

**COUNCIL OF INDUSTRY
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Council of Industry Elects **Officers and Directors**

Russell Yeager, President of Alcoa Fastening Systems in Kingston was elected President

of the Council of Industry Board of Directors last month. He will serve a 2 year term.

Mr. Yeager has served as First Vice President of the Board since 2007. Mr. Yeager has

been with Alcoa Fastening Systems since 2001.

“I am very proud to lead the Council of Industry Board of Directors.” Mr. Yeager said.

“I find the Council to be a most effective organization, one that really adds value to its members. I hope we can strengthen the organization so that we can continue to help Hudson Valley manufacturers succeed.”

Joining Yeager as officers of the Board will be Stephen Pomeroy, President of Schatz Bearing Company as First Vice President, Charles Altman, General Manager of SP Industries as Second Vice President, and Richard Kolosky, Vice President M&T Bank as Treasurer.

Newly elected members to the 23 member Board are: Jason Smith, President, Presray Corporation/Pawling Architectural Products; Joseph Ferarro, President Elna Magnetics; and Robert Scott, Vice President KeyBank.

The Council of Industry has been the manufacturer’s association for the Hudson Valley for nearly one hundred years and owes its success and longevity to the dedication of its members. The Council Board sets the association’s policies and priorities. Through

feedback and suggestions members contribute to these policies and priorities. By having a Board of Directors made up solely from our membership, the direction of Council of Industry is driven by the needs of the manufacturers who participate.

2009 promises to be a challenging year for the Council of Industry and its members. An economic downturn coupled with what are very likely to be significant regulatory and legislative changes will mean uncertainty. The Association's officers and directors will play a vital role in ensuring that the needs of the members are being met by the Council and its staff.

Harold King, Council Executive Vice President and CEO, is confident the association, the Board and its officers are up for the challenge: "Since 1910 the Council of Industry has promoted the success of its member firms. Through 24 presidential elections, 2 world wars, a great depression, boom times and bust times, the Council has kept its members informed and helped them develop strategies to adapt to new economic conditions, legislation, regulations and policies. We will continue to be a valuable resource in the months and years ahead."

The Council plans to increase its advocacy efforts in 2009 and is expanding its training offerings to include strategic management and lean six sigma.

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