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It seems like we just finished our annual meeting in Tyler, and we are already preparing for the 2019 meeting in Austin! Next year promises to be a departure from our usual programming format. First of all, we are meeting earlier in the year, January 21 – 22. Quite often, we have found our legislators so busy in their committee meetings that we have been unable to meet with them personally. Although their staff personnel have been very helpful, we would like to connect with the members face to face. Committee assignments are not yet set in early January, and we hope to beat the incredibly busy schedules these folks face.

Another innovation that our program committee and Vice-Chairman Jared Patterson have developed is holding a portion of our meetings in the capitol itself. Meeting in the capitol will allow our representatives the flexibility to visit our group at their convenience. A catered lunch will be served in the meeting room. Our hotel is the Double Tree University located on I 35 just across the interstate from the capitol! TCMA members and guests, look for upcoming information and registration packets coming to you soon. •



Comments

From the Executive Director

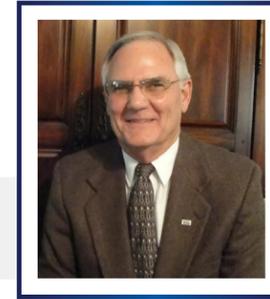
I am so pleased to hear from many of you that your businesses are improving and building some backlogs! With the latest deal (proposed USMCA) to replace NAFTA, the U.S. economy is predicted to grow dramatically. Jobs are one of the rallying points for the new agreement! One of our members reports that their company has already seen an upsurge in orders and inquiries from new potential customers. This is certainly a positive for our industry which has endured a long “dry spell” and a loss of foundries across the nation.

As we enter the third quarter, there is so much going on in our world that we have to focus on a multitude of issues along with the recurring regulatory burden that we all face. Critical elections are taking place in Texas as well as in the rest of our country. Partisan politics are the norm in Washington, and we are reminded of this daily on television and in social media. Our industry can only be heard by our active participation with lawmakers locally and in Washington.

There are a couple of things you can put on your calendar for 2019. Make plans to attend the TCMA annual meeting in Austin on January 21-22. You will be receiving more information on the event in the near future. Plan to attend the AFS Government Affairs Fly-In on June 10-12. These are opportunities for you to participate with your peers to sustain our metal casting industry. •

Best wishes to all of you,

Clifford Smith
TCMA Executive Director



Welcome

This TCMA newsletter is developed by the association to improve communication and provide members with the latest news and legislative action concerning their companies and the cast metals industry.

Let us hear from you!

Please send company news, legislative inquiries, product updates and employee highlights to TCMAINC.ORG.

Visit our website

WWW.TCMAINC.ORG

TCMAINC.ORG serves as a valuable resource for our members. Go online to read about our newest members to the association, members’ achievements, the latest updates on our bulletin board and the latest news in the foundry business.

Upcoming Events

October 12th
Texas AFS Chapter meeting
in San Marcos

January 21 -22, 2019
TCMA Annual Meeting
in Austin

Member Showcase:

RILEY ABRASIVES

Riley Abrasives is an industrial Abrasives distributor serving industry, particularly foundries, throughout the United States. Riley was founded in 1981 by David Spradley. Riley Abrasives specializes in grinding wheels, cut-off wheels, coated abrasives and carbide burs for industry. It maintains a large inventory of coated and bonded abrasive products designed specifically for foundries and the metal industry. In addition, it has the capability to custom formulate grinding wheels to meet specific grinding requirements and thereby improve production and cost. Riley Abrasives also does custom wax treating of grinding wheels to improve performance and prevent loading when grinding non-ferrous metals.

Based out of Montgomery Texas, Riley Abrasives occupies 6000 square feet of storage, assuring that the majority of customers' orders are shipped same day. In an effort to make sure Riley customers are always given prompt service, there is a full staff of shipping and receiving employees.

Riley Abrasives strives to stay up to date and involved with all facets of the foundry industry. As head of sales, Joshua Treadway actively serves on both the TCMA and AFS board of directors. As a company, Riley supports both organizations in their charge to protect foundry interests at the local and national level. •



In the News:

Eric Meyers Receives Keating Founders' Freedom award



The American Foundry Society honored two leaders in metalcasting for their contributions to the foundry industry in the field of government affairs.

Eric R. Meyers and Bradford D. Muller are the 2018 recipients of the James P. Keating Founders' Freedom Award, which recognizes significant work on behalf of the industry in government affairs, human resource management, safety and health, or education. The awards were presented at the 2018 Foundry Leadership Conference.

Eric is CEO and president of Oil City Iron Works Inc. and longtime TCMA champion. He is a past chair of the AFS Texas Chapter

and an active member of the AFS Government Affairs Committee. From that platform, Eric advocates for effective public policies for the industry.

Eric has been a strong activist with the delegation of Texans to the annual AFS Government Affairs Fly-In in Washington, D.C., and he hosts plant tours for members of Congress at Oil City Iron Works.

Brad is vice president of marketing for Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Company (Charlotte, North Carolina) and is the first chair of the AFS Management Council.

Brad was head of the AFS Government Affairs Committee for many years, and he testified on behalf of AFS before lawmakers and government agencies in Washington, D.C. At Charlotte Pipe and Foundry, he has hosted plant tours for members of Congress and for Vice President Mike Pence.

AFS has conferred the James P. Keating Founders' Freedom Award, originally called the James P. Keating Award, since 1975. It is named in honor of James P. Keating of Neenah Foundry Company. •

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