

AUGUST 2025



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ed Smith

I'm incredibly honored and excited to serve as your President for the coming year. My goals will be to ensure we stay aligned with the NFDA's core purpose: helping our members thrive in a global marketplace and bringing value to your membership.

I want to acknowledge and give thanks to Jim Degnan as he steps off the Board, and to Scott McDaniel, who now steps into the role of

Immediate Past President—thank you both for your leadership and service. I'd also like to welcome our newly appointed Board members: Jennifer Sturm, Lisa Breton, and Scott Camp. They join a dedicated team that includes Steve Andrasik, Alex Goldberg, Scott Longfellow, Angela Philippart, Christian Reich, serving as Associate Chair, and our new Vice President, Melissa Patel—congrats, Melissa! I'm looking forward to working with this group over the next few years.

As I was putting together my thoughts for this newsletter, I couldn't help but reflect on my own journey to this role. If you had asked me 30 years ago - when I first entered this industry - if I'd ever lead NFDA, I would've replied, "What's the NFDA?"

Even 10 years ago, I probably would've looked at the leaders before me and thought, "I don't fit that mold." But here I am, and what I've learned is that no matter your background, company size, or structure, if you're passionate about this industry and want to give back, there's a place for you here. That's what makes NFDA so special.

Big thanks to everyone who joined us in Charlotte for the Annual Meeting and ESPS sessions. We're grateful for your time and feedback. These events are all about bringing people together - members, suppliers, and partners for great conversations, learning, and building stronger connections. We know everyone has different preferences when it comes to ESPS formats, and we're always looking for ways to make the experience better. If you have ideas for future events, we would love to hear them. Reach out to me, or any one of our Board members to provide your suggestions. Or better yet, volunteer for one of our committees to help steer the Association forward.

I'm looking forward to catching up with many of you at the International Fastener Expo and our upcoming Executive Summit. I wish you all a great finish to your summer—hope you're finding time to relax and recharge.

Here's to a strong and successful second half of the year!

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ASSOCIATE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Christian Reich

As we enter the late summer months, those of us in the south try to keep cool, and if you are in the Gulf Coast region like me, we are braving an active hurricane season, while our friends in the north enjoy warmer weather before another winter comes around later this year. We are halfway through the "show season" for the fastener industry, which I feel begins late March and ends mid/late October, depending on which events you plan to attend. Between regional

association events, major industry expos, and usual sales travel, those of us who travel always have trips lined up to get out in front of our customers!

If you didn't attend our Annual Meeting & ESPS held in Charlotte, NC, back in June, you missed out on an incredible event. The venue was a prime location and the second year open ballroom format for the Executive Sales Planning Sessions (ESPS) was a continued hit, even with some reservations from industry veterans that have attended in the past for the individual meeting suite format, the post-event survey results made it clear everyone preferred the ease of getting from meeting to meeting in the open ballroom format. This was my second year attending, and I felt the schedule of events was very organized and allowed room to network with others. This year's debut of a pickleball event as part of the schedule

was a massive success, with feedback from almost everyone stating it was inclusive, offered fun for all levels of players, and the venue allowed for networking and refreshments. The economic update from Beacon Economics was insightful, with key indicators of how the new administration's policies have disrupted some markets with tariffs and what to keep an eye on as the year progresses.

The next big industry show is the International Fastener Expo (IFE) in September, hosted at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, NV. This is the biggest show catering to fastener manufacturers and distributors in bringing them together in one location. Then in October, we have the return of the NFDA Executive Summit in Key West, FL! If you have never attended the Executive Summit, it is something you don't want to miss. You will have the opportunity to network with high-level decision makers from various key suppliers, customers, reps, and service providers that will be in attendance. The schedule of events includes informative seminars from keynote speakers on topics that will benefit any type of business. If you haven't registered yet, make sure to click on our website and get your registration and rooms booked ASAP before they fill up.

As for me, I was recently re-elected to serve another year as Associate Chair on the NFDA Board of Directors in June of this year. I am honored to be a contributing member of this organization and look forward to working with our members to bring new ideas for future events and educational opportunities. Feel free to reach out to me at christian@goebelfasteners.com if you have any questions, comments, or ideas you would like to see NFDA incorporate into events

NFDA CALENDAR

Visit the NFDA website at www.nfda-fastener.org for our full event calendar and more information.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 1, 2025

Fastener Certifications and Test Reports – Virtual Program

October 15-17, 2025

Executive Summit – Key West, FL



YFP PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Hristijan
Georgievski**

The YFP community continues to grow stronger, thanks to the shared energy and involvement of our members, mentors, and partners. Driven by our commitment to professional development, education, and connection, YFP is expanding opportunities for members through our mentorship program, Book Club, and new sponsorship initiatives.

We held a successful Book Club meeting during the NFDA Annual Meeting & ESPS in Charlotte, and we're excited to keep the momentum going with our

next discussion on October 30, 2025. The selected title is *The Ideal Team Player* by Patrick Lencioni—we hope you'll join us!

We also hope everyone is enjoying a productive and relaxing summer before the busy fall trade show season kicks off. YFP will be at this year's International Fastener Expo in Las Vegas—be sure to stop by our booth to learn more and find out how you or a colleague can get involved.

Don't miss our featured program at the expo:
"Empowering NexGen Panel: YFP Programs and Impact"
Tuesday, September 16 at 10:45 AM

There's a lot in the works as we look ahead, and we're excited to continue delivering value to our members. A big thank you to our sponsors for making these initiatives possible. If you're interested in becoming a sponsor or learning more about our programs, please visit our website.

Stay tuned for more updates and ways to get involved—we're just getting started.

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NFDA STANDARDS ACTIVITY UPDATE Q2 2025 — Carmen Vertullo

If you are reading this, you must have a compelling interest in fastener standards, and you may even serve on a fastener standards committee or two. I am happy to have any information you readers may have regarding fastener standards changes. If you are not serving on a fastener standards committee, I want to encourage you to consider serving.

Just email standards@nfda-fastener.org if you have something to share or want to find a fastener standards committee to join. Please take a look at the previous 2024 Q4 and 2025 Q1 edition of the Standards Activity Update, as this edition leans on them, and I try not to be too repetitive.

ASME – American Society of Mechanical Engineers

- Major work continues on ASME B18.3 for Socket Head Cap Screws and Keys. The first ballot closed on April 24, 2025. Proposed changes include:
 - Reintroducing Spline Drives for Socket Set Screws,
 - Revising the thread requirements for short set screws and
 - Accommodating lower strength steel socket products for applications where plating is used; thus eliminating the risk of hydrogen embrittlement where higher strength fasteners are not required.
- ASME B18.31.2 on Continuous Thread Studs, Double-End Studs, and Flange Bolting Studs was balloted for a change to increase the chamfer length. This ballot was not approved by some committee members and further study is needed to ensure the change will not result in inadequate thread engagement.
- ASME B18.15 on Forged Eyebolts was changed to include ASTM F1941 / F1941M as an example of plating standard callout, some changes to Table 3 on rigging and minor grammatical revisions.
- The next ASME B18 Fastener Committee meeting is scheduled for September 11-12, 2025, in Cleveland, OH.

ASTM – American Society for Testing and Materials

- The ASTM F16 last met the week of May 5, 2025, in Toronto, Canada. The next meeting is scheduled for the week of November 10, 2025, in Atlanta, GA

- With more than 70 work items in progress across 40 different fastener standards, there's too much to cover all of them here. To access details on these work items go to:

<https://www.astm.org/get-involved/technical-committees/committee-f16/subcommittee-f16>

Here are some of the highlights:

- ASTM F3125 / F3125M-25 has been published. The title says it all:
"High Strength Structural Bolts and Assemblies, Steel and Alloy Steel, Heat Treated, Inch Dimensions 120 ksi, 144 ksi, and 150 ksi Minimum Tensile Strength, and Metric
Dimensions 830 MPa and 1040 MPa Minimum Tensile Strength" The new revision now has Grade 144 Structural Heavy Hex Structural Bolt Assemblies and TC Assemblies.
- ASTM A962 / A962M-25 Standard Specification for Common Requirements for Bolting Intended for Use at Any Temperature from Cryogenic to the Creep Range, has been published and now includes requirements for decarburization and carburization examination. (Note: this standard is managed by the A01 committee on steel, not F16)
- ASTM A193 / A193M-25 Standard Specification for Alloy-Steel and Stainless Steel Bolting for High Temperature or High Pressure Service and Other Special Purpose Applications has been published with changes to remove minor redundancies and unnecessary manufacturing restrictions.
- ASTM F1789 on Fastener Terminology was changed to provide a more accurate definition of Thermal Black Oxide as relating to alloy steel socket screws.
- ASTM F606 / F606M-25 on Fastener Test Methods has been revised to include better coverage of sizes and types for hydrogen embrittlement testing and it now incorporates Charpy Impact Testing.
- ASTM F680 on Test Methods for Nails was reapproved.
- ASTM F912 on Alloy Steel Socket Set Screws has been reapproved.
- ASTM F1428 on Aluminum Filled Coatings was changed to clarify adhesion testing requirements.

- ASTM F1667 / F1667M on Driven Fasteners was changed to address dimensional issues.
- ASTM F2280 on Test Methods for Coatings used on F3125 structural bolting was reapproved.
- ASTM F912 on Alloy Steel Socket Set Screws was reapproved.
- ASTM A31 on Steel Rivets for Pressure Vessels was reapproved.
- A new Standard/Guide for the Presentation of Fastener Conformance Documentation remains in work.
- ASTM B08 Coatings Committee met Toronto, Ontario, Canada the week of May 5, 2025. The work of that meeting will be reported in the next update.
- The ASTM F07 Aerospace and Aircraft Committee held a very successful Conference on Hydrogen in Materials in La Rochelle, France June 4-6, 2025.
- The next ASTM F16 Standards Committee and B08 Standards Committee meetings will be held the week of November 10, 2025, in Atlanta, GA.

SAE International

- The SAE Fastener Standards Committee work will be reported in the next update. The committee is scheduled to meet next on September 10, 2025, in Cleveland, OH.

RCSC - Research Council on Structural Connections (The Bolt Council)

- The RCSC last met in Cleveland, OH, June 3, 2025.
- Revision of the Specification for Structural Joints Using High-Strength Bolts is complete and should be available on the RCSC website in a few months.
- Work continues on the new AISC/RCSC Stainless Steel Structural Bolting Guide. The Guide has been reviewed by RCSC Oversight Committee and is back in the hands of the authors. The Guide should be published by the end of 2025.
- The next RCSC meeting will be held in Cincinnati, OH, June 3-5, 2025.

IFI - Industrial Fasteners Institute

- The IFI 2024 (12th Edition) Book of Fastener Standards has been published and is available for purchase (worth repeating).

- The following IFI standards are in revision: IFI-114-2015 Break Mandrel Blind Rivets; IFI-113-2015 Steel Self-Drilling Tapping Screws; IFI-115-2014 Flange 12-Point Screws.
- A new standard for Rivet Nuts is being taken into consideration.
- The IFI Technical Committee has established a task group to review and update the IFI Fastener Technology Handbook.
- If your company has an interest in North American Fastener Manufacturing and you are not a member of the IFI please consider joining.

ISO

- The next ISO TC2 Committee Meetings are scheduled for October 20-24, 2025, in Hamburg, Germany. These meetings are also online so if you are a middle-of-the-night person, consider attending as an observer. Just contact the author.
- The TC2 Committee has a task group working on revising ISO 898-1, for Externally Threaded Steel and Alloy Steel Fasteners to address discrepancies between calculated and actual tensile stress areas in fasteners.
- The latest revisions of ISO Fastener Standards can be purchased through the IFI website, or for information on a comprehensive subscription to the ISO On-Line Browsing Platform please email standards@nfda-fastener.org.

There are hundreds of fastener professionals around the world working to keep our fastener standards current. If you are one of these people – thank you. If you would like to be one of these people, you know the email - carmenv@carverem.com.

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Carmen Vertullo's appointment as the NFDA technical standards representative allows the NFDA membership not just visibility of standards activities, but also a voice in the process. NFDA members are encouraged to express their comments or concerns relating to fastener standards. The only way to influence the process is to stay engaged and participate.

MEMBERS CAN:

- Inquire about changes to drafts noted in quarterly reports
- Ask general standards related questions
- Raise suggested revisions or technical updates to standards
- Offer feedback to continue refinement of these articles

NFDA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP FOR FASTENER TRAINING WEEK



The National Fastener Distributors Association (NFDA) recently awarded a scholarship for Fastener Training Week, an advanced fastener technical training program produced by the Fastener Training Institute, to Michelle Yu, Supply Chain Analyst for AIS.



Scholarship applicants were evaluated based on recommendations from their employers, personal achievements, work experience, and an essay. Identifying information was redacted so that the team evaluating the applications did not know the names or employers of those applying.

The next deadline to apply for an NFDA Fastener Training Week scholarship is June 1, 2026. The application can be found at www.nfda-fastener.org/fastener-training-week-scholarship

For more information about Fastener Training Week, visit www.fastenertraining.org

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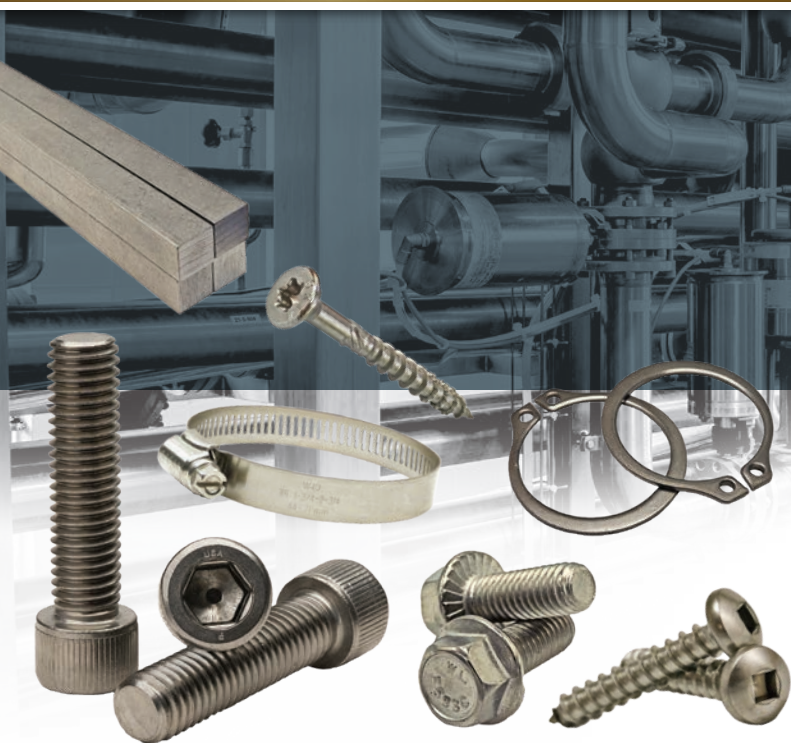
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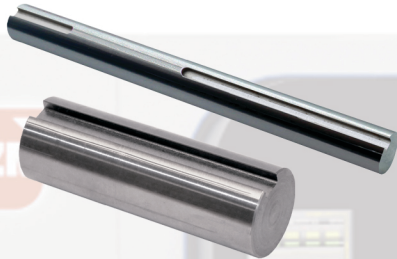


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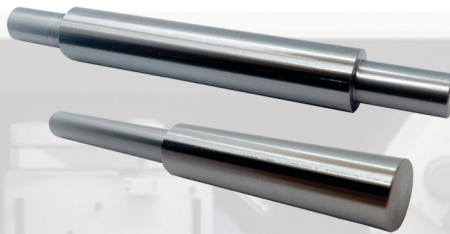
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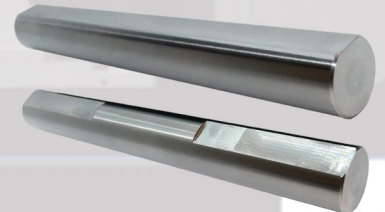
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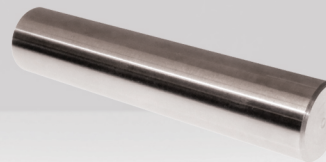
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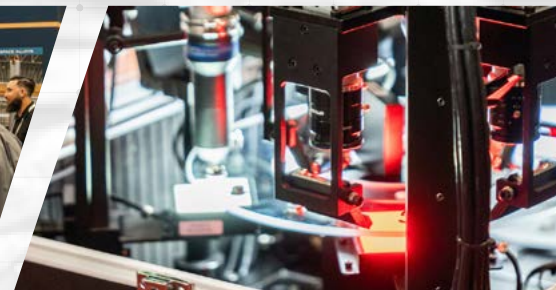
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