



March 2007

Chapter News

Mark Your Calendar

A couple of very important upcoming events you won't want to miss—mark your calendar now!

AFS Governmental Affairs Conference

March 28 – 30, 2007

Washington DC. For Information and Registration visit the national AFS website: <http://www.afsinc.org> And please contact Darnell Self, Director, Alabama Cast Metals Association at acma@centurytel.net as appointments with congressmen and senators are being handled through the ACMA.

111th Casting Congress

May 15 - 18, 2007

Houston, TX. For Information and Registration visit the National AFS website: <http://www.afsinc.org>

MidSouth AFS Chapter Officially Dissolved

The MidSouth AFS chapter has elected to cease, with the dissolution granted by National AFS at the February 12th National Board Meeting. Each former chapter member is allowed to elect which chapter they wish to become affiliated with. So please welcome any and all former MidSouth members as they become part of the Birmingham District Chapter family. Mississippi state will be requesting association with us, bringing the total of four university student chapters within our ranks.

Our Thanks to Diana Waterman

If you missed the February meeting you missed out on a great presentation... Diana brought us up-to-date on the climate in Washington DC with her talk "A View From The Hill". As always Diana, it was a great pleasure seeing and visiting with you - thanks for coming to visit us! We had 102 in attendance at the meeting. We still have 18 perfect attendees and 10 who have missed only one meeting.



*Come Early
for a Special
Seminar*

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

Monday, March 12th

**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

**Be sure to leave your
name!**

***Make your reservations
before 12:00 Noon on
March 8th***

Price of Meal—\$25.00

**Please visit our chapter
website or the AFS
National website
frequently to get the latest
chapter and national info:
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*"Charting Your Global Strategy
for Metal Casting Success"*

*by
Mike Swartzlander
Ashland Inc.*

Mike is Vice President of Ashland Performance Materials and the General Manager of Ashland's global Casting Solutions Business Group, the leading global supplier of consumables and services for the metal castings marketplace.

Mr. Swartzlander holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Carnegie-Mellon University and a master's in chemical engineering from the University of Delaware and has completed Executive Development programs at The Ohio State University and Indiana University.

Currently Mike is a Board member of the Ohio Casting Manufacturer's Association, the immediate Past-President of the Foundry Educational Foundation and serves as First Vice President of the American Foundry Society.



Hexavalent Chromium Seminar

**Monday, March 12, 2007
3:00 to 5:00 PM**

**Wynfrey Hotel Fee: \$20.00
To Register, Call: 205-325-7966 or
send an email to Jennifer Bailey at
jbailey@acipco.com**

Learn about OSHA's new hexavalent chromium standard and what your facility needs to do to comply. Presentation will include a detailed review of the requirements under the standard, compliance deadlines, where hexavalent chromium exposures are possible and the health effects of exposure. A question and answer period with industrial hygienist will conclude the seminar.

From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

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Chairman Petrus

A few thoughts and comments from our February meeting:

Thanks to Diana Waterman, our Washington, D.C. AFS representative. Diana gave us an interesting update on the state of affairs in Washington, with special emphasis on how things may change due to the last election. Diana also reminded us of the up-coming AFS Governmental Affairs Conference March 28th – 30th, in Washington, D.C.

Mark your calendar for Friday, April 13th. We will be holding our annual student meeting and golf outing in Tuscaloosa. This year's meeting at the University of Alabama will be in the morning, with presentations by the students and lunch provided by Dreamland BBQ. Golf will follow in the afternoon.

As some of you may have heard, AFS National officially dissolved the MidSouth Chapter on February 12, 2007. AFS National will be contacting each member of the former Mid South Chapter and asking them to choose a chapter for affiliation. I expect a number of these members will choose Birmingham as their chapter. As such, I would like to ask the membership to join me in extending a warm welcome to all that choose the Birmingham Chapter.

Mike Petrus

Chapter Chairman

UAB / AFS Student Chapter Project

The UAB AFS student chapter has a project to build a portable demo cupola that will be used for recruitment for both AFS and UAB. Construction will be done by UAB engineering students and with the help of the industry. Following is a list of supplies that will be greatly appreciated!

- Refractory
 - Blueram preferable (3200F)
- Steel Pipe
 - 2" i.d.
 - 15" i.d. (shell of furnace)
- Steel Plate
 - for windbox
- Binder
 - Nobake
 - Bentonite for green sand
- Steel Barstock
 - Tap rods
 - Anchors for furnace
- Fiber Ladle
- Stainless Steel Needles
 - Refractory reinforcement
- Services
 - Plate cutting
 - Bending
 - Possible some welding
- 120VAC Blower
 - 200cfm minimum
- Air Pressure Gauge
- Any Useful Data

Contact John Wilson, UAB AFS Student Chapter VP at bigun@uab.edu or by cell: 205-612-0549

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2006-2007 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

February 28 - March 2, 2007	Southeast Regional	University Presentations	Myrtle Beach, SC
Monday, March 12, 2007	Regular Meeting	Michael Swartzlander - Ashland Specialty	Wynfrey
Friday, April 13, 2007	Student Night & Golf	University Presentations	Tuscaloosa, AL
Monday, May 7, 2007	Awards Night	Jerry Call - AFS EVP	Wynfrey
May 15 - 18, 2007	AFS Casting Congress	111th Paper Show	Houston, TX

Regular Meeting Schedule:

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



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