A meeting to elect officers for 2011-2012 will be held at 5:00 pm on June 25, 2011 at the Grace Inn in Phoenix (10831 S. 51st Street; Phoenix, AZ 85044, exit 157 off of I-10 @ Elliot Rd & 51st St.)

The candidates selected by the executive committee are: Rob Jozwiak, Chairman, Gary Gardner, Secretary, Joe Fitzpatrick, Treasurer, Ralph Long, Publicist & Brent Boling, Webmaster, 2nd Vice Chairman. Come join us for food and refreshments to end the 2010-2011 season.

(2010-2011 Officers shown above)

(Left to right) Gary Gardner - Secretary, Rob Jozwiak – 1st Vice Chairman, Joe Fitzpatrick - Treasurer, Ralph Long - Publicist & Brent Boling - Webmaster. (not pictured: Aldo Perazzzone-Chairman, Larry Baldasare – 2nd Vice Chairman)

Geography of the AZ Section of AWS

The Arizona Section is very unique because of its size. We have members in Page, Yuma, Springerville, and Douglas. There are many members in the Phoenix area. There also is a concentration of members in the Tucson area. This makes it very difficult to serve everybody, but we have tried holding meetings in both Phoenix and Tucson. This still means that some people drive several hours to attend meetings. Attempts have been made to solve this problem by holding meetings in both Phoenix and Tucson. Additional regional meetings are being considered including Prescott.
June - Open meeting for elections—Grace Inn 6/25/11 @ 5:00 PM
July - Executive Meeting
August - Meet and Greet new officers (Tucson, Phoenix, Prescott)

AWS President visits in October – 26, 2011
Current President, John Mendoza, will visit the Arizona Section. He is a past District 18 Director, is a Certified Welding Inspector, Certified Welding Educator, and a journeyman welder qualified to ASME Section IX in SMA and GTA welding. With 34 years of experience at CPS Energy, he is currently with Lone Star Welding in San Antonio, Texas.

November - To Be Announced
December- To Be Announced
January - To Be Announced
February - To Be Announced
March - To Be Announced
April - District Meeting - Phoenix
May - To Be Announced
June - End of year wrap up!

The link for our Section Website is: http://awssection.org/arizona
Use this website for the latest information.

Arizona to host 2012 District 21 Conference

Please note that Arizona will be hosting the District 21 Conference. This involves AWS Staff, and the following Sections: Arizona, California Central Coast, Hawaii, Kern, Long Beach/Orange County, Los Angeles/Inland Empire/Nevada, San Diego and San Fernando Valley. This is when all section officers can get together. Exchange ideas and learn what is happening at AWS headquarters. This year the District Conference was held in Hawaii with Rob Jozwiak and Brent Boling representing us, the Arizona Section.

We are pleased to announce that our own Rob Jozwiak has been selected to attend the AWS Leadership Conference at the AWS Headquarters. The event is from July 31 - August 3, 2011. Congratulations, Rob. This decision was made at the recent District Conference.
In order to reduce our mailing cost, but still keep you informed of the upcoming events, activities and welding resources. Please send our Webmaster – Brent Boling your e-mail address at inspector@arctechwelding.com.

Please check the web site for updates of upcoming events. The newsletter will be published quarterly i.e.; June, October, January and June 2012.

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AWS HEADQUARTERS

A preliminary view of the new AWS Headquarters Facility at 8669 Doral Blvd; Doral, FL 33166. The new facilities are scheduled to be completed and moved into by April/May of 2012. This move will facilitate all the diverse activities that are becoming the norm for what is fast becoming a “Global” American Welding Society. We are responsible for managing GAWDA, Gases & Welding Distributors Association. The Fabtech & AWS Weldmex shows are very successful. The number of members and CWI’s outside the US are growing at surprising rates. Our stateside membership is also growing at 8 ½%. Corporate membership is up. Retention rates of current membership is very good. With all the Certification, Education, Convention & Events, Publication, Technical, and Marketing Services offered by the AWS to accommodate a growing membership it was very prudent to purchase a new facility at this time.

We are on the Web:
http://awssection.org/arizona
Certification Committee Update For Arizona

As this organizational year draws to a close I would like to update you on some of the activities and opportunities completed and available to our membership. But let’s start back a little.

My name is Brent Boling. Last year when the section was going through some reorganizing I volunteered to be the Chairman of the Certification Committee. As such it is my responsibility to keep our membership updated on the wide variety of opportunities available through the AWS. I also answer questions that you may have as how to best avail yourself of these opportunities. I am also a CWI with Bolting Endorsement.

The AZ Section hosts two CWI Seminars/Exams per year. There is one in March and one in July. Currently both are held at the Dobson Ranch Inn in Phoenix/Mesa. It is well attended by between 20-30 seminar attendees and 30-40 examinees on Saturday. I and a couple of other volunteers proctor the exams. I have also attended the seminar representing the Section to serve the needs of the instructor and attendees.

At this same Exam you may take other exams such as: Senior Certified Welding Inspector, Bolting, Blueprint Reading, Certified Welding Supervisor, Certified Welding Sales Rep, Certified Radiographic Interpreter, or Certified Robotic Arc Welding. There are many codes you may take the CWI exam to: D1.1, D1.5, D1.6, D15.1, ASME, API 1104, and others.

Many of you became members of AWS when you took the CWI exam. Now, how do you justify renewing that membership? Have you availed yourself of all of the advantages of AWS Membership? There are a host of resource/reference materials available to you at great discounts. You and your company should examine the materials available and consider purchasing any that would compliment your ability to serve your customers. You can view them at the AWS Website. Go to the ‘Bookstore’ bullet from the home page. You can also preview them at www.aws.org/standards.

There are many conferences, seminars, and other educational opportunities available to you at discounts when you maintain your membership with AWS. This includes the FabTech Welding Conference and Show coming up in Chicago this year. There are many educational seminars offered during the Conference. This is only the tip of the iceberg. There is much available. If you have any questions you may contact me at inspector@arctechwelding.com.