



April 2010 Chapter News

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Upcoming Events

May Meeting: Annual Business Meeting & Past Chairman’s Night
Keynote Speaker: David Drake, ACIPCO



*The Wynfrey Hotel-
Birmingham, AL*

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

Cost of Dinner is \$30.00

You may make your reservation requests at...

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

Make your reservations before 12:00 noon on April 9th.

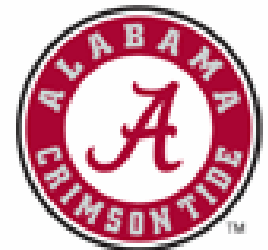
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April 12th
Meeting Topic:

AFS Student Casting Competition



AFS Student Casting Competition Entries Include:

- MSU/AFS paperweight
- UA Elephant book end
- UA Picture frame
- UA Skillet
- UAB Dragon Claws
- UAB Card Holder
- UAB Blaze Paper Weight
- UAB Dragon



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From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

The 2009-2010 chapter year is beginning to wind down and we only have 2 meetings left before we take the summer break. The April meeting is going to build on the success we had last year with the first ever student casting competition. The designs and hard work that the students from Mississippi State, University Of Alabama, and UAB put into the competition last year was incredible and we are looking for even more creativity and ingenuity this year. We will have 4 designs from UAB students, 3 designs from UA students, and 1 design from MSU students. So make sure to come out and support the student chapters and see what they have in store for us. And let's don't forget that they are competing for prize money for their respective student chapters.

Our final meeting of the year will be the annual awards and Past Chairman's Night. We will be presenting continuous service awards to members, honoring the past chairmen in attendance, acknowledging the service of the Board members and committee chairpersons, and (most importantly) passing the AFS Birmingham Chapter Chairmanship to Mr. Mark Cotton for 2010-2011. And if that's not enough to get you excited about attending, **let's not forget that we will be giving away ALL THE MONEY from the raffle ticket sales this year!!!!** So make plans to be there.

We also want to thank Professor Kent Peaslee from the Missouri University of Science and Technology for taking time out of his busy schedule to come speak at the March meeting. His presentation on "Energy Savings In Foundry Melting" not only gave insight into potential savings ideas for the melt department but also other areas where energy savings might be realized in the foundry. I'm sure a lot of the concepts weren't new to most people in the foundry business, but when you put the ideas together with the research and cost savings numbers, it puts a whole new perspective on things.

Don't forget to go ahead and make your reservations now for the April 12th Student Casting Competition at the Wynfrey Hotel. We would very much appreciate it if everyone called in or registered at www.afsbirmingham.org prior to the meeting. We know that it is difficult to plan things sometimes with our busy schedules so we are definitely not going to turn anyone away but it is helpful for the Arrangements Committee to have a good idea of how many to set for. See you there.

John Kersh
Chairman



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2010 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

Monday, April 12, 2010	Student Night	Wynfrey Hotel
Monday, May 10, 2010	Awards Night	Wynfrey Hotel

Regular Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Place: Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, AL
5:00pm - Board Meeting
6:00pm - Meeting Registration & Social Hour
6:30pm - Dinner & Technical Presentation



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