



QUARTERLY UPDATE

U.S. Industrial Fabrics Institute / August 2018

Letter from the Chair

The U.S. Industrial Fabrics Institute has been very busy the past few months educating, engaging and advocating for the members of the division. This past April, USIFI members met in Washington D.C. for our annual Lobby Day and met with representatives to help protect the Berry Amendment along with other Buy American initiatives. Another prominent issue was to discuss NAFTA renegotiations and how this can better serve U.S. Manufacturing. The division meets once a year in D.C., however we work all year round to keep members updated with all things Washington, most recently with the China 301 tariff listings.

Government updates are a prominent subject every year at the Outlook Conference. This was no exception last May at the 35th Outlook Conference held at Chateau Elan in Braselton, GA. An economic update, innovations in textiles, and military sessions are just a few of the highlights from this event where company decision makers attend to network and learn. We had a truly successful turnout this year and look forward to reaching even more goals at Outlook 2019 next May at Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee.

Outlook also marked some exciting transitions with USIFI Advisory Board leadership. Ted Anderson of BondCote Corporation has retired and is now the immediate past chairman. We wish him a long and happy retirement!

With this, I would like to introduce myself formerly as the new Chair of the USIFI Advisory Board. My name is Jim Egan from Graniteville Specialty Fabrics, and I am excited to help lead this division and continue its path of successful programming. Patti Bates of Glen Raven has also moved into the position of Vice Chair and will be an excellent resource and leader for the division.

With these changes, I encourage you to attend IFAI Expo and the USIFI Open Meeting held right on the show floor on Wednesday, October 17, at 11:00 am. Expo will take place October 15-18 in Dallas, TX, and will feature a full day of education along with three



The United States Industrial Fabrics Institute (**USIFI**) is a coalition of United States specialty fabric manufacturers and users. USIFI develops and hosts the Outlook Conference in partnership with the Narrow Fabrics Institute (NFI). It monitors and advocates for member positions in both legislative and regulatory issues in international trade, and hosts an annual lobby day event in Washington, D.C. USIFI provides a network to exchange information, solve common problems and develop mutually beneficial relationships.

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New Members

As of January 2018

Ohco Inc.
Mosaic Weighted Blankets
National Industries For The Blind
Designs Of The Times
Polo Custom Products
Big Duck Canvas
Columbia Sportswear Company

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- USIFI Quarterly Updates
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Member Benefits Guide

days of the show floor featuring many members of USIFI. We hope to see you there!

If you have not yet registered for Expo, you can do so here: www.ifaexpo.com.

Thank you, and I look forward to the year ahead.

Jim Egan, USIFI Division Chair

There is great benefit in being an IFAI member! Check out our new Member Benefits Guide [here](#).

Membership Renewal

Is your membership current? [Click here](#) to renew online or contact [Janet Atz](#) at 651-225-6982.



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