

News from Women in the Fastener Industry

Congratulations to the newly elected 2018 Women in the Fastener Industry (WIFI) Board. Carrie Ann Whitworth of Edsco Fasteners has been appointed 2018 President of WIFI, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing opportunities for women working in the fastener industry.

“I am anxiously anticipating the new year and serving as the president for WIFI,” Whitworth said. “The opportunities in front of us are bountiful, and I plan to see us continue the success that has brought us so far in 2017 with growing membership and increasing interest of WIFI throughout the industry. I have some big shoes to fill from all the hard work Rosa has put in and am honored to have the opportunity. We have a wonderful and energetic Board taking their seats in January, so stay tuned for exciting WIFI information on how you can help us reach our potential with this organization.”

Rosa E. Hearn of Brighton Best International will return as Chairwoman/Immediate Past President. Other board members will include:

- Jen Kushnir of DLP Coatings as Vice President;
- Michelle Richards of The Olander Company as Secretary; and
- Taryn Goodman of Industrial Rivet as Treasurer.

Returning board members are: Ruth Dowling Coffman from Ningbo Jinding Fastening Piece USA, Inc., Kara Hendrick of Velcro Companies, and Melissa Miller of Wurth House of Threads. WIFI is also adding four new elected board members for 2018:

- Tricia Dyer of All American Products;
- Jackie Hunter of Stelfast Inc.;
- Jessica Smith of Wrentham Tool Group, a Philips Screw Company Affiliated; and
- Peggy “PJ” McCaughn, Innovative Components/Independent Consultant.

WIFI board members will be in attendance at industry events year-round, including the new 2018 Fastener Fair USA and regional tabletop shows.

As we honor exceptional women and leaders who have made unique contributions, WIFI takes pride in recognizing individuals whose efforts and accomplishments in promoting women have been exemplary.

This year, WIFI presented its first annual awards. These companies and individuals have done an outstanding job promoting women in the fastener industry and supporting their growth and development within their companies and communities.

No other awards event celebrates women in fasteners quite like us! We are supported by top performing businesses and individuals in the industry.

Women in the Fastener Industry would like to honor:

- Pam Berry, Exec. V.P., Advanced Components – 2017 Women of the Year
- Gail Friedberg, V.P., Zago Manufacturing Co— Women in Business 2017

- Peggy Hsieh, COO, Brighton Best International—Women in Business 2017
- Joanne Bialas, V.P., International Fasteners Inc. –Women in Business 2017
- Andy Cohn, President—Duncan Bolt Co—Man Up for WIFI 2017
- Bob Reynolds, President—INxSQL Software—Man up for WIFI 2017
- Star Stainless Company—Man up for WIFI 2017 Group Award

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Carrie Ann Whitworth