



# Chapter News

## May 2014



### *May Meeting*

## *A Student's Prospective and Awards Night*

#### Proposed Slate of Officers

The nominating committee has presented the members below as candidates for officers in 2014—2015.

- Chairman - Molly Cameron
- 1st Vice Chairman - Rick Walsh
- 2nd Vice Chairman - Jeremy Mowry
- Secretary - Sherry Alexander
- Treasurer - Diane Kirkley

Directors with terms expiring 2017 - Andy Sparks, Perry Smith, Michael Murphy

Find information on proposed officers inside.

#### May Meeting

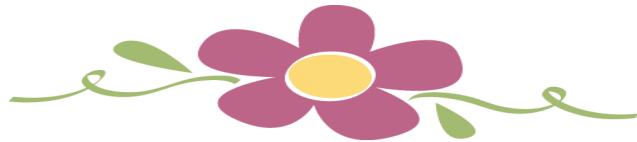
Don't miss the Past Chairman's meeting on May 12th!



We will welcome 2 University of Alabama at Birmingham students to update the chapter on what is going on at the university. We will also host our annual Past Chairmen and Awards night.

*May 12, 2014*  
*Board Meeting - 5pm*  
*Social Time - 6pm*  
*Dinner - 6:30 pm*  
*Hyatt Regency - Wynfrey Hotel*  
*\$30*

Make your reservation by May 8th to be entered into the cash drawing. You can register at (205) 661-0206 ext. 123 or at [www.afsbirmingham.org](http://www.afsbirmingham.org).



#### 2015 Mini-Seminars

Start thinking about good topics for Mini-Seminars for the 2014 - 2015 year. Please send suggestions to Molly Cameron at [mcameron@american-usa.com](mailto:mcameron@american-usa.com)



## From the Desk of the Chapter Chairman...



Hello Birmingham Chapter!

The 2013-2014 Birmingham AFS season has certainly flown by! I would like to thank all of the Board members and committee volunteers for your time and effort. I would also like to thank all of our members for your generous support. Our members and volunteers continue to make the Birmingham Chapter the very best in the country! It has truly been a great honor to serve as your Birmingham AFS Chapter Chairman.

Congratulations are in order for the Tennessee Chapter for hosting a successful Southeastern Regional in Chattanooga. Randy Phillips and his team did a great job organizing the event. The speakers were exemplary and the river boat added the perfect touch. Congressman Fleishmann was a highlight, it is great to know that we do have some folks in Washington in our corner.

As we look forward to next year, keep in mind The Birmingham Chapter will be hosting the next Southeastern Regional. Mark Cotton and Jarek Olszak are already busy making plans! Please contact them if you would like to help.

Please plan to join us May 12th for the last meeting of this season. "Awards and Past Chairmans Night" is a good chance to catch up with friends we may not get to see as often as we would like. Be sure to register before Thursday May 8th, 2014.

I hope to see you all back at the Wynfrey!

Thank you!

*Donnie Hoffman*

2013—2014 Chapter Chairman





# Farewell

The AFS Birmingham Chapter would like to extend their sincerest gratitude for a job well done to Mr. Donnie Hoffman for his service as Chapter Chairman for 2013 - 2014. During Donnie's tenure as Chairman, our chapter's meeting attendance has increased from an average of 57 last year to an average of 75 this year. Great job Donnie!!

**The next time you see him, please shake his hand and offer a heartfelt Thank You!**

**GOODBYE!**

Want to know more about Donnie???

Donnie Hoffman was born and raised in Mercer County Pennsylvania. He attended Hickory and Sharpsville High Schools. In 1987 Donnie joined the United States Navy where he served as a Machinery Repairman until 1991.

Donnie moved to Alabama in 1994 to work at Vulcan Engineering assembling foundry equipment and systems and machining critical implements. While attending Jefferson State Community College in the evening, he accepted an inside sales position. He joined Bert Smith and Associates as sales and marketing manager in 2001.

Donnie has been a member of the American Foundry Society since 1999. He is married and has five daughters. Donnie is currently working on his Private Pilots License.



# Proposed Officers

- Chairman - Molly Cameron

Molly Cameron has been with American Cast Iron Pipe Company for 11 years as a Manufacturing Engineer in the Ductile Iron Pipe Department. She is currently standing in as the large diameter pipe General Foreman. Molly received her Bachelor of Science degree in Materials Engineering from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where she held the office of AFS Student Chapter Chairman. Molly has been active in the AFS Birmingham Chapter in capacities such as Director, Membership Chairman, and Education Chairman, as well as received the Chairman's Service Award in 2010. She currently serves on the Industrial Advisory Council for the Materials Engineering Department at UAB. Molly, her husband Chad (whom she met at a Birmingham AFS Golf Tournament), and daughter, Blair, live in Clanton and attend Grace Fellowship Church.

- 1st Vice Chariman - Rick Walsh

Rick Walsh is the Operations Manager at Hubbell Power systems in Leeds, Alabama, manufacturers of Castings and Fabrications for the Power Transmission and Distribution markets. Rick holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering, and a MS in Metallurgy from Penn State University, as well as an MBA from Samford University. In the AFS Birmingham Chapter area, he has worked for Stockham Valves & Fittings, Birmingham Steel, Thomas Foundries, Talladega Castings, and Alabama Copper & Bronze, as well as Hubbell. Rick is a registered Professional Engineer, holds two US Patents and lives with his wife in Vestavia Hills.

- 2nd Vice Chairman - Jeremy Mowry

Jeremy Mowry has served the AFS Birmingham chapter as a Director for the past three years and as Student Relations chairman for the past six years. Jeremy is a licensed professional engineer and has worked seven years as a Melting Engineer for American Cast Iron Pipe Company. He holds BS and MS degrees in mechanical engineering from Mississippi State University where he served as the AFS student chapter chairman. Jeremy and his wife Katie reside in Gardendale.

- Treasurer - Diane Kirkley

Diane Kirkley has served the AFS Birmingham Chapter as Treasurer since 1992 and has served on each of the Southeastern Regional Committees while being a member for 29 years. Diane has worked in the Foundry industry for more than 30 years and is currently the Controller in the Accounting Department for Vulcan Engineering, where she has been for the past 22 years. Prior to taking the position at Vulcan, Diane worked at Southern Ductile.

- Directors

Mike Murphy is a second generation AFS member and American Cast Iron Pipe employee, whose father Ken Murphy has been a 35 year member. Mike received his BSME (2000) and MBA (2004) from UAB. As a Manufacturing Engineer in the Ductile Iron Pipe Dept at AMERICAN (2000 - present), Mike has worked in several production areas including Cement Lining, Pipe Fabrication Welding, and Casting. Mike and Katie Murphy have two sons, Andrew (5) and Sean (2), are Hoover residents, and members of Redeemer Community Church. Mike also enjoys playing ultimate frisbee and hiking.

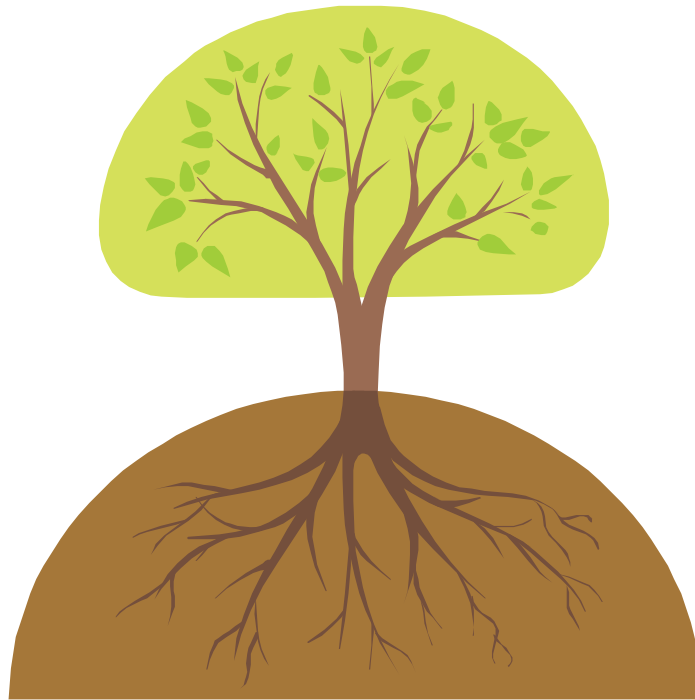
Andy Sparks is currently the President of St. Clair Refractories, Alloys, Metals (SCRAM), a foundry supply company, where he has served for three years. Prior to this position he worked in various capacities including technical director and product manager at Goldens' Foundry, owner of Augusta Foundry, Metallurgist/Melt Manager at both Wheland Foundry-Warrenton and Charlotte Pipe and Foundry. He started his foundry career as Foundry Engineer at ACIPCO in 1985. Andy graduated from The University of Alabama with a BS in Metallurgical Engineering and re-

Look for Bios on those not listed in  
the next newsletter!!!

# AFS Birmingham Past

## Chairmen

1936 L.N. Shannon  
1937 R.R. Deas  
1938 C.B. Saunders  
1939 R.C. Harrell  
1940 W.O. McMahan  
1941 J.A. Bowers  
1942 E.A. Thomas  
1943 W. Carson Adams  
1944 Joe T. Gilbert  
1945 J.A. Woody  
1946 T.H. Benners  
1947 W.E. Jones  
1948 J.T. MacKenzie  
1949 C.P. Caldwell  
1950 M.L. Hawkins  
1951 C.K. Donoho  
1952 Fred K. Brown  
1953 B.W. Worthington  
1954 E.E. Pollard  
1955 A.J. Frutchl  
1956 John Drenning  
1957 Sam F. Carter, Jr.  
1958 Maurice D. Neptune  
1959 J.R. Cardwell  
1960 Ernest Finch  
1961 Aubrey Garrison  
1962 Wesley Estes  
1963 George Hairston  
1964 Lloyd McNeil  
1965 W.B. Clow  
1965 Ralph Petersen  
1966 Jack H. Marsh  
1967 Lester A. Hogan  
1968 Albert H. Smith  
1969 Gerald F. Wilkes  
1970 John Vernon Waddy  
1971 Charles H. Eason  
1972 William H. Huffaker  
1973 Al H. Turner



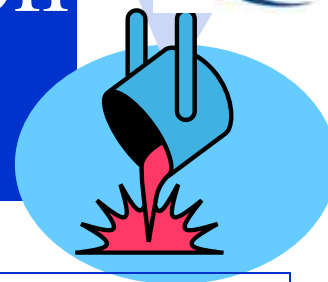
1975 John Fisher  
1976 Hugh Sims Jr.  
1977 Jay Gurganus  
1978 Ben Dunning  
1979 Don Hubbard  
1980 Buck Barnhart  
1981 Eugene Langner  
1982 Hugh Weeks  
1983 Al Moss  
1984 Ralph Lyles  
1985 Glenn Gardner  
1986 Jim Strickland  
1987 Ed Lambert  
1988 Arthur Edge  
1989 Michael Sexton  
1990 Larry Haisten  
1991 Phil Duke  
1992 Charlie Jones  
1993 Terry Capps  
1994 Ron Kern  
1995 Tom Walton  
1996 John Clay  
1997 Tommy Horton  
1998 Tom Surtees  
1999 Peter Reich  
2000 Jerry Holcombe  
2001 Joel Dew  
2002 Jim Frost  
2003 Todd Lyles  
2004 Jeff Fowler  
2005 Jarek Olszak  
2006 Mike Petrus  
2007 Kevin Crawford  
2008 Brian Floyd  
2009 John Kersh  
2010 Mark Cotton  
2011 David Hughes  
2012 Ed Boyd  
2013 Donnie Hoffman

**A Rich Heritage  
A Promising Legacy**





# Southeast Region Area News



## Piedmont Chapter 2013-2014 Meeting Schedule

September 25—26, 2013	Charlotte, NC	Energy Conservation Charlotte Pipe / Donald McLain
November 20—21, 2013	Greenwood, SC	Melt Process Control Baldor Dodge Gear Products Plant— Greenville, SC
January 29—30, 2014	Pineville, NC	New Technologies Conbraco Pageland
March 26—27, 2014	Blacksburg, VA	Safety and Environmental



## Tennessee Chapter 2013-2014 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates – Location: Mt. Vernon

Sept. 9th – Speaker: Mike Selz, Charlotte Pipe (AFS Past Chairman)

Oct. 7th

Nov. 4th - Speaker: Tommy Elkins (Safety and Safety Programs)

Dec. 9th – Regular Meeting (no party)

Jan. 6th

Feb. 3rd

Mar. 3rd

April 23-25 – Southeast Regional Conf. (no meeting)

June – Golf Tournament

# 2013—2014 Birmingham Chapter Officers



## Chairman

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## Treasurer

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## Directors (Expiring 2014)

Randolph Fowler  
American Cast Iron Pipe Co.

Jeremy Mowry  
American Cast Iron Pipe Co.

Jack Shea  
Research Solvents & Chemicals

Ed Boyd, Sr.  
Goldens' Foundry

## Directors (Expiring 2015)

Ken Murphy  
American Cast Iron Pipe Co.

Phil Storey  
Grede—Columbiana

Jamey Reynolds  
Grede

## Directors (Expiring 2016)

John Boyd  
Goldens' Foundry

Bill Bush  
Porter Warner

Sandy Pierce  
EMSCO

# AFS Birmingham Financial Contributors

Listed are those who have contributed to the Birmingham Chapter of AFS for the 2013-2014 year.

We would like to thank all those who have donated time and/or resources.

## Platinum Level

*\$350 or more*

Kerlin Metallurgical, Inc.  
Laempe Reich  
Vulcan Engineering  
R. Conner Warren  
S&B Industrial Minerals North America  
Harry H. Reich Co., Inc.  
Specialty Foundry Products  
Grede—Columbiana, AL  
The CoreRoom  
Southeastern Foundry Products  
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Inductotherm Corp.  
Rex Heat Treat—Alabama, Inc.  
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Dixie Labels & Systems  
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Supreme Cores of the Carolinas, Inc.  
Goldens' Foundry and Machine Company  
Porter Warner Industries  
ABC Coke Division of Drummond Co., Inc  
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American Cast Iron Pipe Company  
American Colloid Company  
(AMCOL)  
Leco Corporation  
EC&S (Electric Controls & Systems,  
Inc.)

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EMSCO, Inc.  
Walter Energy, Inc.  
Reno Refractories, Inc.  
Unimin Corporation  
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## Gold Level

*\$275 to \$349*

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Laurel Machine & Foundry Co.  
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Machinery Co., Inc

## Silver Level

*\$274 or Less*

DS&D cast Solutions, Inc.  
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SCRAM, Inc.  
Foundry Supply Group, Inc.  
Lee Brass  
B&L Information Systems, Inc.  
Franklin Iron Works, Inc.

Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated, as is your support of the Birmingham Chapter!

Please send your contribution to:

American Foundry Society  
Birmingham Chapter  
c/o Vulcan Engineering Co.  
Attn: Ms. Diane Kirkley  
Post Office Box 307  
Helena, AL 35080

AFS Birmingham is solely operated by volunteer support & company donations. Your participation, both financial & willingness to serve, is greatly appreciated.



# Opportunities



Foundry in a Box is needing volunteers to introduce our industry to young people. If you are interested in volunteering at any of the events listed below, please contact Ken Murphy at kmurphy@american-usa.com or 205-617-1515.

May 16 - South Shades Crest Elementary 9:35—2:30

June - Children's Fresh Air Farm 1:00—3:00

## 2013-2014 Meeting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Tentative Speaker</u>
Sat, August 24, 2013	Picnic & Golf Outing	Mountain View Golf	
Mon, September 9, 2013	Regular Meeting	Anniston	<b>Bob Smith</b> , President— Lee Brass
Mon, October 14, 2013	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	<b>George Houghton</b> , Senior Engineer—Carbide Industries
Mon, November 11, 2013	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	<b>Sharon Lovoy</b> —"Generations in the Workplace"
Mon, December 16, 2013	Christmas Party	Wynfrey Hotel	
Mon, January 13, 2014	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	<b>Bob Zeeb</b> , VP Operations— U.S. Pipe
Mon, February 10, 2014	Regular Meeting	Meridian, MS	<b>Dr. Rachel Abrahams</b> - Eglin AFB
Mon, March 10, 2014	Regular Meeting <u>Refractory Seminar</u>	Wynfrey Hotel	<b>Chris Lisso</b> —Elkem
Mon, April 14, 2014	Regular Meeting <u>Silica Std. Seminar</u>	Wynfrey Hotel	<b>Chris Norch</b> - Denison Industries / Student Casting Comp.
Mon, May 12, 2014	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	Past Chairman & Awards

### Regular Meeting Schedule:

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