



NFDA TODAY

YOUR NATIONAL FASTENER NEWS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nick Ruetz

Our first 70-degree day of the year. It's about time. I'm no weatherman, but it looks like we've turned the corner and the warm weather of summer is on its way.

Speaking of summer in the Midwest, registration is open for the NFDA Annual Meeting which will take place in Chicago June 13-14 at the Radisson Aqua Blu. I hope to see many of you in attendance for networking and industry insights. At the event we will present Carmen Vertullo with the 2023 Fastener Professional of the Year Award. Carmen's passion and devotion in training the future technical stars of our industry came through loud and clear in his nomination. Congrats Carmen!

It's hard to believe that this will be my last newsletter for my term as NFDA president. We will transition to incoming president Jim Degnan of S.W. Anderson at the annual meeting. Additionally, we will take the time

The spring season is upon us. Mother nature has sure had a laugh for us in the upper midwest this year. I write this from our offices in southeastern Wisconsin where just two weeks ago a ten-inch snowfall surprised us. There are still northern parts of our state, Minnesota, and into the Dakotas that are still under several feet of snow. Today, however, we are enjoying

to recognize several Board members whose terms are ending. I'd like to recognize those individuals for their contributions during their terms now as well. Kevin Godin of AFC Industries will conclude his term as Immediate Past President, Kelly Charles of SEMS and Specials concludes her term after serving as Board member and Associate Chair, and Jon Queenin of Specialty Bolt & Screw wraps up his Board term as well. Thank you, Kevin, Kelly, and Jon for your dedication to our industry and service to the NFDA.

We will welcome new Board members in June and get to work on the three-year strategic plan that came together at our session in February in Austin, TX. I appreciate everyone who took time to fill out the survey the NFDA sent out to help inform the planning committee about what is most important to the membership. More on the full scope of the plan to come, but I will share some common themes we took to heart that arose from the survey. Those themes centered around membership value, learning content, and help in today's difficult talent market. I have all the confidence in the world in the Board and committees that together we will continue to reinvent our organization to best serve our membership.

Finally, a word of thanks to the committees that really drive the association. To those of you who serve the Learning, Member Value, and Marketing Committees we thank you for your time and effort into making the NFDA what it is.

See you in Chicago.

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ASSOCIATE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Mike Robinson

16-17, and then the summer gets kicked off with our NFDA Annual Meeting in Chicago on June 13-14!

We are excited about teaming up with Midwest Council for Children with Disabilities (MCCD) on Monday June 12 for its annual fundraiser at Maple Meadows in Addison, IL, just before the start of the NFDA Annual Meeting. On Tuesday June 13 we are kicking the day off with an architectural river cruise. If you have never been on one of these in Chicago, I highly recommend it! On

Wednesday you will get to see who the well- deserved Fastener Professional of the Year Award gets presented to, along with the ITR Economics presentation, NFDA legend Jim Ruetz presenting on his Ph.D. thesis on family-owned businesses, and ending the event with a participant favorite industry panel discussion with some fastener veterans.

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The Annual Meeting is one of NFDA's best events every year. If you are looking to get more out of your NFDA membership or curious what NFDA can do for you or your company, I encourage you to come to Chicago for this in-person event and experience what makes NFDA such a great association. You will see old fastener friends and have the opportunity to meet new ones as well. All you have to do is show up.

Before we know it, we will be talking about the NFDA Executive Summit out in Scottsdale, AZ this fall. If you have any suggestions for education content or suggestions for the Executive Summit, please email me at mrobinson@starstainless.com.

I wish everyone safe travels and enjoy the rest of your spring. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Chicago this June!

NFDA CALENDAR

Visit the NFDA website at www.nfda-fastener.org for more information

JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 11, 2023** NFDA / YFP Virtual Roundtables: The Triple Bottom Line
- June 13-14, 2023** Annual Meeting – **Chicago, IL**
- September 28, 2023** CEO / Executive Virtual Roundtables
- October 25-27, 2023** Executive Summit – **Scottsdale, AZ**
- November 30, 2023** Virtual Program
- December 14, 2023** NFDA / YFP Virtual Holiday Celebration



NFDA STANDARDS ACTIVITY UPDATE Q1 2023 — John Medcalf

In spite of tech sector layoffs, a theme that continues to prevail in industry is having more available work than people. This certainly remains the case in the area of fastener standardization, with many significant standard revisions tabled waiting for available resources. And with hybrid or web meetings still being the norm, there has never been an easier time to start participating and provide meaningful contributions. I would encourage all readers of this column to consider if you or someone in your organization could volunteer some time to one of the organizations listed below. I am sure that the individual and the organization would realize many benefits that are well worth the time investment. Brief descriptions of current activities are as follows.

ASME

The long-anticipated revision to ASME B18.6.3 on machine screws and tapping screws went through balloting and received several comments and negatives. ASME B18.3 on socket products was balloted to reintroduce spline drives along with some other minor changes, and it received some negatives as well. Both standards, along with the open revision to B18.21 on washers, are expected to be discussed at the next B18 committee meeting. This will be held as a web conference on May 24.

ISO

There are still a number of projects in the works, but current ballot activity has been limited to some minor updates on groove pin standards and the series of all-metal and nylon-insert locknut standards. Both groups of documents are in the early draft stage of ISO balloting.

ASTM

A number of standards are under review, with some of the projects as follows. Ballots are out for the inclusion of low head sockets in the F835 (alloy steel), F879 (stainless steel) and F468 (non-ferrous) specifications. Both F3393 on zinc flake coatings and A563/A563M on nuts are being balloted with a number of refinements to better clarify coating requirements. The F16 committee meetings will once again offer in-person and web attendance, with the physical meetings being held in Denver on May 8-9.

SAE

The task group working on the comprehensive revision to the J429 standard on mechanical properties of externally threaded inch fasteners has a draft that is nearly ready for initial balloting. Some significant updates proposed include provisions for reduced loadability fasteners and an associated marking system not previously addressed and the potential elimination of Grades 1, 5.2 and 8.2. Descriptions of testing requirements have been greatly expanded, and cross-sectional hardness and optional impact testing are being considered for addition.

Please email your standards related comments, concerns, or questions to John at 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

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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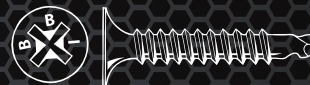
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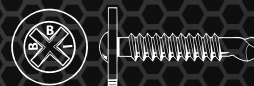
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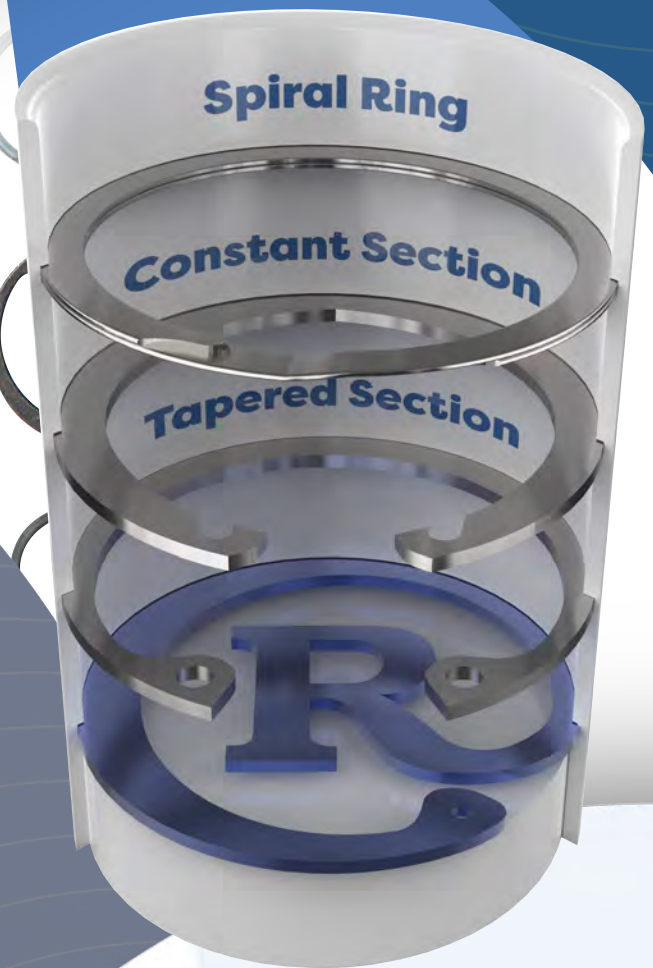
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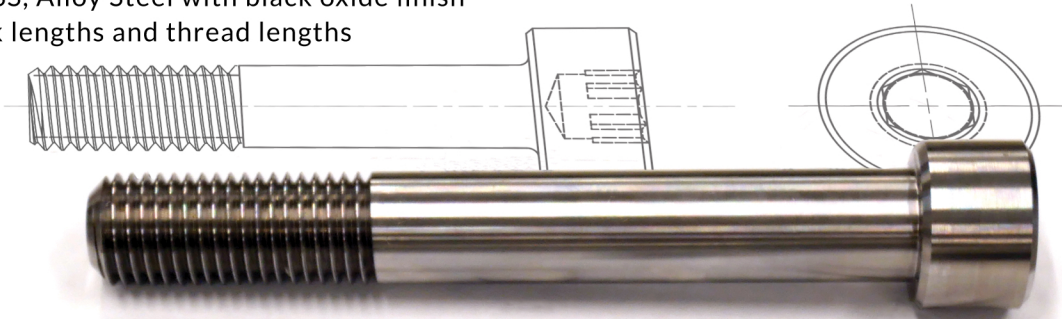
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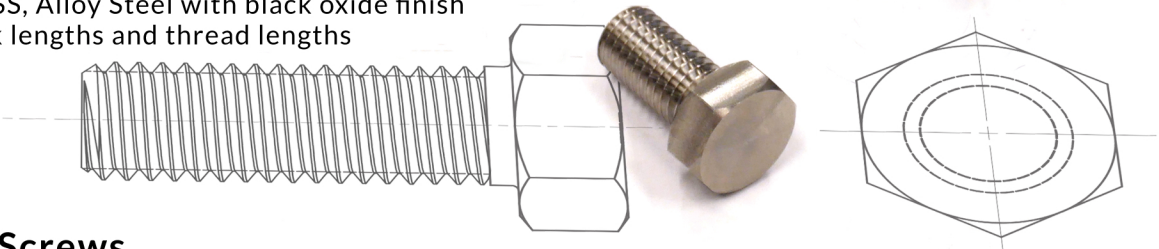
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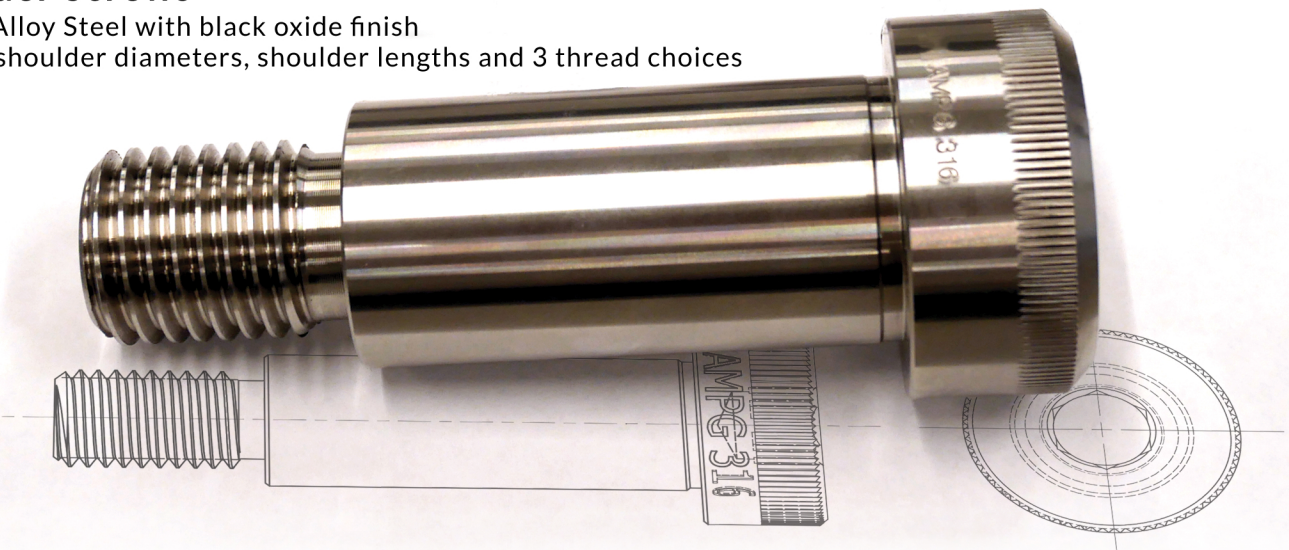
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