

NEWS RELEASE

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FORGING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ELECTS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Indian Wells, California -- Four new directors have been elected to Forging Industry Association's (FIA) Board of Directors for three-year terms. They are:

Patrick Burke, General Manager, Turbine Engine Components Technologies (TECT) Cleveland, Cleveland, OH

Michael A. Kamnikar, Senior V.P., Marketing & Business Development, Ellwood Group, Inc., Ellwood City, PA

Mark Marcucci, President, Gerdau MACSTEEL, Jackson, MI

Ronald A. Wallis, Technical Director, Wyman-Gordon Forgings, Inc., Houston, TX

J. Rick Creed, President & CEO, Weber Metals, Inc., Paramount, CA, was elected President.

Kevin Crowley, President & CEO, Forged Products Inc., Houston, TX, was elected Association Vice President for the coming year.

Eduardo Garza T. Junco, Managing Director, FRISA Aerospace, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and

Ken Mathas, President, Cornell Forge Company, Chicago, IL, were elected to the FIA Executive Committee to serve with Creed and Crowley.

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Forging Industry Association, Cleveland, Ohio, is comprised of 113 North American producers of forged metal components, accounting for approximately 73% of the custom forging volume produced annually in North America. Forged metals parts are pressed, pounded or rolled into countless configurations and used for critical applications in the aerospace, automotive, construction, materials handling, ordnance, hand tool, agricultural and industrial equipment industries -- to name a few! In addition, 89 firms supplying equipment, materials, services or supplies to the industry are also members of FIA. The Association, with its predecessor organizations, has served the metal forging industry since 1913.