



# NFDA TODAY

YOUR NATIONAL FASTENER NEWS



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nick Ruetz

### HAPPY NEW YEAR !

The holiday season always gives me a chance to unwind a little bit, remember what's truly important in life, and refresh my personal and business outlook and goals as we turn the calendar to a new year. As an industry we can close the books on 2022 and head boldly into 2023.

We get the opportunity to build on the momentum

we've started and reassess things we would have done differently. After all, nobody bats one thousand no matter what they tell you.

I'd like to focus this message on the momentum the NFDA is looking to capitalize on. Membership, the future leaders of our industry, and upcoming events.

To start, thank you for all of you who have recently processed your membership renewal. We also had 18 new and rejoined members in 2022, so welcome and welcome back! I encourage all members to both review your member level and rosters. Many of our members have experienced tremendous growth the last several years from both organic sales growth and acquisition. With that comes the need for you to ensure you're registered at the proper membership level for the size of your business.

I'd like to recognize the outstanding job the Young Fastener Professionals (YFP) group is doing to drive

engagement with new and young people in our industry and helping build our future leaders. If you haven't had some of your team members participate in YFP events I highly encourage you to get them involved. You can find information on YFP events on the NFDA website. Between the work they're doing on regional resources for YFP, building the mentorship program, and of course their one-of-a-kind virtual holiday party, it's been inspiring to watch this group push themselves and the NFDA Board to come up with strategies to keep engagement high with our younger fastener professionals. The current YFP board consists of the following individuals: Mallory Cravens Nichols – President, Jake Glaser – Immediate Past President, and Directors Craig Beaty, Christian Georgievski, and Zech Williams. Thanks again for your leadership and all you are doing for your peers and our industry.

Finally, a note about upcoming events. The 2023 NFDA Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago **JUNE 13-14** at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel. Keep an eye on your email for when registration opens, but for now please save the date. As an additional networking opportunity the Midwest Council for Children with Disabilities (MCCD) will be holding their annual golf outing on **JUNE 12TH** at Maple Meadows Golf Club in Addison, IL with dinner to follow at Empress Banquets. You can find more information and register at <http://www.mccdcares.com>. You will need to register directly with MCCD for that event.

I look forward to seeing everyone in June, and best of luck in 2023.

## WELCOME NEW NFDA MEMBERS!

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## NFDA CALENDAR

Visit the NFDA website at [www.nfda-fastener.org](http://www.nfda-fastener.org) for more information

### JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 16, 2023	Virtual Program - Developing Talent
May 11, 2023	Virtual Program
June 13-14, 2023	Annual Meeting – Chicago, IL
September 28, 2023	CEO/Executive Virtual Roundtable
October 25-27, 2023	Executive Summit – Scottsdale, AZ
November 30, 2023	Virtual Program
December 14, 2023	NFDA/YFP Virtual Holiday Celebration



### ASSOCIATE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Mike Robinson

Happy New Year! As a wise man once said, "Last year gave you lessons, today gives you opportunities, and next year is kind enough to give you both." With our business environment ever changing, the NFDA is once again providing our members the content, resources, and opportunities to best equip you and your team for success.

After strong attendance and participation last year, the NFDA Learning Committee is offering our quarterly virtual programs again in 2023. Beginning on **MARCH 16TH**, we will have a group of seasoned industry veterans discussing how they develop talent within their organizations. There will be four more virtual events on the following dates, so mark your calendars.

### REMAINING VIRTUAL EVENTS:

- **Thursday, May 11, 2023**
- **Thursday, September 28, 2023**
- **Thursday, November 30, 2023**
- **Thursday, December 14, 2023**

If you have attended these events in the past, you know each one is different and covers a plethora of topics. If there is something we haven't focused on or an idea you would like to see covered, please reach out to me at [mrobinson@starstainless.com](mailto:mrobinson@starstainless.com). We welcome any suggestions or relevant topics, as our goal is to make these programs valuable to you (our members). Please let us know what you would like to see this year.

We hope to see everyone in person at our Annual Meeting which is being held in Chicago this summer and another successful Executive Summit in Scottsdale Arizona in October.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the events throughout the year. Thank you for your support and contributions to our association. Let's make 2023 another great year!

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



The Fastener Training Institute® offers the following opportunities to increase your fastener knowledge:

### FASTENER TRAINING WEEK:

- **April 3-7, 2023** – Cleveland
- **August 21-25, 2023** – Chicago
- **December 4-8, 2023** – Los Angeles

NFDA members receive discounted registration on all FTI classroom seminars. For more information and a list of all FTI events visit [www.fastenertraining.org](http://www.fastenertraining.org)

## SCHOLARSHIP FOR FASTENER TRAINING WEEK

For more information about Fastener Training Week, visit [www.fastenertraining.org](http://www.fastenertraining.org)

Each year NFDA awards a scholarship for Fastener Training Week, an advanced technical training program produced by the Fastener Training Institute®.

Applicants are evaluated based on the recommendation from their employer, personal achievements, work experience, and an essay. Identifying information is redacted, so the team members evaluating the applications do not know the names or employers of those applying.

The Fastener Training Week scholarship is a benefit for NFDA members only. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is **JUNE 1**. The application can be found at [nfda-fastener.org/fastener-training-week-scholarship](http://nfda-fastener.org/fastener-training-week-scholarship). Apply today!

## NOMINATIONS FOR FASTENER PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The nomination form can be found at [www.nfda-fastener.org](http://www.nfda-fastener.org)

The National Fastener Distributors Association is now accepting nominations for the 2023 Fastener Professional of the Year award.

Created in 2017, the award recognizes individuals who make exceptional contributions to their companies and to the fastener industry. Membership in NFDA is not a requirement to be selected for the Fastener Professional of the Year award. Self-nominations are acceptable, or nominations can be submitted by others.

The deadline to submit nominations for the 2023 award is **FEBRUARY 28, 2023**. The award will be presented at the NFDA Annual Meeting, June 13-14, 2023 at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.

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## NFDA STANDARDS ACTIVITY UPDATE Q4 2023 — John Medcalf

A common theme in distribution over the past year We close out 2022 under a cloud of economic uncertainty. Although conditions have certainly improved in the distribution landscape (ocean freight costs, lead times, etc.) and many are still reporting strong sales, a recession that once seemed avoidable is becoming increasingly likely. Regardless of the recession's severity, the understanding and use of fastener standards will be important for businesses' operational efficiency. Proper use of standards ensures the communication of part requirements and is the most efficient path to resolution when quality issues or non-conformances arise. So, to keep you informed of current projects, a summary of major activities is below.

### ASME

Activity remains limited, with the revisions to B18.21.1 on washers and B18.6.3 on machine screws and tapping screws requiring additional review. The B18 committee is expected to meet in May in conjunction with ASTM.

### ISO

Most significantly, the comprehensive revision to ISO 898-2 on mechanical properties of steel nuts has been published. There are too many updates to list, but the essence of the revision aligned nut heights, hardness, and proof load for the various styles and property classes to prevent thread stripping as a failure mode. The significant projects to revise ISO 16047 on torque/clamp force testing and ISO 898-1 on mechanical properties of externally threaded fasteners are progressing, although both will be multiple year projects. A technical report will be developed regarding the calculation of tensile stress area, which is the basis for converting fastener strength in terms of stress to a measurable load. Potential updates to this calculation may be required and incorporated into the ISO 898-1 revision. A technical report will also be created to publish results of a comprehensive round-robin study of the salt spray test method. These results may have an impact on how this test is referenced in specifications and applied to fasteners in the future.

### ASTM

The topic of hot-dip-galvanizing in ASTM F3125 is still under discussion, with previous negative comments still being resolved. Revisions to ASTM F1941/F1941M on electroplating and ASTM F2329 on hot dip galvanizing

will continue and take cues from the corresponding ISO standards but have not been balloted yet. With the combined zinc flake standard (ASTM F3393) in place and being refined, the separate standards covering the individual coatings (F1136, F2833, F3019) will soon be balloted for withdrawal. ASTM will meet in May in Denver.

### SAE

The most significant project within the SAE fastener committee is a complete line-by-line review of the J429 standard on mechanical properties of externally threaded fasteners. Covering Grades 2, 5, and 8 (among others), this is one of the most widely used standards in North America but was lacking in a number of areas. A draft for ballot should be ready in early 2023 and will include many technical updates to refine and improve the standard.

Please email your standards related comments, concerns, or questions to John at [standards@nfda-fastener.org](mailto:standards@nfda-fastener.org)

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John Medcalf'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. Please email your standards related comments, concerns or questions to John at [standards@nfda-fastener.org](mailto:standards@nfda-fastener.org)

#### 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



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**BBI Family VS2** (ASME B18.21.1) (Rockwell 90HRB min)

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