu held everyone's attention as he gave his insights into financial, interest rate and commodity pricing trends with the then-new Covid-19 outbreak. Melanie Weber of Fisher Phillips, LLP shared tips for the interviewing process and David Moore finished the conference with a high-energy session. **PMPA Update Conference 2021 | New Orleans | Feb. 25-27**

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Jim Preston Jr from Meier Screw Products & Mfg. Co. works the LEGO® challenge with Diane Edwards from Peterson Tool Company, Inc.



The team from American Turned Products met speaker Paul Akers. (l to r) Top row: Harry Eighmy, Scott Eighmy. Bottom row: Jim Osmanski, Paul Akers and Drew Hoffman



(l to r) Jeremy Rose from Wickman Machine Tool, Inc., Vice Admiral Ronald Boxall, Mike Langford from Gosiger High Volume.



At an evening reception, PMPA's Miles Free declared Baby Mitchell the youngest Update Conference First Timer ever!



PMPA's Executive Director, Cate Smith, hands out LEGO® name tags to all attendees.



Women of PMPA enjoy each other's company at dinner.