

MAY 2025



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Scott McDaniel

It has been a great privilege to serve as the NFDA President over the past year. Seeing my name alongside so many outstanding leaders and entrepreneurs is very humbling and is a great honor. Over the past year, we hosted two PPAP training sessions and several other virtual classes to continue our mission. NFDA continues to provide timely educational opportunities for our members.

Congratulations to our incoming President, Ed Smith. I know he will do an outstanding job representing and leading our group. Thank you to Jim Degnan, Jake Glaser, and Gigi Calfee for their service to the NFDA Board as their time as Board members concludes. It has been a privilege working and learning with them for the past three years. I am also excited to see new faces join the NFDA Board this June and think it may be one of the strongest groups yet to serve on the Board.

I am sure that you all have heard enough about the "T" word, so I thought I would share some other "T" words that you can use in your meetings instead.

- **Tardigrade** – slow-paced
- **Tarriance** – act of tarrying or delaying; procrastination
- **Temerarious** – recklessly or foolishly bold

- **Tergiversate** – to change repeatedly one's attitude
- **Thunderstruck** – extremely surprised or shocked

Over the next couple of months, there are several industry events planned. On May 8 we have a virtual training session discussing CBAM that was organized by the Learning Committee. Fastener Fair USA is scheduled for May 22-23 in Nashville. The NFDA Annual Meeting & ESPS will be in the Queen City, Charlotte, North Carolina, June 11-13. I hope you will join us at the Le Meridian Charlotte for the event.

The more you and your organization put into NFDA, the more you will get out of it. I encourage each of you to expand the reach of NFDA into your organizations. The YFP mentorship program, scholarships, and networking opportunities all provide great value to your organizations and team members. In addition, several of the task forces that were created last year are focused on training, human resources, and leadership, which we hope will continue to add value back to our membership.

A very special thank you to Amy Nijjar and Jamie Adams for their support and dedication to NFDA. None of what we do would be possible without them. They are the driving force behind our group and the entire board. Thank you both very much for everything you do.

If you have any questions, comments, or feedback, please reach out to me at smcdaniel@martinsupply.com or my cell 312-246-0093. Thank you, and have a great summer.

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ASSOCIATE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Christian Reich

Spring is here and it's time to put away those winter coats to enjoy the warmer weather! Don't forget to pick out those flowers for Mother's Day on May 11. As the weather warms up, that also means this year's fastener events are starting to fill up everyone's calendars, and you don't want to miss them! We will see most of you at the Fastener Fair USA event in Nashville, TN May 28 - 29, 2025.

NFDA has had some great virtual programs to kick off this year, and we are excited about the NFDA Annual Meeting & ESPS in Charlotte, NC, just in time to kick off summer, June 11-13, 2025. This is one of the best events of the year, focused on networking and building relationships between distributors and manufacturers with tailored meetings to maximize the ROI on attendance! Make sure to register today before the ESPS meetings book up!

Before we know it, we will be talking about the NFDA Executive Summit in Key West, FL this fall, October 15-17. This is poised to be an incredible event with keynote speakers, education seminars, networking activities, and more. The location itself will make this a well-attended gathering of leaders in the fastener industry! Make sure to keep an eye out for when registration opens and the schedule of events is released!

I am looking forward to working alongside my fellow Board members on the initiatives that we at NFDA have planned for this year and to seeing our NFDA members at the various events in 2025. Thank you to all our members for your continued support and commitment to our association. Together, we have achieved remarkable successes and are well-positioned to face the future with confidence and resilience. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, comments, or ideas you would like to see NFDA incorporate into events.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Charlotte, NC this June! Enjoy the rest of spring and safe travels as you start to attend the industry events this year!



YFP PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hristijan Georgievski

While the world may be full of uncertainties, one thing remains clear: the Young Fastener Professionals (YFP) team is steadfast in its mission to bring value to its members.

During our strategic planning session held in March at the Pac-West Spring Conference and Tabletop Show, the YFP team took an important step forward by refining our vision and setting focused strategic goals. Our objective is to continue strengthening this outstanding association, not just for young professionals, but for anyone new to the fastener industry looking for support, resources, and connection.

We're excited about several upcoming industry events where YFP members will actively participate. We strongly encourage companies across the fastener community to involve their new and younger team members and connect with us during these events.

One key event on the horizon is Fastener Fair USA in Nashville, taking place May 28 - 29. YFP members will be in attendance, and we invite you to stop by the NFDA booth to learn more about our programs and initiatives and how you can get involved.

Looking ahead, we are also beginning preparations for the International Fastener Expo (IFE) in Las Vegas, where YFP will host a dedicated panel discussion. More details about this event will be shared in the coming months.

Stay connected, stay involved, and let's continue building a stronger future for the fastener industry together.

NFDA CALENDAR

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 8, 2025	CBAM Explained – Virtual Program
June 11-13, 2025	Annual Meeting & ESPS® – Charlotte, NC
October 1, 2025	Fastener Certifications and Test Reports – Virtual Program
October 15-17, 2025	Executive Summit – Key West, FL

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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 STANDARDS ACTIVITY UPDATE Q1 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.

There is not a lot of new information to report in this update, but there are a few very important developments. Please look at the previous 2024 Q4 edition of the Standards Activity Update, as this edition leans on it, as I try not to be too repetitive.

ASME – American Society of Mechanical Engineers

- The ASME B18 Fastener Committee last met April 15-16, 2025, at the IFI Headquarters in Independence, Ohio. The work of that meeting will be reported in the next update.
- Major work continues on ASME B18.3 for socket head cap screws and keys. The first ballot closed on April 24, 2025. We will report on the results in the next update. 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
- The next ASME B18 Fastener Committee meeting is yet to be scheduled.

ASTM – American Society for Testing and Materials

- The ASTM F16 Fastener Committee last met in Toronto, Ontario, Canada the week of May 5, 2025. The work of that meeting will be reported in the next update.
- There are over 70 work items on 40 different fastener standards underway. Too much to report here. To access details on these work items, go to: <https://www.astm.org/get-involved/technical-committees/committee-f16/subcommittee-f16>
- 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 will hold a conference on hydrogen in materials in La Rochelle, France, June 4-6, 2025.
- The ASTM B08 Coating Committee is planning a PFAS conference to be held during May 2025 Committee Week.
- 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

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

- The RCSC last met in Pittsburgh, June 6-7, 2024.
- Revision of the specification for structural joints using high-strength bolts has passed final balloting and should be completed by June of 2025.
- 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 mid-year 2025.
- The next RCSC meeting will be 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 in consideration.
- 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 latest revisions of ISO fastener standards can be purchased through the IFI website. For information on a comprehensive subscription to the ISO online browsing platform please email standards@nfda-fastener.org.

Military and Federal

- Revision J of FF-S-86, a very important socket head cap screw specification, was published on April 1, 2025. This problematic federal specification has long needed revision, and much work was done by the committee leading up to this revision. There was no consensus on all items, and work will continue after the publication of revision J. Revision J can be downloaded from <https://quicksearch.dla.mil/qssearch.aspx>, or you can contact the author for a copy.

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.

Finally, I am very curious to know that you have read this update. Please drop me a quick email to let me know at carmenv@carverem.com.

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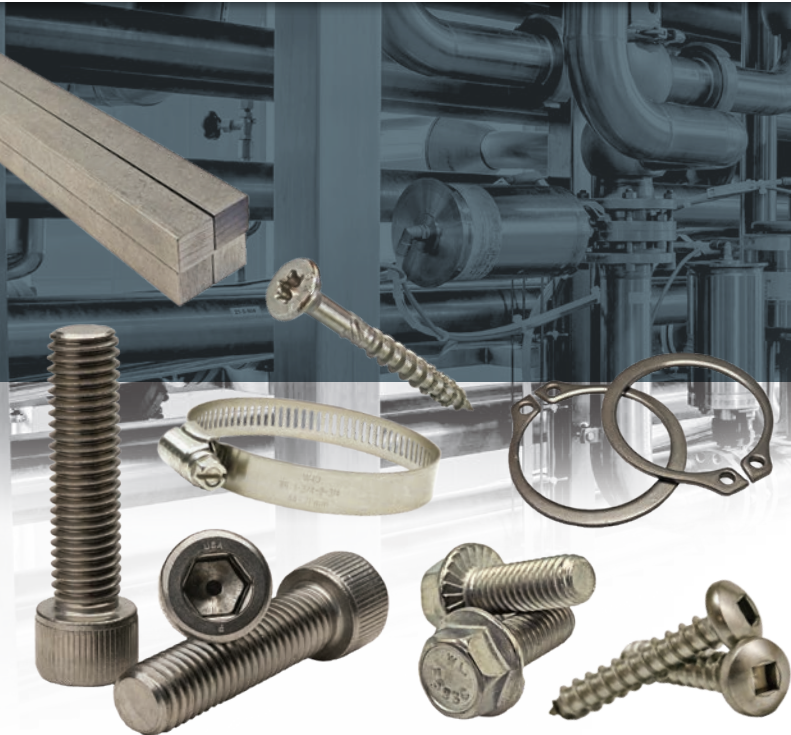
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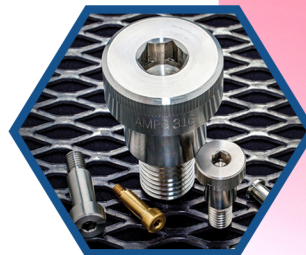
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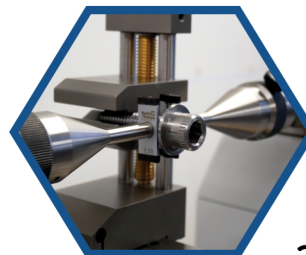
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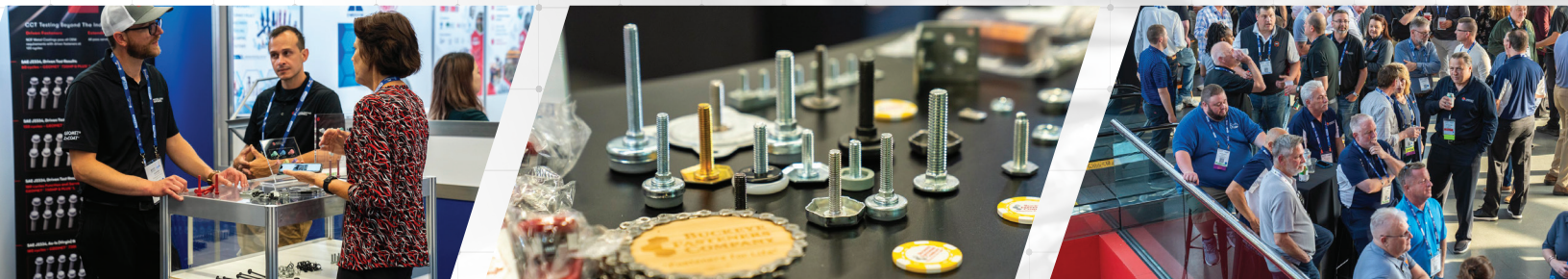


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