



Chapter News

May, 2004

Awards Night

- Recognition & Service Awards
- Past Chairman's Night
FREE Attendance To All Past Chairmen
- Perfect Attendance Awards
- Year End Raffle Prizes
- Election Of New Officers & Board Members

2004 AFS Birmingham
Nominating Committee Report
Submitted April 12, 2004

As charged by, and in keeping with, Article XV of the by-laws of the Birmingham Chapter of the American Foundry Society, and its Chairman, Todd Lyles, we are pleased to confirm the slate of officers and directors for 2004-2005.

We are proud to offer these as our nominations for continuation of the finest AFS chapter in America.

Chairman:

Jeff Fowler, *Citation Marion*

1st Vice Chair:

Jarek Olszak, *Reich Companies*

2nd Vice Chair:

Mike Petrus, *ACIPCO*

Treasurer:

Diane Kirkley, *Vulcan Engineering*

Secretary:

Bill Steadman, *Acipco*

Directors (Term Ending 2007):

Carol Brandon, *Hill and Griffith Company*

Cahalan Mackin, *Bermco*

John Kersh, *ACIPCO*

Meeting Notice

The Wynfrey Hotel
Galleria Mall
US-31 & I-459

Monday, May 10th

Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Social Time 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Leave your reservation
request at

(205)661 - 0206 ext. 23
or via the internet at
www.afsbirmingham.org

*Make your reservations
before 12:00 Noon on
May 6th
to be eligible for a
Special Drawing.*

Be sure to leave your name

Price of Meal—\$25.00



**The Birmingham Chapter will
present our annual FEF Donation
to Bill Sorensen during the
May meeting.**

May Meeting Topic

“Update on FEF”

**Bill Sorensen
Executive Director
Foundry Educational
Foundation**



Bill has a Bachelor's degree and also a Master's degree, from Indiana University. He has worked at financial institutions, a major University, and a large flat rolled steel company before

joining the Foundry Educational Foundation in 1983. Together with just one staff assistant, Pam Lechner, in Rollin Meadows, Illinois, they manage the many facets of the Foundation.

Since coming to the FEF, Bill has visited every major foundry in the United States and has worked at every position on the shop floor in foundries at various times. He has been exposed to numerous leading colleges and universities in North America. He has immunized against loss, FEF's investment portfolio for the Foundation's endowments. FEF has strong support from every area of metal casting and has grown to be a model for other industries that envy the impact FEF has had over the years.

Over 57 years old, the FEF is our industry's link to the college campus, providing technical people and protecting manufacturing curriculum.



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As a Traditional Thank You, All Past Chairmen Are Recognized at the May Meeting. Past Chairs are Welcome to Attend This Meeting Free of Charge.

AFS Birmingham Past Chairmen

2002-2003	Jim Frost	1966-1967	Jack Marsh
2001-2002	Joel Dew	1965-1966	Ralph Petersen
2000-2001	Jerry Holcombe	1964-1965	Lloyd McNeil
1999-2000	Peter Reich	1963-1964	George Hairston
1998-1999	Tom Surtees	1962-1963	Wesley Estes
1997-1998	Tommy Horton	1961-1962	Aubrey Garrison
1996-1997	John Clay	1960-1961	Ernest Finch
1995-1996	Tom Walton	1959-1960	J. R. Cardwell
1994-1995	Ron Kern	1958-1959	Maurice D. Neptune
1993-1994	Terry Capps	1957-1958	Sam F. Carter, Jr.
1992-1993	Charlie Jones	1956-1967	John Drenning
1991-1992	Phil Duke	1955-1956	A. J. Futchl
1990-1991	Larry Haisten	1954-1955	E. E. Pollard
1989-1990	Michael Sexton	1953-1956	B. W. Worthington
1988-1989	Arthur Edge	1952-1953	
1987-1988	Ed Lambert	1951-1952	
1986-1987	Jim Strickland	1950-1951	M. I. Hawkins
1985-1986	Glenn Gardner	1949-1950	C. P. Caldwell
1984-1985	Ralph Lyles	1948-1949	
1983-1984	Al Moss	1947-1948	W. E. Jones
1982-1983	Hugh Weeks	1946-1947	T. H. Benners
1981-1982	Eugene Langner	1945-1946	
1980-1981	Buck Barnhart	1944-1945	
1979-1980	Don Hubbard	1943-1944	
1978-1979	Ben Dunning	1942-1943	E. A. Thomas
1977-1978	Jay Gurganus	1941-1942	
1976-1977	Hugh Sims, Jr.	1940-1941	
1975-1976	John Fisher	1939-1940	R. C. Harrell
1974-1975	Dwight Evans	1938-1939	
1973-1974	Al Turner	1937-1938	R. R. Deas
1972-1973	William Huffaker		
1971-1972	Charles Eason		
1970-1971	J. Vernon Waddy		
1969-1970	Gerald Wilkes		
1968-1969	Albert Smith		
1967-1968	Lester Hogan		



In Addition, Special Service Awards Will Be Presented in May. Special Thanks to Carol Brandon & the Membership Committee For Spearheading This Effort.

The Chairman's Corner

I would like to thank everyone in the Birmingham Chapter for your participation in our chapter meetings this year. It has been a privilege to serve as your chairman. I would like to offer a special thanks to this year's Board of Directors and volunteers that continue to make our Birmingham AFS Chapter the best in the country.

The Birmingham chapter is blessed with many dedicated individuals.

SINCERE THANKS,

Todd Lyles
Chairman

Thank You!!

AFS Birmingham would like to thank the Education Committee for coordinating the excellent Mini-Seminar on Lean Manufacturing and Six Sigma. Special thanks go to John Promer, *Electric Controls and Systems Co.*, and Cahalan Mackin, *Bermco*, for putting the Mini-Seminar together. Special thanks also to the instructors for donating their time and effort, Dr. Maruf Rahman, *UAH*, and Gerald Podbel, *US Pipe*. There were 35 in attendance for the seminar.

NOTES

- The Foundry Industry was saddened by the passing of Hugh Sims, Jr. on March 22, 2004. Hugh was an example for all of us, teaching us how to serve and love the foundry industry. He will be missed by his many friends in the industry. We give our deepest sympathy to his wife Jo and family.

Hugh graduated from the University of Alabama in Metallurgical Engineering in 1957. He served as the Birmingham Chapter Chairman in 1976-77, and as the AFS National President in 1983-84. He was the first FEF Scholar to be elected the organization's president in 1987-88. He received the Thomas W. Pangborn Gold Metal in 1990, which is given "for outstanding contributions in education and sharing of knowledge within the industry."

- The March meeting at the University of Alabama was great. There was good attendance at the Foundry Lab, where the students demonstrated molding and pouring techniques. The afternoon golf game at Hidden Meadows was fun for everyone, and the chapter meeting went very well. Special thanks to the Student Chapter and their President April Pitts for hosting the meeting. Students John Torrance and Thomas Crosslin gave excellent presentations at the chapter meeting. It was nice to have such good participation from the students this year. There were 85 in attendance for the meeting, with 58 golfers.

- Congratulations to our golf winners for the Tuscaloosa meeting:
1st Place Team: Mike Matthews, Andy Rowzee, Robert McClulley, Randy Nelson.
2nd Place Team: Randy Adair, Max Herndon, Sandy Meadows, Tony Homan.
3rd Place Team: Ben Berthlume, Ken Griffin, Mark Cotton, Charles Dickey.
Closest to the Pin: Lee Morris; Longest Drive: Nick Morgan; Longest Putt: Tommy Horton; Closest to the Line: Robert McCulley

- The attendance at the April meeting was 94. There were 10 students from UA and UAB present. Special thanks to Dr. Doru Stefanescu, University of Alabama, for speaking. His presentation detailed some of the research going on for thin wall iron castings at UA. If you would like more information, you can contact Doru at the Metallurgical

Engineering Department, 205-348-1748, or email Doru@coe.eng.ua.edu.

MEMBERSHIP

AFS National Membership-9,928. Birmingham Chapter Membership-526. Our chapter is still growing. We would like to welcome several new members:

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Mueller Co.	Stephen Revell	Engineering Manager
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Southern Precision Sands	Michael Matthews	Chief Financial Officer
Sloss Furnaces Metal Arts	Julie Ward	Education Coordinator
Wheelabrator/Intl Surface	Richard Churchill	Director EHS
Wheelabrator/Intl Surface	Joseph Craig	Aftermarket Sales Mgr
Griffco	Debby Powell	Office Manager

- News Release- AFS Signs Alliance Agreement with OSHA. The agreement states that AFS will team up with OSHA to provide training and education for foundry employers. See our Chapter Website at www.afsbirmingham.org for more information.



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| Monday, May 10, 2004 | Regular Meeting - Awards Night
Bill Sorensen, Executive Director, Foundry Educational Foundation
Update on FEF |
| Saturday, Aug 28, 2004 | Annual Picnic
Mountain View Golf Course, Graysville |
| Monday, October 11, 2004 | Regular Meeting
Wynfrey Hotel |
| Monday, November 8, 2004 | Regular Meeting
Wynfrey Hotel |



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