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

Vancouver, British Columbia -- Four trustees have been elected to Forging Industry Educational and Research Foundation's (FIERF) Board of Trustees for three-year terms. They are: Joseph F. Cipriani, President, Keystone Forging Co., Northumberland, PA; Kevin J. Handerhan, President Open Die and Int'l Operations, Ellwood Group Inc., Ellwood City, PA; Markus Knoerr, Director of Engineering, Metaldyne, Royal Oak, MI; and John Pale, Mgr. Advanced Technology, American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc., Detroit, MI.

John W. Nowak, Vice Chairman, Walker Forge, Inc. will serve as the Foundation's President for the second year of a two-year term.

Michael A. Wicklund, President, Missouri Forge, Inc. was elected Vice President of the Foundation for the coming year.

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

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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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