



# Chapter News

## May 2015



### Proposed Slate of Officers

The nominating committee has presented the members below as candidates for officers in 2015—2016.

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

Directors:  
2015—2018  
John Montgomery  
Lindsay Hamner  
Brandon Partain

Director:  
2015 - 2016  
Russell Bradley



## ***May 11th Meeting***

### ***“The Youngest Foundryman”***

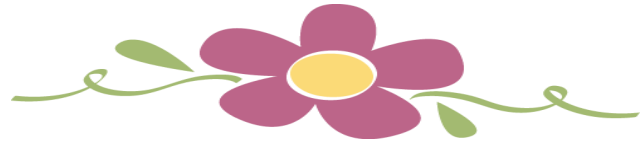
### ***... Plus Awards !!!***

### ***& Past Presidents Night***

Come hear about the Youngest Foundryman in Alabama, discovered by Donnie Hoffman! We will also host our annual Past Chairmen and Awards night.

*May 11, 2014*  
*Board Meeting - 5pm*  
*Social Time - 6pm*  
*Dinner - 6:30 pm*  
*Hyatt Regency - Wynfrey Hotel*  
*\$30*

Make your reservation by May 7th 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).



### 2016 Mini-Seminars

We need YOUR good ideas about topics for Mini-Seminars for the AFS 2015 - 2016 year. Please send suggestions to Rick Walsh at [rickwalsh91@gmail.com](mailto:rickwalsh91@gmail.com)

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



Hello Birmingham Chapter. We are now coming to the end of another great year that was like a whirlwind to me. It seems like we just had the golf tournament last week! In reality, we have had a very successful year.

This past year, we have provided multiple educational opportunities to our members, informative dinner speakers, good social times, and an extremely successful Southeastern Regional. If you have not attended all of these events, we have missed you and hope to see you at the events of next year. I am confident that we have moved our chapter and industry forward this year.

As I was preparing to write my last Chairman's message of the year, I started looking back over a list of my predecessors. They have left a rich heritage for all of us to follow. Some of them I know well, some of them I've only heard about, and others I may never know about, but we all share a common interest in the foundry industry. I remember in the past years as Mr. Maurice Neptune (1958) has continued to come to chapter meetings, even after retiring. Then I look down the list and see Mr. Ben Dunning (1978) and remember the stories I've heard about how he loved the industry and the chapter. As I continue, I see Buck Barnhart (1980), Ralph Lyles (1984), Glenn Gardner (1985), and Arthur Edge (1988); all of which made an impression on me from early in my career. I see the names of Mike Sexton (1989), Phil Duke (1991), and Jerry Holcombe (2000) who still appear frequently at meetings. Then, there are the names of Tom Walton (1995), Tommy Horton (1997), Peter Reich (1999), Todd Lyles (2003), Jarek Olszak (2005), John Kersh (2009), Mark Cotton (2010), David Hughes (2011), Ed Boyd (2012) and Donnie Hoffman (2013) who are still being worker bees even when they would be justified in just sitting back. In addition to these, there are others who have supported me and given me advice as I've moved through the offices, such as John Clay (1996), Jim Frost (2002), Mike Petrus (2006), and Kevin Crawford (2007). I believe it is safe to say that the Birmingham Chapter has never been at a loss for great leaders. This has everything to do with the dedicated members who make up the chapter!

It has been an honor to serve as your 2014/2015 chapter chairman. The Birmingham chapter of AFS has been an important part of my life and career from the time I was the UAB chapter chairman in 2001. I have made friends, found a network of like-minded people and even ended up with a husband from being involved in the chapter. So many of you have become like family to me over the past few years. Please know that I am eternally grateful for each one of you and for our chapter. I hope that I have served you and our heritage well as your first "woman" chairman! It has certainly been a blessing for me to work with such great people!

As we bring this year to a close, I feel confident that I will be turning over the ropes to competent officers. Please embrace them as you have me. We've all had big shoes to fill from officers of the past! I would like to say thank you to those who have come before me and those that will come in the future. No matter our differences, we all share a love for our great industry. I look forward to what the future holds for our chapter and can't wait to continue working with you all!

If any of you have thought about getting more involved and have not done so yet, quit waiting! The chapter needs you, your ideas, and your leadership! You won't be disappointed. Thank you and I hope to see you all at the May Awards meeting.

Soli Deo Gloria!

*Molly Cameron*

2014—2015 Chapter Chairman



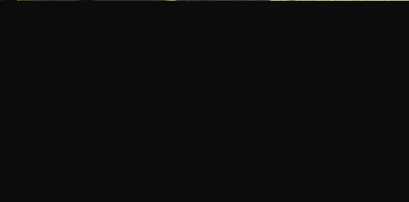
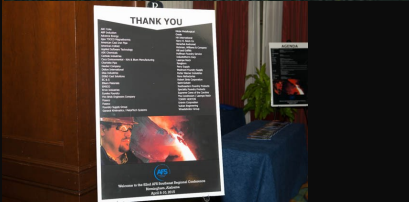
The AFS Birmingham Chapter would like to extend their sincerest gratitude for a job well done to Mr. Jarek Olszak and Mr. Mark Cotton. They planned and executed an excellent Southeastern Regional.

**The next time you see them, please be sure to let them know how much they are appreciated!**

See pictures on the next page and on the website.





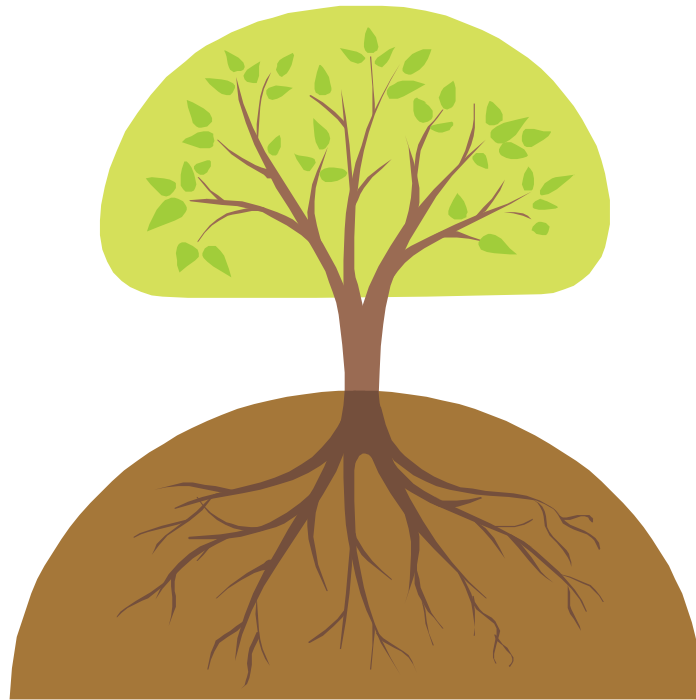




# AFS Birmingham Past

## 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  
1974 Dwight Evans



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  
2014 Molly Cameron

**A Rich Heritage**  
**A Promising Legacy**

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Birmingham Chapter  
c/o Vulcan Engineering Co.  
Attn: Ms. Diane Kirkley  
Post Office Box 307  
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## **Remaining 2014-2015 AFS Meeting Schedule**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Tentative Speaker</u></b>
Mon, May 11, 2015	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	“The Youngest Founfryman” & Past Chairman & Awards



Keeton Frank is “The Youngest Foundryman”. He is 14 years old and is home schooled. He has lived in the Birmingham area since 2004. His favorite thing to do is to go to Sloss Furnace and the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museums. Donnie Hoffman will be introducing Keeton, before his very interesting brief presentation.