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FORGING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ELECTS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

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

Timothy M. Hunter, President & CEO, McInnes Rolled Rings, Erie, PA

Donald G. Jones, President, DeKalb Forge Co., DeKalb, IL

Willard T. Walker Jr., President & CEO, Walker Forge, Inc., Racine, WI

John D. Wilbur, President, Consolidated Industries, Inc., Cheshire, CT

Jim Link, Vice President Operations, MFC Group, Meadville, PA, was elected President.

Randy Schoenfeldt, CEO, Patriot Forge Co., Brantford, Ontario, Canada, was elected Association Vice President for the coming year.

John Cain, President & CEO, Scot Forge Co., Spring Grove, IL, and, **Donald C. Larson**, President, Charles E. Larson & Sons, Inc, Chicago, IL, were elected to the FIA Executive Committee to serve with Link and Schoenfeldt.

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Forging Industry Association, Cleveland, Ohio, is comprised of 116 North American producers of forged metal components, accounting for about 73% of the custom forging volume produced annually in North America. Forged metal 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 – among many others. In addition, 84 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.