



INTERNATIONAL SAW AND KNIFE ASSOCIATION

# Cutting Times

Winter 2019

## ISKA EVENTS: Save the Date!

### FEBRUARY

Winter Board Meeting Feb. 28 – March 3 – The Board Meeting will be held at The Edison on Friday March 3, 5 pm, within the Disney Springs area in Orlando, FL. Meeting minutes will be available for the general membership.

### APRIL

Knife Grinding Seminar April 25-26 – Colonial Saw, Kingston, MA, will host a seminar on knife grinding. There is no fee to attend. The closest airport is Boston. Colonial Saw, located at 122 Pembroke St., has been a member of ISKA since 1986. See their ad in our Roster book on page 26 and the inside front cover. Colonial Saw offers straight knife grinders and circular knife and slitter grinders, surface grinders and profile knife grinders. It has a broad selection of the world's most advanced machinery for manufacturing and sharpening cutting tools, shapers, router bits, end mills, spiral cutters, drill bits, saws and knives.

On Friday afternoon, there will be a shop tour of Sharp Tool Company facility at 7 Bonazzoli Ave. in Hudson, MA. The company's manufacturing and repair facility contains a complete saw, knife and grinding center. Their team provides carbide products, saw blades,

machinery, knives and shop supplies for over 50 years. Sharp Tool has been a member of ISKA since 2013

### JULY

On Friday, 7/19, 7 pm, ISKA will host its annual networking reception at the 1923 Bourbon Bar. It is located inside Mandalay Bay behind the escalators near the Shoppes. This is during the Association of Woodworking and Furnishing Suppliers Fair July 17-20 at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Sponsors will be announced closer to the date.

The four-day AWFS event will feature woodworking equipment and technology expo where you'll find many of our ISKA Associate Members exhibiting their tools and grinding capabilities. The expo also attracts a large selection of hardware, tooling, components, power tools, manufacturing software, lumber, panel, and construction material as well as supplies for furniture, cabinet, millwork manufacturers and custom woodworking shops of all sizes. AWFS will also include a full educational program. The AWFS website also includes housing and travel information. Visit [awfsfair.org/](http://awfsfair.org/) Since its inception, AWFS has donated millions of dollars toward educational programs and scholarships to the next generation of industry leaders.

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## The Prez Sez...

As we begin 2019, we should ask ourselves, what's going to change in 2019? What's your New Year's resolution or goal? Lose weight, work more, OR work less? Regardless of whether we make them or keep them, you should make a practice of setting goals each year. Every year at Expert Die we ask our sales and management teams to write down their goals, both business and personal.

It is always interesting to go back and look at past goals and see where we are now. The results are mixed, some make me proud and others make me wonder what I was thinking. Either way, it is always a good idea to set goals and have something to work towards. It keeps us focused and motivated. Get busy and write down those goals for 2019!

*"The New Year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals."* –Melody Beattie, Author

Thanks,

Eric Barr  
Expert Die, Inc.  
ISKA Board President



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In addition to its education initiatives, AWFS also actively challenges legislation that is unfair to American manufacturers to be more competitive in the ever changing global economy.

### SEPTEMBER

Get your passport! A Hammering Seminar will be held Sept. 4-6 at the Williams & White Equipment facility in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada. The closest US airport is Vancouver. W&W has a full line of tension and leveling equipment, plus smithing products—from a circle saw leveling station to anvils, hammers, clamps and more. Williams and White has been a member of ISKA since 2011. See their ad on the inside back cover of the Roster book.

### 2020

GrindTec Augsburg March 18-21 ISKA is researching options to organize a group travel to Germany for this industry international event.

### EVENT INQUIRIES

Please watch for further updates via email from ISKA as details are released. Thank you to Dan Zickel, ISKA's Education Chair, for coordinating the event calendar and sponsorships. Inquires can be directed to Dan at W.D. Quinn Saw Co. in St. Louis, Tel: 314-869-5353, Email: dan@quinnssaw.com or the ISKA President, Eric Barr, Expert Die in GA at Tel. 706-277-4854, Email: Eric.barr@expertdie.com ▼

## Sharpener's Report Releases New Saw Sharpening Book

Sharpeners Report is producing a 2nd Edition of its Saw and Tool Sharpening book with a select collection of articles from "The Best of Sharpeners Report" only on this topic. It recently ran a book cover contest and Sharp Tool company won! They will receive 3 free books for

their entry to share at the shop. The book retails for \$45 spiral bound, and \$35 as a pdf Ebook. Visit [Sharpeners-Report.com](http://Sharpeners-Report.com) book store to order. ▼



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## MEMBER NEWS:

### Hyde Industrial Blade Solutions Expands



Hyde Industrial Blade Solutions (IBS), a division of Hyde Tools, Inc., announced in February the acquisition of the square edge slitting knives line from Thurston Manufacturing of Smithfield, RI. The purchase covers the product line and machinery to service existing Thurston customers and provide Hyde customers with better access to this line of knives used for cutting of thin sheet metal, paper, cloth, fabric and rubber. Hyde, based in Southbridge, MA, has been a member of ISKA since 2011. See their ad in the Roster Book on page 43.

“Thurston and Hyde have a very long history producing circular blades and knives for industry with both companies having been founded in the late 1800s,” said Rob Scoble, President, The Hyde Group. “Both have enjoyed a long history of success, while staying firmly grounded in the present, offering products, services and solutions that are customer focused.”

According to Hyde, there will be no outwardly apparent changes for Thurston square edge slitting knife customers as both companies are working hard to ensure a smooth and seamless transition with no service interruption. Production for this line will be moved to Hyde’s ISO 9001:2015 certified facility in Southbridge.

Eric Pfeiffer, Director of Marketing and Business Development, said the purchase included 10 pieces of equipment and the customer list, and to date, two employees from Thurston now work at Hyde. More personnel will be trained in machine operations. Call 800-872-4933 or email: [epfeiffer@hydetools.com](mailto:epfeiffer@hydetools.com) ▼

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### H3D Tool Acquires Terminus

H3D Tool Corp and High Definition Tooling acquired The Terminus last year, but it’s never too late to catch up on member news! The Terminus name has been synonymous with high quality insert type tooling since the mid 90’s. High Definition Tooling will continue this fine tradition by maintaining the high standards for tool design, availability and customer service. Nathan

Mohr has remained in charge of customer service for the Terminus Line of tools. “We are pleased to have his technical knowledge and experience as an addition to our sales support staff,” Chris Dyer said. H3D, based in Ohio, has been an ISKA member since 1994. See their ad in the Roster book on page 44 or email [Sales@h3dtools.com](mailto:Sales@h3dtools.com). ▼

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### Riverside Tool Name Changes to Peak Toolworks

Peak Toolworks is the name for ISKA member Riverside Tool on all company paperwork. The company announced also that it expects its distribution business to grow by 7 percent. Peak Toolworks also includes MaxxLife, its sharpening service centers. The website is [frontlinetooling.com](http://frontlinetooling.com).

For more info, see our past article on this company in the Fall 2018 issue of Cutting Times. Personnel changes noted were that Chris Schmitt, Dustin Kessler, and Bill Rich will be taking ISKA member calls while Ray Kordecki and Johnny Migedt, are both leaving the business. ▼



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for the member survey link.*

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or news to share?*

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## ROSTER CORNER

Are you interested in volunteering within ISKA? Board Committees and Chair positions have two-year terms. If you are interested, please contact ISKA President Eric Barr or Membership Chair Tim Rief. You can email your inquiry to [info@iska.org](mailto:info@iska.org).

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The ISKA membership invoices for renewals have been issued with March 1 as a deadline for payment and new ad artwork as our Membership Chair Tim Rief prepares updates for the Roster Book later this summer.

You can see the Membership List on ISKA.ORG website. Members can use this password 1965. If you are missing your Roster Book, please contact ISKA Communications Chair Judy Brenner, Sharpener's Report, at [info@sharpeners-report.com](mailto:info@sharpeners-report.com) or [info@iska.org](mailto:info@iska.org)

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