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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Kevin Godin**

Even here in the frozen tundra of Michigan where I am writing from, it seems that spring has finally arrived. The trees are budding, the birds are singing, and furry creatures are starting to scamper about. In a similar way, it seems many businesses have been coming out of hibernation and people are meeting and on the move again. Although it is not yet completely behind us, the world seemingly continues to wake up from the COVID hibernation. It has been great to see people again at in-person events and to have doors opening up.

We are excited about the opportunities we have this year to reengage with our in-person events as well as build upon the virtual offerings. At its core, the association is a network, and we want to provide the most meaningful networking and learning opportunities possible. We realize that the best way to do that is to provide as many opportunities as we can for our members to interact. I want to encourage each of you to get involved and to share with us what works and what can be improved.

Our Board and committees are working hard to ensure we continue to provide the content and resources that will support you as you work to take your business to the next level. Whether it is information such as the compensation survey, partner discounts on freight, or networking and training opportunities, we encourage you to be sure you know what is available to you as members.

One event I would like to highlight and personally invite you to are our bi-annual Executive Sales Planning Sessions® (ESPS®). Held at the Annual Meeting, ESPS offers a unique opportunity to have several high-level

meetings with key partners in a single trip with a bit more focus than is often the case at larger trade shows, and you get the added bonus of participating in the annual meeting education.

If you have not previously attended an ESPS this would be a great year to see what the excitement is about. Once you go to the first one, I am confident you will be looking forward to the next one. This year it is June 21-24 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. You can register at [www.nfda-fastener.org](http://www.nfda-fastener.org). I hope to see you there.

Here are several upcoming opportunities to participate:

- **May 11 Virtual Roundtable – Cyber Security**
- **June 21-23 Annual Meeting & ESPS – Minneapolis, MN**
- **August 10 Virtual Roundtable – Operations**
- **October 12 Virtual CEO Roundtable**
- **November 9-11 Executive Summit – Naples, FL**

For those who are looking for ways to support NFDA and get your name out there, we offer several advertising opportunities. One of the easiest ways to get started is to sponsor one of the events listed above. If you are interested in learning more about that you can contact [jamie@nfda-fastener.org](mailto:jamie@nfda-fastener.org).

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**NFDA CALENDAR**

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

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS:**

**May 11 Roundtable Discussions**  
– Cyber Security

**August 10 Roundtable Discussions**  
– Operations

**October 12 CEO Roundtable**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING IN-PERSON EVENTS!**

**June 21-23 Annual Meeting and ESPS®** – Minneapolis, MN

**November 9-11 Executive Summit** – Naples, FL

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**



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

**FASTENER TRAINING WEEK:**

- **May 2-6, 2022** – Cleveland
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Fastener Training Week scholarships are a benefit for NFDA members only. The next 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! For more info about Fastener Training Week, visit [www.fastenertraining.org](http://www.fastenertraining.org)



## NFDA STANDARDS ACTIVITY UPDATE - Q1 2022

John Medcalf

As I write this on a snowy morning in early April, here in the Midwest we're still waiting for the weather to break. But one thing that is starting to break is the return to in-person meetings. While ASME and ISO are still using web conferences at the moment, ASTM F16 is planning to have the first in-person sessions since November of 2019 in Seattle, Washington on May 16-17. And with some of the topics noted below, hopefully the ability to discuss face-to-face will prove constructive. Following are some of the highlights of activity.

### ASME

Current activity is limited, but B18.2.2 on nuts has been published with the inclusion of castle nuts, and work on B18.21.1 on washers continues. The B18 committee will meet via web conference on May 4.

### SAE

As mentioned in the last article, a project is underway to review moving requirements from the inch nut standard J995 into ASTM A563/A563M, but this will be a long-term process. There is currently a minor revision being balloted to include 12L14 more clearly and 1215 materials for machined nuts in J995. The update to J1237 on metric thread rolling screws has been highlighted in past articles, and it has finally been published. This includes better definition of thread runout under the head and a reduction of core hardness for case hardened fasteners.

### ASTM

While the creation and publication of F3393 (the combined zinc-flake coating standard) was a success, it has created some follow-on work as the individual standards for proprietary coating systems are withdrawn. One example is the approval of coatings for use on Grade A490 structural bolts. Both F3125 on structural

bolts and F3393 on coatings are being updated to address how to confirm acceptable coating processes are ordered and used for these products. An even more significant project centers around the allowance for hot dip galvanizing of Grade A490 bolts. While a ballot received a high percentage of approving votes, I expect significant discussion around several negative responses received.

### ISO

The revision of ISO 4042 on electroplating was approved and is awaiting publication. And while there are a number of current and back-burner projects, two receiving a fair amount of attention currently are the development of ISO 3506-7 on material properties for stainless steel washers and the creation of material property standards for fasteners greater than M39. The latter has made significant progress, with a goal of having a working draft at least for externally threaded fasteners by the October plenary meetings.

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



## ASSOCIATE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

**Kelly Charles**

### HAPPY SPRING, EVERYONE!

Winter has not completely relinquished its grasp on the Midwest, but we are seeing some signs of light. Here's hoping for warmer temps and no more snow.

We have a few exciting events coming up. Our next virtual event is a virtual program on Wednesday, May 11: Cyber Security-What is the New Normal? This program is presented by NFDA member company WTC IT Services. Join us for an informational Zoom meeting, including Q & A. As always, contact me ([kellyc@semandspecials.com](mailto:kellyc@semandspecials.com)) with any programming ideas. The Learning Committee is always looking for program ideas to add value to our membership.

Speaking of value, here is a list of member benefits that you may not be taking advantage of:

- Free weekly access to the Kiplinger Letter, concise weekly forecasts on business and economic trends, as well as what to expect from Washington
- Free annual Profit Report and biennial Employee Compensation Report for companies that participate in the surveys. Discounted pricing is available to members who choose not to participate in the surveys
- Free access to quarterly Profit Improvement Reports, prepared for NFDA by Dr. Al Bates

- Discounted registration for all NFDA events
- Discounted registration for all Fastener Training Institute courses, Sales Professional Training Camps, and the annual University of Innovative Distribution
- Business services discounts for Caliper, [www.FastenersClearinghouse.com](http://www.FastenersClearinghouse.com), National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors publications, Office Max, YRC Freight Shipping, and more.
- Access to NFDA's member database of more than 500 fastener professionals
- Free Associate Member Spotlight, included in a weekly email blast
- Free press release promotion. Just send them to us and we'll tweet them and include them in the news section of our website.
- Marketing opportunities in our quarterly newsletter

The YRC and Office Max benefits are two that may be of particular interest, as costs continue to rise.

Lastly, registration is open for ESPS, live and in-person! I am really excited to see everyone in person again. Besides the ESPS appointments, we will have a presentation by ITR Economics and a state of the industry panel discussion. Please join us in Minneapolis for this in-person event.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.



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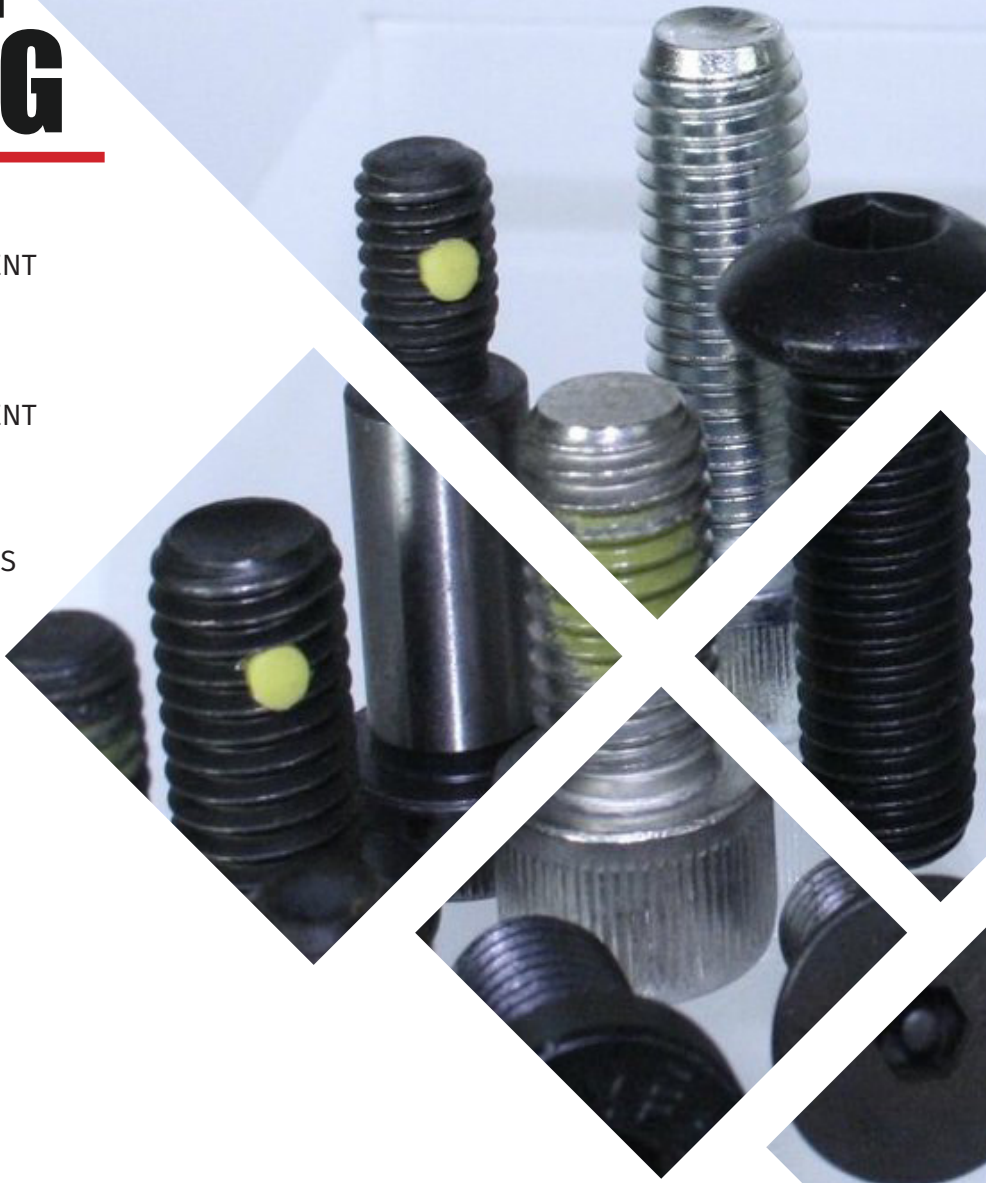
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