



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Forging Industry Educational and Research Foundation Elects Directors, Officers at Annual Meeting**

*Orlando, FL* -- Four trustees have been elected to Forging Industry Educational and Research Foundation's (FIERF) Board of Trustees for three-year terms. They are:

Charles J. Crout, President, Ajax-CECO, Cleveland, OH; Anil K. Hingwe, President & CEO, Bharat Forge America, Inc., Lansing, MI renominated for an additional consecutive term; Chris Jones, Senior VP & Chief Technology Officer, FormTech Industries LLC, Royal Oak, MI; and Markus Knoerr, Dir. Advanced Engineering, Hephaestus Holding, Inc., Novi, MI.

John Pale, Mgr. Engineering, American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc., Detroit, MI. will serve the second of a two year term as President of the Foundation.

Douglas R. Brown, President, Inductoheat, Inc. Forging Division, Madison Heights, MI was elected as Vice President for the coming year.

Joseph F. Cipriani, President, Keystone Forging Co., Northumberland, PA was elected to the FIERF Executive Committee to serve with Pale and Brown.

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*Established in 1961, Forging Industry Educational and Research Foundation (FIERF) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Operating as a supporting organization to the Forging Industry Association, the Foundation's goal is to promote formal education and scientific research in the technologies related to the forging industry.*

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