



**News &  
Notes**

**2015-2016 Lineup**

Don't miss the great programs and speakers we have in store for this AFS year! See more on the back page!

**Casting Supplier Auditing**

**Feb. 2-3**

**Lodge Manufacturing  
South Pittsburgh, TN**

**AFS Advanced Foundry**

**Air Seminar**

**Feb. 24-25**

**Atlanta, GA**

**Southeastern Regional**

**March 2-4 2016**

**Isle of Palms, SC**

**CAST EXPO**

**April 16-19, 2016**

**Minneapolis, MN**

**Foundry in a Box**

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# Chapter News

## FEBRUARY 2016

### February Meeting

*Monday February 8, 2016*

*6:00 pm. At The Holiday Inn in  
Meridian, MS*

**Please join us as Andy Rowzee,  
General Manager over all foundry  
operations for ESCO Corporation  
will be speaking.**

**His topic will be “Planning An  
Expansion”. Andy will give us  
a insight into how they used local  
sources and technology to plan for  
the future. You will find this very  
informative and useful.**

***Register by Thursday  
February 4th  
(205) 661-0206 ext. 123  
or online at  
[www.afsbirmingham.com](http://www.afsbirmingham.com)***

# From the Desk of the Chapter Chairman...



Hello Birmingham Chapter!

Our chapter kicked off 2016 with a wonderful January meeting! Billy Canary from the Business Council of Alabama spoke about the future of commerce in Alabama (and the country as a whole). He really focused on what it will take to make a long lasting change. Mr. Canary emphasized that we should focus on future generations and challenged us to just take one step to influence someone younger.

For February, we will be on the road. The February 8th meeting will be at the Holiday Inn in Meridian, MS. Our speaker will be Andy Rowzee, General Manager at ESCO Corporation. It is always a treat to hear about local foundries-their products, processes, strategies and improvements. I know we all take great pride in the metalcasting history of this area.

Our March 14th meeting will be back at the Wynfrey. It will be preceded with a Melt Maintenance mini-seminar at 1:00 PM. Help us spread the word about this mini-seminar. For more details, see the announcement in this newsletter.

The 83rd Southeastern Regional is only a few weeks away (March 2-4) in Charleston, SC. The theme this year is: "*CASTING THE FUTURE*". Visit the AFS-Piedmont website or [www.seregional.org](http://www.seregional.org) for more information.

On the national level, the Cast Expo will be April 16-19 in Minneapolis. There will be over 300 exhibitors this year! AFS recently announced The Advanced Foundry Air Seminar to be held February 24-25 in Atlanta. See the AFS website for more information ([www.afsinc.org](http://www.afsinc.org)).

Congratulations to Kelly McCool (UAB) for winning the Birtwistle Memorial Scholarship at the Foundry Educational Foundation's College Industry Conference!

*Jeremy Mowry*  
2015—2016  
Chapter Chairman

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## Directors (Expiring 2018)

Lindsay Hamner American Cast Iron Pipe	Jon Montgomery Rex Heat Treat	Brandon Partain Hubbell Power Systems
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# Opportunities



## Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting will be held in Meridian, MS. We will be hearing from Andy Rowzee, the General Manager over all foundry operations for ESCO Corporation.

## Mini-Seminar

Melting-Equipment Maintenance to be held March 14th at the Wynfrey from 1:00-4:30pm. We will have speakers presenting maintenance requirements on cupola, channel and coreless furnaces. Rick Erickson will be speaking on cupola, Ajax Tocco will be presenting channel furnace maintenance and Inductotherm will be speaking on coreless furnaces.

## Foundry in a Box

Ken Murphy will once again be looking for volunteers to introduce our industry to young people through the Foundry in a Box. If you would be interested in helping him out, please contact Ken at [kmurphy@american-usa.com](mailto:kmurphy@american-usa.com) or 205-617-1515. Please see last page for opportunities to help.

## AFS Events and News

### **Cold Box Process 101**

**Feb. 2**

**Schaumburg, IL**

### **Mini-Seminar-Melt Maintenance**

**March 14 1:00-4:30 PM**

**Wynfrey-Birmingham, AL**

### **Casting Defect Analysis**

**Feb. 3-4**

**Schaumburg, IL**

### **CastExpo**

**April 16-19**

**Minneapolis, MN**

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# AFS Birmingham Financial Contributors

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We would like to thank all of those who have donated their time and/or resources !

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

**PLEASE! Send your contribution to:  
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c/o Vulcan Engineering Co.  
Attn: Ms. Diane Kirkley  
Post Office Box 307  
Helena, AL 35080**

AFS Birmingham is a non-profit organization and is solely operated by volunteer support & company donations. Your participation, both financial & willingness to serve, **is greatly** appreciated!



**Foundry in a Box Update**

Please contact Ken Murphy if you are willing to help :

**[kmurphy@american-usa.com](mailto:kmurphy@american-usa.com) or 205-617-7386**

**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP**

**Feb.22-Carver HS**

**Feb.23 Trace-Crossings Elementary**

**March10-Hayes K-8**

**March 23-CJ Donald Elementary**

**2015-2016 MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>		<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>SPEAKER</u></b>
<b>Mon, February 8, 2016</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>Meridian, MS</b>	<b>Andy Rowzee ESCO</b>
<b>Mon, March 14, 2016</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>Wynfrey Hotel</b>	<b>The Reich Team</b>
<b>Mon, April 11, 2016</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>Wynfrey Hotel</b>	<b>Student Casting Competition</b>
<b>Mon, May 9, 2016</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>Wynfrey Hotel</b>	<b>Past Chairman &amp; Award</b>

**REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Meeting Place: Wynfrey Hotel-Birmingham, AL**

**5:00pm Board Meeting**

**6:00pm Meeting Registration & Social Hour**

**6:30pm Dinner & Technical Presentation**