

# PTDA

## ANNOUNCES 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANUFACTURER COUNCIL

The Power Transmission Distributors Association (PTDA) elected its 2018 Board of Directors and Manufacturer Council at the annual business meeting during the recent NIBA/PTDA Joint Industry Summit in Hollywood, Fla.

**Jim Williams**, vice president corporate purchasing & supplier relations, Motion Industries Inc. (Birmingham, Ala.) will become PTDA's president in 2018. He succeeds Tom Clawser. Williams has been active in PTDA since 2005, when he joined the Motion Control Task Force. A past chair of the Programs & Products Committee, Jim has served on the PTDA Board of Directors since 2015.



Following his election, Williams said, "This is a great honor and I look forward to serving PTDA in 2018. We have successfully begun to implement the new four-goal strategic plan. This new plan will ensure the Board is in a strong position to further the Association's mission to advance our industry and empower members to be successful, profitable and competitive in this changing environment."

Joining Williams on the 2018 PTDA Board of Directors will be:

- First Vice President Jim Halverson, manager power products, Van Meter Inc. (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)
- Second Vice President Brian Davis, vice president, B & D Industrial (Norcross, Ga.)
- Treasurer LeRoy Burcroff, vice president sales, Bearing Service Inc. (Livonia, Mich.)
- Manufacturer Council Chair Chris Curran, president, Climax Metal Products Company, (Mentor, Ohio)
- Manufacturer Council Vice Chair Sandy Sullivan, national account director, Nidec Motor Corporation/U.S. Motors (St. Louis, Mo.)
- PTDA Foundation President Brian Short, corporate account manager, NSK Americas (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- EPTDA President Jan Friman, director business development, YTM-Industrial Oy (Vantaa, Finland)

### Directors:

- J.P. Bouchard, General Bearing Service Inc. (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada)
- Steven W. DuComb, operations manager, W.C. DuComb Co., Inc. (Detroit, Mich.)
- Brian Kolman, president, Brewer Machine & Gear Co. (St. Louis, Mo.)
- Mike McLain, vice president, Allied Bearing & Supply, Inc. (Harahan, La.)
- Bill Shepard, vice president SW region & marketing, BDI (Cleveland, Ohio)
- Tom Weihsmann, senior VP & GM, Kaman Industrial Technologies Corporation (Bloomfield, Conn.)

**Chris Curran**, president, Climax Metal Products Company (Mentor, Ohio) assumes the duties of the PTDA Manufacturer Council chair in 2018, succeeding Michael Cinquemani, president & CEO, Master Power Transmission, Inc. (Greenville, S.C.). Curran has been active in PTDA governance since 2004 when he joined the Employee Development Committee. Since then, Chris has served on several committees and chaired both the Employee Development Committee and the 2012 Industry Summit Planning Committee. He joined the Manufacturer Council in 2014 where he served as vice chair in 2017.



"I am honored to continue my service to PTDA and its members. Working closely together with the distributors leading our industry, I am confident we can help our fellow members build relationships, solve problems and keep the world moving ahead through the sales and service of power transmission products," Curran said.

Joining Curran on the Manufacturer Council for 2018 will be:

Vice Chair Sandy Sullivan, national account director, Nidec Motor Corporation/U.S. Motors (St. Louis, Mo.)

Immediate Past Chair Michael Cinquemani, president & CEO, Master Power Transmission, Inc. (Greenville, S.C.)

### Council Members:

- Tammy Balogh, vice president human resources, Flexco (Downers Grove, Ill.)
- Andrew A.O. Brown, vice president, Whittet-Higgins Company (Providence, R.I.)
- Chester Collier, senior VP & general manager Bio Circle div., Walter Service Technologies (Windsor, Conn.)
- Randy Disharoon, vice president global accounts, Rexnord Industries, LLC (Milwaukee, Wis.)
- Jeff Moore, executive vice president marketing mechanical PT, Baldor Electric Company (Greenville, S.C.)
- Michael Nisenbaum, director industrial sales & marketing, Carlisle Belts by Timken (Franklin, Tenn.)
- Jos Sueters, vice president, Tsubaki of Canada Limited (Mississauga, Ontario, Canada)

The Power Transmission Distributors Association (PTDA) is the leading global association for the industrial power transmission/motion control (PT/MC) distribution channel. Headquartered in Chicago, PTDA represents power transmission/motion control distribution firms that generate more than \$16 billion in sales and span over 2,500 locations. PTDA members also include manufacturers that supply the PT/MC industry. ([www.ptda.org](http://www.ptda.org))

# Rexnord

ANNOUNCES COMPREHENSIVE U.S. SERVICE NETWORK

Rexnord is proud to announce the Rexnord Industrial Service Network (RIS), formerly Falk Renew. Offering the largest network of gear drive service centers and certified repair shops, RIS provides fast repair solutions throughout the life-cycle of your Falk Gear Drive or system.



Rexnord Industrial Services are available in two alternative forms.

**Rexnord Service Centers:** Rexnord is now offering the high quality, Rexnord repair experience for Falk industrial gear drives in cooperation with Falk gear drive repair shops in the United States. These new Service Centers repair Falk drives as exclusive partners after passing an extensive facility and process audit. This includes Falk gearbox repair services, largest network in the United States, Rexnord original OEM Warranty, OEM trained personnel and authentic Falk Gear parts.

**Rexnord Certified Falk Repair Shops:** Certified by Rexnord, Falk Repair Shops are some of the local partners that you already know and trust. In addition to offering the Rexnord products and services that you expect, Certified Repair Shops can now receive and repair Falk Gear Drives. These shops have passed extensive facility and process audits, always use Authentic Falk Gear Parts and back their work with an exceptional warranty. This includes certified gear drive repair services, authentic Falk parts and Rexnord repair endorsement. ([www.rexnord.com](http://www.rexnord.com))

# Schaeffler

CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY AND CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN OHIO

For 40 years, Schaeffler Group USA Inc. — a global automotive and industrial supplier — has invested in the United States, with a significant portion of those investments taking place in Wooster, Ohio. Schaeffler commemorated the facility's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a grand opening celebration and unveiling of the company's latest capital investment.

"Schaeffler's \$60 million capital investment in its Wooster facility advances our automotive business and strongly secures our position as the community's largest employer," said Marc McGrath, president, Automotive Americas, Schaeffler. "From 2007 to 2016, our automotive business has outpaced market growth by nearly double and we have expanded our manufacturing capacity in Wooster to keep pace with growth in our automotive transmission business. This latest investment, which builds upon our recent \$36.5 million expansion of our Fort Mill, S.C. facility, prepares us for the production of future transmission technologies and further optimizes the

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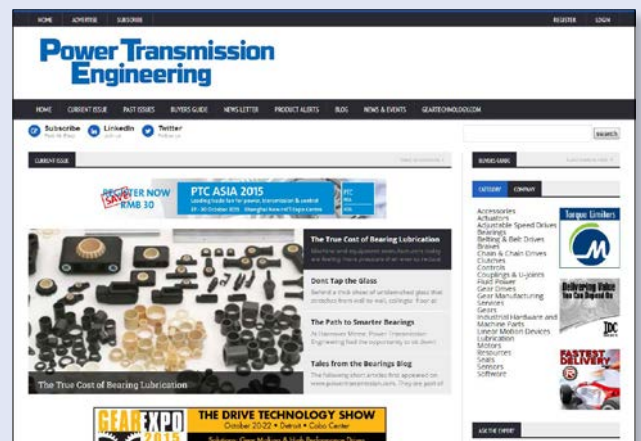
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facility's vertical integration."

"Schaeffler's growth in Wooster from a small team to a manufacturing campus recognized worldwide has engineered the template for international business development," Lt. Governor Mary Taylor said, adding: "Schaeffler operates at the highest quality whether in product, people, or community leadership. We are delighted to call them Buckeyes."

#### Developing Tomorrow's Technologies, Today

Throughout the company's 40-year history in Ohio, Schaeffler has expanded the Wooster campus 20 times, growing from 27,000 square feet to over 800,000 square feet. What began as a team of six employees assembling manual clutches has evolved into nearly 2,000 highly skilled employees. Today, the Wooster facility serves as the global center of competency for Schaeffler's torque converter product line, and is the leading facility for the development and production of Schaeffler's E-Mobility solutions in the United States.

"The expansion has allowed us to streamline our current operations and has prepared us for our future development and production of tomorrow's mobility solutions," said McGrath. "It is a testament to the success of the team in Wooster and positions them to carry forward the tradition of delivering the best solutions for today's vehicles, while also leading the way in future electrification."

The newly renovated campus equips the Wooster team with the capacity for the production of hybrid modules, the first of many Schaeffler electrification solutions, and a critical part of the company's E-Mobility strategy. To meet the high comfort demands of its customers, Schaeffler's hybrid module combines the electric motor with hydrodynamic converter to yield a P2 hybrid solution. Beginning in 2018, the Wooster facility will produce the module for a major U.S. automotive manufacturer. The team is also engaged in pure electric vehicle technology development, including the production of Schaeffler's e-Axles.

Schaeffler Group CEO Klaus Rosenfeld said, "Our investment in Wooster, Ohio is another milestone in implementing our strategy 'Mobility for tomorrow.' Wooster will become our U.S. center for advanced E-Mobility development and will continue shaping mobility through innovation and employee development. This new, state-of-the-art manufactur-

ing facility is a testament to our commitment to attract and retain the best and brightest talent."

#### People Come First: Wooster Apprentices Program

In addition to its high-tech facility, Schaeffler's nationally recognized apprenticeship program also helps the global supplier to attract and cultivate top talent in Wooster. Launched in 1980, the program is now the largest program of its kind in Ohio and currently partners with the University of Akron (UA) to offer a variety of courses, including Tool and Die, Industrial Design, Maintenance Electrician and more. The 3.5-year program consists of both classroom and on-the-job training, and currently has an 83 percent retention rate after graduation, providing the Wooster facility with skilled employees that ensure its long-term competitiveness.

Through partnerships with the UA and other Ohio universities and colleges, the Wooster campus develops employees through a number of programs, including:

A Co-Op Program that teaches Schaeffler-specific skillsets while students complete their degree in business or engineering.

An Advanced Manufacturing Degree Program, a partnership with the UA that allows skilled workforce to earn a degree in advanced manufacturing while working fulltime.

Additional training and development programs that foster leadership development, project management, foreign language learning, quality and safety skills. ([www.schaeffler.us](http://www.schaeffler.us))

## Regal Beloit Corporation

ANNOUNCES DOE GRANT FOR MARATHON MOTORS DIVISION

Regal Beloit Corporation has announced that its Marathon Motors division has been awarded a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) grant for research and development aimed at increasing energy efficiency in electric motors.

The DOE announced a total of \$25 million in grants to enable innovative electrical motors used in manufacturing, of which Marathon Motors received \$1 million to develop a rare-earth element-free motor.

"The Marathon Motors team will direct its research toward developing a motor that uses soft magnetic composites and grain-oriented electrical steel in a state-of-the-art, con-



cal air gap motor architecture,” said Paul Knauer, advanced technology manager, Regal Beloit. “The project aims to improve the efficiency of a 5-kilowatt standard industrial motor from 92 percent to greater than 96 percent.”

According to the U.S. Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, industrial electric motors account for 70 percent of the overall electricity usage by U.S. manufacturers and almost 25 percent of all electricity used nationally. The goal of the grant program is to increase the efficiency of these motors, thereby saving energy and increasing competitiveness for American manufacturers.

“The opportunity to further develop this motor technology came with Regal’s acquisition of NovaTorque’s technology in 2016 and our ability to now leverage that technology,” said Howard Richardson, business leader, Regal Beloit. “We are excited to be a part of this grant, along with the research group of Dr. Hamid Toliyat of Texas A&M, which is assisting in model and testing development.”

NovaMAX motors are ultra-efficient, electronically commutated permanent magnet motors. These energy-efficient motors are designed for use in air handling, pumps, data centers, conveyors, general industrial and other applications. Additional information about the DOE grant program is available at [energy.gov](http://energy.gov). ([RegalBeloit.com](http://RegalBeloit.com))

## BSA

### ANNOUNCES 2017 EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

On October 16, 2017, BSA President, Brian Davis, B&D Industrial, presented the Annual BSA Excellence Awards for outstanding service by bearing distributors and bearing manufacturers to the end use customer.

The Bearing Manufacturer Excellence of Innovation in Product Design Award recognizes companies for innovation and excellence in product design or technology. BSA distributor members reviewed and ranked manufacturer innovation submissions. Among the abundance of innovative product designs submitted, three submissions were chosen to be recognized for their outstanding service to the end use customer.

The first Manufacturer Excellence Award was presented to NTN Bearing Corporation of America for the NTN SPAW Mounted Roller Bearing. The NTN SPAW is a one piece solid ductile iron housed bearing that dimensionally interchanges to a standard split block SAF style bearing unit.

The second Manufacturer Excellence Award was presented to SKF USA, Inc. for the SKF Multilog Online System IMx-8. The SKF Multilog Online System IMx-8 provides online monitoring in a compact footprint that offers you more flexibility. SKF Multilog IMx-8 provides a complete system for early fault detection.

The third Manufacturer Excellence Award for outstanding service to the end use customer was presented to The Timken Company for the Timken Tapered Double Inner (TDI) Roller Bearing for Wind Turbine Main Shafts. This is The Timken Company’s second Manufacturer Excellence Award, they are the first company to be a recipient of this award more than once.



SKF won an award from BSA for its online monitoring system IMx-8.

The 2017 BSA CBS Excellence Award recognized two BSA Distributor Companies, one company with the highest percentage of their inside and outside sales force having attained CBS status, the other company with the greatest percentage increase of its inside and outside sales force having attained Certified Bearing Specialist status. BSA’s Certified Bearing Specialist (CBS) program is the only bearing industry-specific program that identifies and quantifies the specific skill sets to certify an industry professional as a bearing specialist.

BSA recognized two companies with Honorable Mentions for this Award. BDI USA and Bearing Headquarters Company received special recognition for the number of Certified Bearing Specialists within their sales force. This award recognizes the esteemed regard of the CBS designation by these two companies specifically, and the industry as a whole.

The first 2017 CBS Excellence Award for the highest percentage of its inside and outside sales force having attained CBS status was presented to BDI Canada, Inc. The second 2017 CBS Excellence Award for the greatest percentage increase of its inside and outside sales force having attained CBS Status was presented to B&D Industrial.

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