

## 2006 Annual Campaign—Call for Champions!

### AGMA Foundation Raises Funds to Support the Gear Industry

**W**ith a fresh vision and exciting new programs underway, the AGMA Foundation will launch its eighth Annual Campaign in mid-July with the Call for Champions. The Annual Campaign raises unrestricted funds for the foundation's work to advance the gear industry. Champions—the stalwarts of the campaign—are corporate or individual donors who pledge within the campaign's first weeks. While all donors are recognized on the foundation website and at AGMA events, Champions receive special recognition, regardless of the amount donated, for their immediate support. Over the past seven years, the campaign has been very successful, raising more than \$600,000, with a record \$87,000 raised in 2005. With your support, the foundation will surpass this record in 2006 and expand its efforts to support our industry.

We hope everyone is well acquainted with the foundation, but for the benefit of new members or those with questions, please continue reading to learn more about the foundation, its work, and the Annual Campaign. For more information, visit [www.agmafoundation.org](http://www.agmafoundation.org) or call (703) 838-0065.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is the purpose of the foundation?

The foundation was founded by AGMA members in 1994 to support the gear industry. In 2005, the foundation trustees tailored the vision and mission to better target that support.

Vision: Excellence in gearing through the advancement of gear science, standards, and education.

Mission: To support the establishment of global gear standards, research to strengthen those standards, and training and education to ensure their effective use.

#### Who oversees the foundation?

The foundation is managed by a Board of Trustees consisting of nine AGMA members. The foundation has one paid, part-time staff member.

#### Why does the foundation raise money?

#### Doesn't AGMA cover the foundation's costs?

The foundation is separate from AGMA. Dues paid to AGMA are not used to fund the Foundation's operating expenses or its programs and projects.

#### What is the Annual Campaign, and where does the money go?

The Annual Campaign raises unrestricted funds for the foundation's general support and projects. Annual Campaign funds are not used for special projects such as AGMA involvement in the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and Tribology research. Special fundraising is done specifically for these programs.

In the past few years, money from the Annual Campaign has funded the following:

- AGMA's new Detailed Gear Design Seminar. This content-rich seminar for gear industry engineers, developed with foundation funding and taught by Ray Drago, has sold out twice, with a third offering scheduled for December. Visit [www.agma.org](http://www.agma.org) for details on the course and the December class.
- As industry education is a critical part of the foundation's mission, it has committed funding to a new seminar on Gearbox Failure. The gearbox curriculum is under development, with the first class anticipated in early 2007.
- A grant to Aachen University to study PVD Coating and Gear Life. A copy of this report can be obtained by contacting [foundation@agma.org](mailto:foundation@agma.org).
- A grant to the Gear Research Institute for its March 2004 Visioning and Road Mapping Workshop. A must-read for anyone in the industry, the report from this groundbreaking workshop is available as a free download at [www.agmafoundation.org](http://www.agmafoundation.org).
- AGMA's Workforce Education Program for Machine Operators. Two modules of this interactive, computer-based learning program for machine operators, "Fundamentals of Gearing" and "Inspection of Gearing," are now available at [www.agma.org](http://www.agma.org).
- Where You Want To Be: An Introduction to the Gear Industry. This educational video (now available on CD) introduces students to the gear industry and encourages gearing as a career path. Contact [foundation@agma.org](mailto:foundation@agma.org) for a free copy.
- A grant to Ohio State University to develop physics based efficiency prediction models for right-angle gear trains. The results of this research were presented at the 2005 Fall Technical Meeting and are available as a free download at [www.agmafoundation.org](http://www.agmafoundation.org).

## Why should we support the Annual Campaign? How has the foundation helped me and my business?

The foundation is dedicated to the advancement of the gear industry through funding programs and projects like those listed above. Companies can see direct benefits from projects such as the Gear Design and Gearbox Failure seminars, the Workforce Education Program, and the Road Mapping Workshop, Aachen, and Ohio State research reports. Projects such as the "Introduction to the Gear Industry" video have the more general benefit of encouraging young people to enter the industry.

The foundation is constantly looking for ways to advance the industry, and welcomes your input. (Email us at [foundation@agma.org](mailto:foundation@agma.org).) Finally, your gift will ensure the future of the gear industry by helping the foundation build an endowment to fund the inno-

vative projects and research of tomorrow. Ten percent of the funds raised through the Annual Campaign will be invested in the endowment, which is halfway to its fundraising goal of \$500,000.

## Who contributes to the Annual Campaign? Are contributions tax-deductible?

Both individuals and companies contribute to the Annual Campaign. Contributions to the AGMA Foundation, a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit charity, are tax deductible as charitable contributions.

## How can I contribute to the AGMA Foundation?

It's easy! Contribute online at [www.agmafoundation.org](http://www.agmafoundation.org), or contact us at [foundation@agma.org](mailto:foundation@agma.org) or (703) 838-0065 to discuss your pledge. The foundation will start the Annual Campaign with an email announcement in mid-July. Letters and fundraising phone calls will follow in September.

## Silent Auction Soars toward Goals

The AGMA Foundation recognizes the following additional donors to the 2006 Silent Auction. Thanks to the generosity of these donors and those listed in the previous issue of *Gear Industry Journal*, the auction was very successful, raising \$18,615 for the foundation's programs and projects.

**Cadillac Machinery Co., Inc.**

**Hagen Hofmann**

**Mascall Associates**

**Moventas, Inc.**

**Gordon New**

**Ogasawara Precision Engineering Co.**

**Rexnord Geared Products**

The AGMA Foundation also thanks Arlin Perry, 2006 Annual Meeting Golf Chairman, and Barney Berlinger, 2006 Annual Meeting Tennis Chairman, for their fundraising efforts. The 2006 golf tournament raised \$5,600, and the tennis tournament raised \$1,920. Thanks to everyone who contributed!

## AGMA Foundation Elects New Chairman

Kyle Seymour, Xtek Inc., took the gavel from outgoing Chairman Sam Haines, Gear Motions, at the AGMA Foundation's annual meeting in March. Haines, a six-year veteran of the Foundation Board of Trustees, leaves the board along with Bill Lechman of Fairfield Manufacturing and Stan Blenke of Schafer Gear Works. The foundation thanks these gentlemen for their valuable time and talents and for their dedicated support.

The Foundation Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome new member Rick Fullington of Milwaukee Gear. Fullington, the Vice Chairman of the AGMA Board of Directors, will serve for one year as the liaison between the AGMA and AGMA Foundation Boards.

