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The Copper and Brass Supply Chain Association

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CBSCA President



Greetings Copper and Brass Colleagues,

It is a busy time for us at CBSCA. Following a series of information-packed sessions with our CDA colleagues at the Red Metals Summit in December, we are turning our attention to planning for our 73rd Annual Convention in April. The convention will be in Litchfield Park, AZ, just outside of Scottsdale, and will be held April 23 – 25, 2024. This annual event is an opportunity for us to meet in a less formal, relaxing setting for informational sessions, golf and extended networking opportunities. We'll also take time to hear from each other at an industry roundtable session. There is a lot going on in our industry, so please, join the conversation. Registration is now open for the convention.

Also, applications are open for the 2024 CBSCA Scholarship. This is a program I have

been involved with for many years, and I encourage you to promote this opportunity within each of your companies. This is how we help our own.

Thanks and I'm looking forward to seeing you in April!

CBSCA News



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2024

CBSCA ANNUAL CONVENTION

APRIL 23 - 25, 2024
SCOTTSDALE, AZ USA

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Join us for the 73rd CBSCA Annual Convention!

Register now for the 73rd CBSCA Annual Convention in Litchfield Park (Scottsdale), AZ where we will enjoy:

- Insightful keynote speakers and roundtable discussions.
- Opportunities to make and renew vital business connections.
- The opportunity to learn more about the association and its members, grow professionally and personally and maximize your investment in CBSCA.

The CBSCA Annual Convention offers something for everyone, from learning to networking to fun. We can't wait to see you again April 23 – 25, 2024 at the beautiful Wigwam hotel in Litchfield Park (Scottsdale), AZ!

[Count Me In!](#)



CUT YOUR TUITION COSTS WITH THE 2024 CBSCA SCHOLARSHIP



CBSCA Scholarship Program **The 2024 CBSCA Scholarship is Now Open**

Applications are due by March 15, 2024

To apply for a CBSCA scholarship, applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Be employed by a CBSCA member company
- Be a child of an employee of a CBSCA member company
- Be enrolled in an undergraduate industrial distribution degree program

Additionally, applicants must:

- Be pursuing an undergraduate degree at an accredited four-year college or university
- Be taking at least six credit hours in the upcoming school year
- Have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)

Join the CBSCA Charitable Foundation for a round of golf at the Annual Convention which benefits the CBSCA Scholarship.

The CBSCA Charitable Foundation was established to develop and administer the annual scholarship program at the undergraduate level to promote studies in fields helpful to copper and brass and/or industrial distribution.

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Industry / Partner News

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Wieland Group Acquires Concast Metal Products Co. and Randall Bearings Inc.

Wieland has acquired Concast Metal Products Co. and Randall Bearings Inc., two leading companies in their



respective market segments. With more than 130 years of history and a strong reputation for excellent customer service and manufacturing capabilities, Concast provides a broad product and service portfolio to its customer base. The company's high performance casting operations are located in Mars, PA, and Birmingham, OH.

Randall Bearings, with locations in Lima, OH and Coldwater, OH, offers high-end machined bronze and brass parts, catering to industries such as agriculture, construction, fluid power, oil and gas, heavy equipment, defense and transportation.

"With the acquisition of Concast and Randall Bearings, we further expand Wieland's manufacturing and service capabilities in North America. We are very much looking forward to welcoming an experienced workforce and strong leadership team to the Wieland Group," said Erwin Mayr, CEO of the Wieland Group.

The transaction officially closed on January 12, 2024.



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Widespread Manufacturing Decline: Another Reason to Lower Rates

With the latest data release from the Federal Reserve Board, 2024 is shaping up according to ITR Economics' expectations, and if you have been following along with us, you know those expectations are not high.

As of the latest Federal Reserve Board data:

- US Fabricated Metal Products Production Index has transitioned to Phase D, Recession; the 12-month moving average is 0.3% below the year-prior level and declining.

This market is only the latest domino to fall.



Upcoming Events

April 23 – 25, 2024: **73rd CBSCA Annual Convention**

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