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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TREVOR WAYCOTT, STREN-FLEX, LLC

As we begin a new year, it is a new chapter for many of us as it relates to the current political climate in North America. With a new/former President in the White House and a new Prime Minister residing at 24 Sussex Drive, we have a lot of uncertainty on how these changes will affect the North American economy.

WSTDA members that manufacture synthetic lifting and cargo restraint products sell into many markets and industries. For our members who import and export, how will the proposed changes in trade deals and tariffs have an impact on your business? Inflation, labor rates, raw materials and transportation costs have all been unstable in the past few years, but have gradually improved since Covid, but can this new leadership give us all confidence to make investments in our businesses moving forward?

Even though Chris Kuehl, our friendly economist, keeps us up to date with providing economic information and outlooks for our Lift & Secure magazine, it will be great to have him in person once again at our 2025 Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, to get his perspective of what the immediate future looks like. In his last article in Lift & Secure, Chris concluded that “no,” we are not facing a recession and that, “the challenge for business today is to filter out the noise and pay attention to what is really happening.” I can say with my experience that 2024 was a flat year, where we had been experiencing growth at a rapid rate, year after year, since we began in 2017 (other than 2020). I’m not sure if a sales slowdown in 2024 was due to the uncertainty in an election year here in the United States, or it was due to a variety of other economic factors. However, my company has seen an uptick in business at the end of 2024 and it has carried into

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2025, allowing us to have some confidence that 2025 will be a better year economically. Hopefully the same can be said for all our member companies.

I may not have all the answers, but I do know that I look forward to seeing you all in Austin, April 27-29 at the iconic Driskill Hotel located on Sixth Street in the heart of Austin’s entertainment district. We’ve finalized the schedule and selected two excellent keynote speakers, and I can assure you it will be another memorable experience with informative content and another opportunity to “Promote Dynamic Relationships” and “Educate our Members.” Thank you all for continuing to be a part of this great organization!

Trevor Waycott
WSTDA President

NEW DEVELOPMENTS FROM CVSA FOR THE CARGO CONTROL INDUSTRY

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) has announced updates and changes relevant to the trucking and cargo control industry:

- **North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria (OOSC):** Updates were made to several safety and inspection categories, such as air brake systems, suspension components, tire inspections, and hazardous materials regulations, all of which will go into effect on April 1, 2025.
- **Operational Policies:** New courses were added to the inspector certification program, and several operational policies were revised, including updates to vehicle inspection processes and enhanced data uniformity for roadside enforcement.
- **Inspection Bulletins:** A new bulletin on hydrogen fuel cell electric commercial motor vehicles was released, alongside updates to others addressing emergency exit inspections, motor carrier identification, and tractor protection systems.
- **Inspection Standards:** Clarifications were made to enhanced inspection guidelines, particularly regarding overhanging loads and brake adjustments, which may impact cargo control standards.
- **FMCSA Petitions & Policy Positions:** CVSA is submitting petitions to the FMCSA to amend several safety regulations, including those on out-of-service conditions and equipment documentation.

For full details, visit cvsa.org. Stay informed on these important regulatory changes that may impact your operations or those of your customers.



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SAVE THE DATE 2025 FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 6-8, 2025 | TORONTO, CANADA



2024 FALL MEETING: *SEEKING SOLUTIONS... AND SUN!*

The 2024 Fall Meeting brought WSTDA to a new destination, on the shores of the Gulf Coast of Florida, at the SunSeeker Resort. We (mostly) dodged hurricane season, to enjoy warm Florida weather and the bringing together of major stakeholders in the industry.

In addition to engaging Technical Sessions and informative education sessions, the event included in-person Technical Committee Meetings which were open to all interested attendees.

Here are some highlights from the Fall Meeting program:

- The **Load Securement Technical Session** was presented by Committee Members Jo DaRosa and Gary Distler where they presented results of informal testing on e-track regarding track v. fitting failures. Stephane Theriault, Chair led discussion on cargo bars (or friction bars) and the lack of a rating system for these devices.
- The **Web Sling Technical Session** included a presentation by Committee leaders Greg Babinchak and Mandy Masters on the testing of roundslings connected together in a basket hitch, and on testing of roundslings in basket and double basket configuration. Further, Gary Distler presented on informal heat testing of slings.
- The **Testing Technical Session** was led by Chair Sam Socolow and co-Chair Troy Raines, who presented the results of the edge radii testing program utilizing the custom test fixture developed by the Testing Committee over the past year.
- The **Sling & Tie Down Technical Session** served as an interactive discussion forum on types of protection devices, and materials categorization. As the Technical Committee prepares for analysis from formal edge radii testing, it is also in the process of gathering existing safety recommendations from manufacturers and other sources with the goal of aggregating WSTDA recommendations for device protection.
- WSTDA **Fall Meeting Keynote Speaker, Jim Morris**, moved attendees with his real-life Cinderella story. His rise from 35 year-old high school teacher and coach to flame-throwing major league pitcher in three months made cinematic history with the 2002 release of *The Rookie* starring Dennis Quaid. His telling of the story of his journey to his dream left no one unaffected.



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With a new schedule pattern kicking off **Sunday, April 27 and ending Tuesday, April 29**, the 2025 Annual Meeting will continue to address the issues that shape the future of the synthetic lifting and load securement industry. Interactive Technical Sessions, open-format Technical Committee working sessions, and two keynotes on well-timed economic and supply chain topics all provide the content and contacts you need to stay ahead.

Annual Meeting Programming: Keynote presentations on April 28 and April 29 aim to provide insight on the supply chain for synthetic load securement and lifting devices in terms of market economics and trade regulations surrounding Made in USA claims.

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On Monday, Chris Kuehl returns to provide insight into the forces driving the global economy, and his fascinating view of global trends. As chief economist for several national and international organizations, Chris has his finger on the pulse of the global economy and the forces that impact it.

The challenging topic of what “made in the USA” really means as it relates to trade regulations and tariffs is a recurrent topic among members. On Tuesday, Yohai Baisburd, an expert in international trade and finance law, will “tie down” what it means to be Made in the USA. He’ll address US FTC’s “Made in the USA” rules and why there’s tension between federal rules, certain state/local rules, and US free trade agreements.



Austin, Texas & the Historic Driskill Hotel

The state capitol of Texas, Austin is known for its eclectic live-music scene centered around country, blues and rock. The downtown is lively with a mix of restaurants, live music venues and cultural attractions. At the center of it all, The Driskill, part of The Unbound Collection by Hyatt, will host WSTDA guests and events for the 2025 Annual Meeting.

With a prime downtown location steps from the Sixth Street entertainment district, the hotel is within also walking distance to popular attractions like the Lady Bird Lake, Congress Avenue Bridge, and the Texas State Capitol Building. WSTDA guests enjoy special guest room rates, discounts and privileges when booking through the WSTDA room block!



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- **(1) \$3,000 College/University Award** – applying for or attending an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the Fall of 2025.
- **(1) \$3,000 Technical Career/Trade Educational Institution Award** – applying for or attending an accredited technical career or trade educational institution in the Fall of 2025.

Academic achievement, community involvement, extracurricular activities, work experience, and responses to short essay questions are each considered in the selection process.

Applications for the 2025-2026 Scholarship Program will open from February 1 - June 1, 2025. Awards will be announced in late July.

Visit the [WSTDA Scholarship Program webpage](#) for more details.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEB SLING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

CHAIR: ROBERT HANCUFF & CO-CHAIR: FRED AMBLI

The initial draft revision of WSTDA WB-1, *Recommended Standard Specification for Synthetic Webbing for Slings, 2024 Revision* was recently reviewed by the Board of Directors and presented to the public for comment. Having reviewed and resolved all public comments, the Committee voted to approve its final revision in late 2024. It is now available for free download from [WSTDA](#).

The Committee has turned its attention to potential revisions to WS-1, *Standard Specification for Synthetic Roundslings*, and is hoping to have the review and final revisions completed in mid-2025. We're referring to the newest revision of WSTDA RS-1HP *Standard Specification for HPY Roundslings* to ensure that we cover areas we may have overlooked, and to maintain consistency across WSTDA recommended standards.

Our regular Web Sling Technical Committee virtual meetings (four to five times annually) continue to be beneficial in accelerating our discussions and revisions to the standards. We will have two more virtual meetings prior to our Annual Meeting in Austin.

The Web Sling Technical Session during the Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28. We have an interesting program planned with Committee member Tony Dotto. Tony joins us from The Crane School in Tampa and has been involved in rigging his entire working life. Not only are we happy to have Tony join us on the Committee, but we are looking forward to hearing about his experiences and sharing his knowledge.

The Web Sling Technical Committee welcomes and encourages all recommendations for discussion topics surrounding synthetic web slings and current projects of the Committee. Submit your questions or discussion topic suggestions at any time to:

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TESTING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

CHAIR: SAM SOCOLOW & CO-CHAIR: TROY RAINES, JR.

The Testing Technical Committee presented the initial testing results from the first sling protection testing device, which featured a block with multiple test edges and radii. The data obtained from this initial testing was very intriguing and allowed us to concentrate our efforts on a single radius.

Since the fall conference, the testing committee has held several meetings. During one of these meetings, we decided to pursue a second design that would utilize a single-edge configuration. This new design is expected to significantly reduce costs and allow for easier adaptation to most load-testing machines in the sling industry. The second test fixture has been manufactured and is currently undergoing heat treatment.

The committee has also begun reviewing the TM-1 Strength and Elongation Recommended Test Method for Sling and Tie Down Webbing. We have proactively engaged with our entire membership to guarantee that we integrate any new designs or testing methods that can enhance our efforts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ROUNDSLING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

CHAIR: GREGORY BABINCHAK & CO-CHAIR: AMANDA MASTERS

The Roundsling Technical Committee has recently welcomed several new members to the roster. Most have been added as non-voting members. This is new for the committee and was a result of some review by the WSTDA Board and Committee leadership, of possible options to improve and standardize the process of joining committees.

We want to encourage engagement of the membership with committee work, but at the same time, we also want to maintain the ability to achieve a quorum during meetings, for voting purposes. This new format enables interested individuals to test the waters and participate in deliberations during committee meetings, while also allowing the committee to validate participation and contribution of newer members.

Also new for the committee, to further engage members, we have designated small teams from within the committee to assume rotating responsibility for planning and managing the Roundsling Technical Session presentations that are presented by the committee during the Annual and Fall Meetings.

The committee has held two virtual meetings since the 2024 Fall Meeting in Florida, and will hold at least one more prior to the 2025 Spring Meeting. We've initiated revision of the WSTDA RS-1 Standard and have re-engaged discussion addressing proposed practices involving the rating and operation of 4-Leg and other Multi-Leg roundslings.

We are working to provide clear instructions for prescribing standard practices, while also allowing provisions for specific applications to more utilize slings full strength capability when this is deemed to be warranted. We hope to have the proposed updated language on this topic suitably vetted by the committee before the 2025 Annual Meeting in Austin.

Have you recently learned a handy new tip that can also help your peers?

Share your tip using the QR code and help us promote knowledge sharing throughout the rigging and load securement industry. You may just find your tip featured in an upcoming issue of Lift & Secure!

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Do you have a burning question? Perhaps a long standing debate? Or an open inquiry from the field?

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

LOAD SECUREMENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

CHAIR: TIM SANDERS

The Load Securement Committee discussed whether the use of warning labels and/or safety bulletins should be developed and recommended for load binders. Following publication of a revised WSTDA-T-6 Load Binder recommended standard, the Committee intends to gather information from load binder manufacturers regarding the user warnings they supply and will request input from all stakeholders on whether WSTDA load binder warning products would support recommended use. The Committee also discussed the need for consultation with its human-factors/safety and ergonomics expert, should new warning products be developed by WSTDA.

The Committee undertook a review of the WSTDA-T-4 Synthetic Webbing Used For Tie Downs recommended standard, and began revision of Terms and Definitions to harmonize with WSTDA's Global Definitions Directory, as recommended by the Technical Resource Committee. The Committee is continuing its review of T-4 via Zoom meetings.

The committee also carried a motion to table review of T-5 until T-4 is completed.

TECHNICAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: JEFF IDEN & CO-CHAIR: RALPH ABATO

The Technical Resource Committee, comprised of the Chair and Co-Chair of each WSTDA Technical Committee, has been working to develop and maintain a Global Definitions Directory file. This file is a master listing of all Terms and Definitions that are used in WSTDA-published standards. The goal of the Global Definitions Directory is to harmonize Terms and Definitions that are common to two or more WSTDA standards, and to provide the Technical Committees with guidance when revising Terms and Definitions.

We've shared the Directory file with all of the WSTDA Technical Committees, and they all are referencing it as they are revising standards. If any Committees have questions about this project please reach out to us. We look forward to seeing everyone in Austin, TX in April for the 2025 Annual Meeting.



2026 ANNUAL MEETING SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

Let's Tie Down What It Means to Be Made in the USA

For some time in our WSTDA general meetings and Technical Committee meetings, the industry has discussed what was thought to be the “rules” regarding the use of the “Made in America” statement on products, packaging, catalogs, and advertising. Those who spoke up had differing opinions and lacked fact-based information concerning the regulatory or legal implications of that statement. The Association itself had no qualified information on the subject.

The issue is that a high percentage of the WSTDA membership incorporates one or more offshore-sourced components in the final manufactured assembly of their product, whether it be a hardware item, yarn, or webbing. When doing so, and at what point can a product no longer be said to be “Made in America” even though all final assembly of the product was performed in the USA?

Addressing our WSTDA membership at the 2025 Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas as guest speaker will be Yohai Baisburd, attorney and partner at Cassidy Levy Kent (USA) LLP law firm in Washington, DC. Mr. Baisburd counsels trade associations and governments in a variety of international trade matters in the United States and globally, in customs matters, tariff classifications, valuation, country of origin marking, and Free Trade Agreement and duty preference program compliance. At our WSTDA Annual Meeting Mr. Baisburd will speak on:

- FTC Made in USA rules
- Tension between Federal Made in USA rules, certain state/local rules, and USA Free Trade Agreements.
- Practical examples of what operations are sufficient to properly use “Made in USA”

There will be time provided for questions and answers with Mr. Baisburd. Be sure to register for the April 27-29, 2025 WSTDA Annual Meeting to have your questions about country of origin labeling answered by a legal expert.

To register for the upcoming Annual Conference in Austin, Texas, please visit www.wstda.com.



Plaintiff's Failure to Read Warning, Employer's Mistakes Result in Verdict for Sling Manufacturer

A plaintiff was injured when a very heavy concrete slab fell on him, completely severing his arm. He sued the sling manufacturer alleging that the sling used to lift the concrete slab was defective. After trial, a jury returned a verdict in favor of the sling manufacturer. The circuit court granted a new trial. The Supreme Court of Mississippi found that the circuit court erred in granting a new trial. Therefore, it reversed the circuit court's order granting a new trial and rendered judgment in favor of the sling manufacturer, in accordance with the jury's verdict.

A plaintiff, and his supervisor, were both employed by a plumbing and heating company. The two men were assigned the duty of installing a concrete lid on a grease trap at a convention center. The lid was shaped like a large rectangle with two manholes, one centered on each long end. It weighed approximately 5,000 pounds. The lids were manufactured in a factory setting so that the curing process could take place in a controlled environment. Since the lids were so large and cumbersome, the manufacturer customarily attached four large metal loops (called "lifting loops") so that the lids could be hooked onto a lifting device. The lifting loops were positioned on the long sides of the lid, on either side of the manholes.

However, the lid in this case was delivered to the convention center job site several days prior to installation without lifting loops. The plaintiff's supervisor had never installed a lid without lifting loops. When the time came to install the lid, it started raining, so the supervisor and plaintiff decided to quickly install it to prevent the rain from filling the grease trap.

The plaintiff's employer usually used a boom truck to install the lids, but one was not available that day, so the plaintiff and his supervisor decided to use a forklift, some chain and two roundslings manufactured by the defendant sling manufacturer.

The slings were made of heavy duty nylon and polyester fibers and consisted of two layers: the first layer, a series of transverse fibers, was housed inside the second layer (jacket) which consisted of binding fibers woven together. Each sling was three feet long, was rated at 5200 pounds, and had a red warning label sewn on the jacket which read as follows:

WARNING: FOLLOW THIS WARNING TO AVOID PERSONAL INJURY.

INSPECT BEFORE EACH USE AND DISCARD WHEN RED STRIPED WHITE CORE YARNS APPEAR.

DO NOT EXCEED RATED CAPACITY.

PAD EDGES OF LOAD TO AVOID CUTTING SLING.

DO NOT EXPOSE TO TEMP. ABOVE 200° F.

The sling could be used as a "bucket" by putting it in a "U" shape. The two "arms" (or sides of the "U") had loops at the top to attach the sling to whatever equipment was being used to lift the sling and its load. The load would rest in the bottom of the "U."

Because one sling was not large enough to reach through each of the two manholes on either end of the concrete slab and connect to the lifting equipment, the plaintiff and his supervisor decided to tie two of the slings together and to install the two slings, one of which was eight years old, underneath the concrete slab, with one arm of the slings going through each of the manholes.

The knot where the two slings were connected was placed underneath the concrete lid, approximately in the middle of the two manholes. One arm of each "U" was then connected to a heavy chain which, in turn, was connected to a forklift for lifting.

Even though each of the slings had the above warning sewn onto them, both the plaintiff and his supervisor testified that they did not read this warning; therefore, neither of the two men put padding on the inside of the slings to prevent them from being cut by the sharp edges of the manholes in the concrete slab.

The supervisor operated the forklift while the plaintiff stood beside the concrete lid to help guide it over the grease pit. While he was guiding the lid into position, the plaintiff slipped and grabbed the concrete lid. When he grabbed the lid, the older sling broke. The concrete lid fell, completely severing the plaintiff's right arm.

The plaintiff filed a personal injury/product liability suit against the sling manufacturer and the manufacturer of the concrete slab. The slab manufacturer settled the claims against it. After a four-day trial between plaintiff and the sling manufacturer, the case was submitted to the jury, which returned a unanimous verdict in favor of the sling manufacturer.

The plaintiff filed a motion for a new trial, claiming the jury verdict was against the substantial weight of the evidence and that it was improper to grant a jury instruction on intervening cause in this case. The circuit court granted his motion and the Mississippi Supreme Court granted the sling manufacturer permission to bring an appeal.

Gerard Panaro, WSTDA Legal Counsel

At trial, the plaintiff contended that the slings were defective because they broke under the weight of the concrete slab. The sling manufacturer countered that the slings were not defective, but the accident was due to a cut to one of the slings caused by the two men's failure to pad them where they touched the sharp steel edges of the manholes. After the jury returned a verdict in favor of the sling manufacturer, the circuit court granted a new trial, stating that the "jury forgot all about the defective product and went on other stuff." As interpreted by the Mississippi Supreme Court, in the circuit court's judgment, the plaintiff proved that the sling was defective and the jury verdict was against the overwhelming weight of the evidence.

Under Mississippi law, a manufacturer is not liable for damages in a product action unless the complainant proves by a preponderance of the evidence the following: (1) the product is defective; (2) the defective condition rendered the product unreasonably dangerous to the user or consumer; and (3) the defective and unreasonably dangerous condition of the product proximately caused the damages for which recovery is sought.

In this case, to prove that the slings were defective, the plaintiff presented evidence that: (1) the lid weighed five thousand pounds; (2) the sling's label lists its weight capacity in the basket form as 5,200 pounds; (3) the sling jacket and the warning label which was sewn to the jacket made it impossible to check the inner core fibers, which bore the load, for damage; (4) the defendant sling manufacturer used a variety of polymers from different sources to form the inner core fibers and did not test them; (5) the defendant marketed the slings to be used in the construction industry and to be used with chains and cables; (6) the manufacturer seldom sold the protective pads mentioned in the warning;

(7) the manufacturer knew the number one problem with the sling was cutting; (8) the manufacturer could have solved the problem of cutting by offering a spider web-designed sling that it previously made; and (9) the position of the forks above the manholes and the almost vertical alignment of the chains to the slings limited any contact of the slings with the manhole openings.

In its defense, the sling manufacturer presented evidence as follows: (1) the slings failed because of misuse; (2) the sling which broke was 8 years old; (3) this sling had worked well for all other lifts; (4) there was no proof offered that the inner load bearing fibers were damaged before the accident occurred; (5) the warning on the sling was intact on the day of the accident; (6) neither plaintiff nor his supervisor read the warning on the sling; (7) the plaintiff's expert witness admitted that he was not an expert in lifting devices and had no experience manufacturing lifting devices; (8) a representative for the sling manufacturer testified that the sling was cut and that he had never seen a sling with damage to the load bearing core

without damage on the outside; (9) one of the manufacturer's expert witnesses testified that the sling was cut; (10) the plaintiff's expert witnesses could not rule out the theory that the sling did not break — it was cut; (11) a picture of the ends of the sling where it was cut; (12) a picture of a sling that was cut; (13) a picture of a sling that broke due to excessive weight; and (14) a video of a sling that broke due to excessive weight.

The Supreme Court said it was obvious from reviewing the record that the evidence was not overwhelmingly in favor of either side. However, under state court precedent, "if there is evidence of such quality and weight that reasonably fair minded jurors in the exercise of impartial judgment might reach different conclusions, the jury verdict should be allowed to stand, and the motion [for a new trial] should be denied."

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