

## Q&A /// INTERVIEW WITH AN INDUSTRY INSIDER



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**T**he Industrial Heating Equipment Association (IHEA) recently announced its 2023-2024 board of directors and executive officers. Taking over as president is Brian Kelly of Honeywell Thermal Solutions. Kelly recently shared with Thermal Processing his expertise in heat treating and what he plans to do as IHEA president.

### **How long have you been involved in the industrial-heating industry?**

I started at the Hauck Manufacturing Company in December of 1995.

### **What are your areas of expertise?**

I am presently the applications engineering manager at Honeywell Thermal Solutions (HTS), which is a position that is perfect for me. My areas of expertise would be working with customers to define their thermal needs and then designing a thermal system to achieve their goals. This can cover areas such as temperature uniformity, fuel efficiency, emissions, and, most recently, fuel flexibility and carbon reduction.

### **What is a typical workday for you at Honeywell?**

In meetings and on-call with salespeople, engineering, channel partners, and customers on thermal-system and burner needs and how HTS can help them reach their goals or solve issues they have or are currently experiencing.

### **How long have you been a member of IHEA?**

I attended the IHEA Combustion Seminar as a student a few years after joining Hauck, so I would say that I have been active in IHEA for well over 20 years after being encouraged to become involved by long-time mentors Mike Shay and Jack Marino.

### **On what IHEA committees/divisions have you served?**

When I started to come to the IHEA meetings, I joined the Education Committee and, for quite a few years, have served as the Education Committee chairperson. I also chair the Annual Combustion seminar with the great help of the IHEA staff.

### **What are your goals for the association during your presidency?**

I want to further define IHEA’s Sustainability/Decarbonization vision and solidify a roadmap for our membership as well as finalize the On-line Advanced Industrial Process Heating course to offer more educational opportunities for people in the thermal processing industry.

### **Anything else you’d like to share?**

I am an avid Jeepster, so as many times a year as I can, I enjoy taking my Jeep to various off-road parks in Texas and doing some serious wheeling in the great and rocky terrain of Texas. I hope to get to Moab on one of these trips someday. I also enjoy hunting, golf, reading, movies, and traveling. 🏹

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