



September 2014

ASM – AFS Joint Technical Meeting

Monday, September 8th, 2014



Forecast & Trends:

Continued Revitalization of U.S. Metal Casting

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Location:

Barrack's Cater Inn

1224 W. Pioneer
Parkway

Peoria, IL

Schedule:

4:30 – 5:30

Social Hour

5:30 – 6:00

Dinner

6:00 – 7:00

Tech. Presentation

Details:

Free parking is available. The cost of dinner is subsidized and will be \$18 at the door (\$0 students) for ASM-AFS members, \$24 for all other attendees (\$7 non-member students)

Presentation Abstract:

Manufacturing is in the midst of a recovery. This presentation takes a look at how the U.S. metal casting industry is forecast to compete over the next few years, as well as at the state of the global metal casting industry and where its future is going. With constant competition and many times, government over-regulation, more hurdles are coming our way. But the future does look bright for the casting world. Leo will also include various updates on AFS activities – new and current programs and services relevant to the AFS membership.

Presenter: Leo J. Baran, Director of Membership, AFS

A Chicago area native, Leo received his BS degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) in Chicago and was certified in Process Metallurgy/Nonferrous by the Cast Metals Institute (CMI). Spending most of his career in the metal casting industry, Leo has worked in engineering, sales, and customer service for companies that supply materials and consumables to the industry such as H. Kramer & Co, Airco Industrial Gases, U.S Silica Company and Colonial Metals Company. He also has been involved with the casting industry from the association side, with his work at AFS from 1984 to 1993 – as the Associate Technical Director – and later as the Director of Membership Services. This involvement with trade associations continued with his position as the Director of Membership & Marketing for the North American Die Casting Association (NADCA). During his work there, he also held the title of Executive Director of the Diecasting Development Council, formulating and executing the die casting industry's marketing efforts.

Leo is once again the Director of Membership Services for the American Foundry Society with responsibility for membership development, retention and AFS Chapter relations.

Through the years, he has made presentations in Canada, Mexico, Germany and the United States on technical and management related topics at various association Chapter meetings and other related industry conferences and events.

He maintains memberships in the Planetary Studies Foundation, the Space Unit of the American Philatelic Society and the Automobile License Plate Collectors Association. Leo is married to Karen, a nurse, and has one child, Michael, with an MS in Bioengineering, currently pursuing his PhD at Arizona State University in Tempe.

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