FIA Members Elect New Directors at Annual Meeting

Bill Hoban of Green Bay Drop Forge Div. will serve as chairman

Cleveland (May 13, 2016) – Forging Industry Association (FIA) members elected new representatives for the FIA board of directors and the Forging Industry Educational & Research Foundation (FIERF) board of trustees May 2 at the Annual Meeting of Members at Hilton Head Island.

Bill Hoban of Green Bay Drop Forge Div. (Green Bay, Wisconsin) was elected chairman of the FIA board, assuming the role from outgoing chairman Ken Mathas of Cornell Forge Company (Chicago). Hoban’s term will end May 1, 2017.

Jeff T. Jones of Forge Resources Group (DeKalb, Illinois) was elected vice chairman of the FIA board. Other members of the 2016–17 FIA board include:

- Scott Boyd of Ellwood City Forge–Forging Division (Ellwood City, Pennsylvania).
- Jose Bravo of Frisa Industries (Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico).
- Martin Essig of Aichi Forge U.S.A. (Georgetown, Kentucky).
- Ron Hahn of Scot Forge Co. (Spring Grove, Illinois).
- Karen Hannum of TimkenSteel Corp. (Canton, Ohio).
- Jeff D. Jones of Forging Equipment Solutions (Medina, Ohio).
- David Salen of MFC Group (Meadville, Pennsylvania).
- James Thielens of Republic Steel (Canton, Ohio).
- Willard Walker Jr. of Walker Forge (Milwaukee).
- Mike Wozniak of Commercial Forged Products, a Division of Wozniak Industries (Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois).

The 2016–17 FIERF board of trustees will be led by Paul Dennis of Weber Metals (Paramount, California), who will serve as president. Suzanne Tkach of Tkach Consulting (Columbus, Ohio) will serve as vice president. Additional FIERF board members include:

- Paul Bore of Trenton Forging Company (Trenton, Michigan).
- Pat Burke of TECT Power (Cleveland).
- Pete Campbell of Campbell Press Repair (Lansing, Michigan).
- William Edwards of Ellwood City Forge–Forging Division (Ellwood City, Pennsylvania).
- Matt Morrison of SIFCO Forge Group (Cleveland).
- John Pale of American Axle & Manufacturing (Detroit).
- Kyle Rackers of Scot Forge Co. (Spring Grove, Illinois).
- Mark Shirley of Finkl Steel (Chicago).
In addition to formal elections, the FIA Annual Meeting of Members featured business and social sessions, tours and a golf outing. Presentation topics ranged from politics and economics to business psychology and generational dynamics in the workplace, highlighted with talks from Mary Matalin and James Carville, Dr. Bob Rotella and Curt Steinhorst.

The 2017 Annual Meeting of Members will take place April 29–May 1 at the Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes, California.

To learn more about FIA, visit forging.org or call 216-781-6260.

About FIA

The Forging Industry Association (FIA) comprises nearly 200 North American metal forging producers, suppliers and service providers. Its members account for more than 75 percent of custom forging volume produced annually in North America. Forged metals are pressed, pounded or rolled in countless configurations, and used for critical applications in the aerospace, automotive, construction, materials handling, ordnance, hand tool, agricultural and industrial industries. FIA, along with its predecessor organizations, has served the forging industry since 1913. The Association’s administrative headquarters is located in Cleveland.

Bill Hoban (right) of Green Bay Drop Forge Div., will serve as chairman of the Forging Industry Association (FIA) board of directors for the 2016–17 term. He assumed the role from outgoing chairman Ken Mathas (left) of Cornell Forge Company on May 2 at the association’s Annual Meeting of Members.