Dear Members,

I am excited to be working with all of you over the next year as the new Philadelphia Section Chairman. I want to thank Ken Temme and the other leaders of our Section for having a very interesting and productive past year. We were fortunate to have an increase in both attendance and membership, and hopefully we can keep that momentum growing through this year. As we develop this year’s schedule we will be traveling from site to site as we did last year. Our Section covers a great deal of real estate, and holding the meetings in various locations permits members to attend that may not have otherwise because of their work or family commitments.

The art of welding is so important to our future, as rapid growth continues in the petrochemical industry and the repair and improvement of our country’s infrastructure. Even when times are lean, there is always work for skilled welders. The NY Times featured an article about how, during the height of the recession, that skilled welders were still in demand across the country.

Hopefully we will be able to encourage more new members with less gray hair and better eyesight to become a part of this organization and take an active part in some leadership roles. We always encourage new ideas and new faces.

I am looking forward to serving our Section this year, and hope to see you at our meetings.

William (Bill) J. Mowbray III
QC Manager, Aston

Our new Facebook page already goes over the triple-digit mark. See why!!

Become a follower and ‘Like’ our page: AmericanWeldingSocietyPhiladelphiaSection

Philadelphia Section has become very social! Join us as we take on our new social media campaign this year, and stay informed on all the latest news.

The 2013-2014 Calendar of Meetings has just been released! See the full article on the following page for exact dates and locations.

Interested in becoming a sponsor, getting ad space to reach our four-state member base, or partnering with our outreach efforts as a host site? Contact us today!

The AWS Section Library has been relocated to a more central location in South Jersey. Resource materials are available by contacting Ken Temme for scheduling and location information at ktem120@gmail.com

CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

AWS PHILADELPHIA SECTION ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

After much planning and preparation, the Philadelphia Section is excited to announce it is now accepting applications for a $1000 scholarship for continuing education in the welding field. This first-time scholarship will be awarded to a qualifying section member, and he or she must meet the qualifying standards.

We encourage students who are currently attending a vocational high school as well as those who have recently graduated to apply. Funds will be paid directly to the training facility or school to offset the cost of tuition, and the school or training facility must be accredited and meet the U.S. Department of Education Title IV Funding rules and regulations.

In addition to the cash scholarship award, the Section is actively seeking donations from corporate sponsors to supplement the scholarship through additional funds, equipment, or much-needed welding gear. Full recognition and publicity will be given to all companies who wish to partner with us for this event.

The application deadline is December 1st, 2013. For scholarship applications or to obtain more information please contact our Section Scholarship Administrator, Mike Chomin, at mschomin@verizon.net.
AWS PHILADELPHIA SECTION 2013-2014 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

In keeping with the highly successful outreach program instituted last year, the Philadelphia Section will be conducting additional ‘satellite’ meetings in locations all around the four-state region covered by the Section. Last year we also conducted meetings and parent nights at several schools around the region, as well as well-attended meetings at several of our Section Union Halls.

We intend to stick with our promise to be as accessible as possible, so our schedule may have additional scheduled meetings as the year goes on. But to kick off the year for now, here is the current list of our regularly scheduled meetings:

- September 18, 2013 - AllState Career School, 501 Seminole Street Lester, PA 19029
- October 9, 2013 - Parkside High School CTE, 1015 Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804
- November 6, 2013 - Aker Ship, Philadelphia Navy Yard
- December __, 2013 - Date & Location TBA, Ladies Night & Holiday Celebration
- January 8, 2014 - Lincoln Electric, Exton, PA
- February 12, 2014 - TBA
- March 12, 2014 - Miller Welding Co., 540 Pedricktown Road, Suite 8, Swedesboro, NJ 08085
- April 9, 2014 - TBA
- May 1, 2014 - Joint Meeting with the ASNT, Seaport Museum, Philadelphia Waterfront

Postcards will be mailed to Section Members prior to these and any additional scheduled meetings as a reminder, and special events, guest speakers, and more information will be on the postcards, as well as on our Facebook page and the Section website. Meetings will start at 5:30 pm for Board Members, and 6:00 pm for all guests. Don’t forget to spread the word, encourage others to stop in or become a member, and remember that food and beverages are either provided or held where dinner is by RSVP.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO AWS MEMBERS ABOUND ON THE NATIONAL AWS WEBSITE

In case you haven’t visited the AWS National website lately, you may not know what you’re missing! In the education department, the AWS believes that everyone should have the opportunity to learn from anywhere, at any time. American Welding Online provides the tools and resources you need to help you succeed, with both free and fee-based courses and seminars. Find out more about this wonderful resource at http://awo.aws.org/.

Already trained, certified, and ready to go? The AWS provides a fully updated and very large resource for a wide range of jobs now available in the welding field. Find out what might be a good match for what you’re looking for, by accessing the job board at www.jobsinwelding.com/.

Looking for the most current manuals, code books, or trade publications and don’t want to pay a fortune? AWS members receive significant discounts when purchasing materials from the AWS Bookstore, and they provide resources in over sixty categories to meet all your needs. Browse through their many selections at http://pubs.aws.org/.

Lots of information on AWS services, certifications, shows and so much more is there to be found on the AWS national website. Connect with them today at www.aws.org and find out why the AWS is here for YOU!

BUSINESS ADVERTISERS AND SPONSORSHIPS NOW OPEN

Great changes are happening for the 2013-2014 year of the AWS Philadelphia Section! We have been working hard to develop a whole new way to reach a much wider audience, and on a more frequent basis through the use of virtual technology and social media. This year’s plans include eNewsletters, a full social media campaign, featured businesses, contests, and so much more.

As we kick off our upcoming year, we will be sending out letters that detail the new levels of participation, information on our membership drive, the limited spots available for virtual advertising, and new ways to promote our industry and our businesses. Remember we serve a four-state region, so return the form in your letter by the deadline, or reach out to Marinee Temme at marineetemme@gmail.com for more information. Spots are going fast!

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