

Fred Young Elected Chairman of AGMA Board



Frederick Young, the owner and president of Forest City Gear, Roscoe, IL, was elected Chairman of the Board of the American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA) at AGMA's 84th Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ. Young will preside over the board until March, 2001. "Fred Young is truly passionate about this business," said AGMA president Joe Franklin. "He is also an excellent model for successful entrepreneurs. Fred is always open to new information, he's naturally curious about how things get done. He is an internationalist and travels extensively around the world visiting gear manufacturers at virtually every stop. He is certainly one of the best known executives in the industry. As AGMA continues to grow and expand our services to companies outside of North America, Fred Young will be both an advocate for AGMA and a strong friend in court for members and potential members everywhere."

New President at Horsburgh and Scott



Dave Kraninger has been named president of Horsburgh and Scott, a Cleveland, OH based manufacturer of custom enclosed drives and open gearing. A thirty-year veteran of the industrial gear market, Kraninger joined the company in 1984 and has most recently served as senior vice president.

Beavers Named CEO of Thomson Industries



Dr. Alex N. Beavers, Jr., has joined Thomson Industries, Inc., as Chief Executive Officer, succeeding John B. Thomson, Jr., who continues as chairman of the Board. Beavers comes to Thomson from PricewaterhouseCoopers, L.L.P. (PwC), where he was the managing partner of the Manufacturing and Supply Chain Management Consulting Practice for the

Americas. In making the announcement, Thomson said, "Alex is eminently qualified to direct the company as we enter a new century and face the challenges of a global economy. He brings to Thomson the expertise necessary to build upon our strengths as the industry leader in linear motion and control technology. Fred's experience includes an in-depth working knowledge of manufacturing process improvement, supply chain management optimization, and e-business solutions to manufacturing companies in a variety of industries."

Bison Adds Argento to Executive Team



Jim Argento

Jim Argento has been named vice president for business development at Bison Gear and Engineering of St. Charles, IL. A 26-year veteran of Boston Gear, Argento will assume responsibility for policy and task deployment involved in Bison's growth initiatives, including the company's new product development process. He will also oversee Bison's management information systems.

Strategic Alliance Formed Between Gleason and Kashifuji

Gleason Corporation announced an agreement to form a strategic alliance to develop, manufacture, sell and service certain products with Kashifuji Works, Ltd., of Kyoto, Japan, a leading supplier of cylindrical gear machinery in the Asian market. The machines, cylindrical gear production machines, would be jointly designed by the two companies, manufactured by Kashifuji and sold in Japan and other Asian markets by OGA Corporation, Gleason's wholly-owned sales and service subsidiary in Japan and Taiwan.

According to David Burns, president and COO of Gleason, "We expect that this alliance will increase the access for both companies into certain markets. The collaboration of Gleason and Kashifuji, two leaders in the field of cylindrical gear machines, should produce an array of opportunities for both companies and mutually strengthen our global product offerings."

Schafer Acquires Patterson

Schafer Gear Works, Inc., of South Bend, IN, announced the acquisition of Patterson Gear and Machine, Inc., Rockford, IL, renaming it Schafer Gear Works Rockford, L.L.C. In the announcement, Schafer president Bipin Doshi, and executive vice president Stanley Blenke, said, "We are very pleased with this acquisition because it thoroughly complements our South Bend operations. Rockford adds capability for producing larger gears and for some precision gear grinding operations we have not offered before. The Rockford operation will result, long term, in the addition of work to both South Bend and Rockford plants."

miniGears Opens Branch Office in China

The Italian gear manufacturer m.G. miniGears S.p.A. opened its first Chinese branch office, in Shanghai's Pudong Duty Free Zone. The office, supported by a distributing warehouse to supply China and the neighboring countries, has the task of providing design and technical-commercial support to both acquired and potential customers as well as keeping the headquarters in Italy up-to-date on trends and changes in the Asian market. Future plans call for the Shanghai branch office to become a production unit as well, specializing the manufacture of cut and powder metal gears.

New Powder Forging Standard

The Metal Powder Industries Federation (MPIF) has published a new standard for powder forged (P/F) steel parts covering carbon steel, copper steel, low alloy P/F-42XX steel and low alloy P/F-46XX steel. MPIF Standard 35, "Materials Standards for P/F Steel Parts" is a 24-page standard that gives chemical composition, physical and mechanical properties, hardenability and Jominy curves for 16 materials.

The physical and mechanical property data contained in the new standard were developed in a testing program conducted by Concurrent Technologies Corp., Johnstown, PA, with cooperation from the Center for Powder Metallurgy Technology and the standards committee of the Powder

Metallurgy Parts Association. The standard can be ordered from MPIF by calling the Federation at (609) 452-7700.

Changes at the Top for Cincinnati Machine's Advanced Systems and Services Business

Cincinnati Machine has announced the appointment of four new officers to its Advanced Systems and Services Business, which was formed to provide more effective service to OEMs in the aerospace, heavy equipment, fluid power and automotive markets.



Dan Janka

Dan Janka was promoted to vice president and general manager, where he will be responsible for all sales, marketing, product management and service activities in North America.



John Judge

John Judge has been appointed senior vice president for sales. Judge will oversee field sales and sales support activities in for the Americas' business, focusing on enhancing sales processes and channels.



Rich Curless

Rich Curless is the new vice president for product and technology development, responsible for all product development and product management activities.



Dwaine Isenberg

Dwaine Isenberg was promoted to vice president of quality and engineering, responsible for all quality systems and engineering design activities. He will focus on creating an engineering design process that achieves "right-the-first-time," six-sigma quality in Cincinnati Machine's products.

Odds and Ends

Nord Gear Corp. has opened a new sales and assembly facility in Corona, California. **William G. Rankin**, CEO of Unique Mobility, has been elected to the additional post of chairman of the board. **Nancy S. Berg** has been named executive director of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) in addition to her current position as SME's

general manager. **J. Lee Juett**, president of the J. Lee Hackett Company of Farmington, MI, has been elected chairman of the American Machine Tool Distributors' Association for 2000-2001. **James S. Gleason**, chairman and CEO of Gleason Corp., was honored by the SME with their Eli Whitney Productivity Award for distinguished accomplishments within the broad concept of orderly production. ⦿

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