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TCMA Focus on Austin 2021 After COVID-19 Cancels Tyler Meeting

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2020 began as a great year for our industry with anticipation of a continuation of the tremendous boom we had been experiencing. Plans were in place for our annual meeting in Tyler with an exceptional program in place. And, then.... Well, we thought that all would be well for a reschedule to the fall of this year. The uncertainties continued in our society, and we decided it would be best to shift our focus on next year's annual meeting in Austin. BUT, we are still planning a return to Tyler in 2022.

Last year we had a great experience in Austin under the direction of Jared Patterson, then TCMA Vice-Chairman and Texas State Representative for District 106. Conducting our program inside the Capitol Extension building proved to be invaluable. Hopefully, access to the Capitol and our representatives will be unrestricted next year! Moving forward, Chairman Jared Patterson will keep us updated not only on the meeting venue, but also on legislation affecting our industry.

In the meantime, please consider what we need to be doing in the interim. Take note of the items in the article, AFS Virtual Advocacy Summit, in this issue. There are a number of things we can be doing to keep our representatives aware of our role in American manufacturing.

Keep the faith! •



A Message from the Chairman



It appears “unprecedented” is the word of the year for 2020. What an unprecedented year it has been. As some in our industry were already struggling, despite the economic boom over the preceding years, the COVID-19 global pandemic certainly hasn't done us any favors. It's also been the year of new terms, where Coronavirus, Social Distancing and Hydroxychloroquine have become household words, and new apparel, as facemasks and gloves are the new “in” style.

Tragically, approximately 100,000 Americans have lost their lives, many of whom were in our nation's nursing home facilities. Many more have lost their jobs, their livelihoods and businesses they spent years building. We should all be thankful to be employed or working right now.

But COVID-19 also had another victim as our annual meeting in Tyler was forced to be postponed, and later cancelled altogether, due to the limitations of the global shutdown. I was so looking forward to seeing you all in Tyler and possibly sharing a few drinks. However, I am hopeful that we will be able to repeat our successful visit to the State Capitol during the 2021 legislative session.

Now, more than ever, we must strive to retool, reinvent and restructure to ensure our success over the coming years. This global shutdown has taught us many lessons, not the least of which is that our economy will continue to evolve, perhaps at a more rapid pace.

What does this mean for us? It means that organizations like the Texas Cast Metals Association are even more important to our survivability as an industry. We have never needed to rely on our shared expertise more than we do today. For all of us to make it through this current challenge, and the challenges to come, we must band together, learn from one another and work harder than ever before. I trust that we can do that – that America has it in her to push past these dark days to a brighter future ahead. God bless you all for the great impact you're having on your communities and the families of your employees. Let's keep them all front-of-mind as we proceed into a future of steep challenges and unlimited opportunities. •

Jared Patterson

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.

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Visit our website

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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

No events at this time

AFS Virtual Advocacy Summit

Invaluable Information

On behalf of AFS and the Government Affairs Committee, thank you to those who attended AFS' virtual Advocacy Summit on Tuesday, May 19. For those unable to attend, we are sorry we missed you. As a follow-up to the program, we are providing the following key materials:

1) AFS Call for Action: Reach out to your lawmaker today!

We urge AFS members to call or email their lawmakers about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their businesses. Ask them to act on the following issues in the next stimulus or recovery package:

- ***Invest in a robust American-made infrastructure package.***
- ***Include targeted and commonsense liability protection for manufacturers related to the COVID-19 pandemic.***

Please download [this template](#) to send a letter to your elected officials.

Please download [this DC background information](#) with a link to your Congressional contacts.

We suggest you *tailor the letter to your situation*, include economic impact data, and feel free to add items you would like Congress to act on. Share feedback from your congressional correspondence with Stephanie Salmon in the AFS Washington Office at ssalmon@afsinc.org.

2) Download these PowerPoint presentations from the Summit

- **[COVID-19 Safety Update: Latest Guidance for Keeping Your Jobsites & Employees Safe – B. Hammock and B. Charlton.](#)**
- **[Strong Buy America Rules Are Key to Effective Economic Stimulus, Supporting Good Jobs, Strengthening U.S. Manufacturing – S. Paul, Alliance for American Manufacturing.](#)**

3) AFS Foundry Industry 2020 Economic Impact Analysis on U.S. Jobs & the Economy

– **View the latest data.**

A comprehensive analysis undertaken by AFS documents our industry's economic footprint was unveiled during the Summit – nationally, by state, and by congressional district – in the United States. It incorporates direct, supplier and induced impacts, as well. [Click here](#) to visit the new Economic Impact Analysis web page and view the map.

Please contact us if you have any questions or need any additional information on the topics or the Congressional outreach we discussed during the Summit. Thanks again for your involvement in AFS. Let us know about future webinar topics that may be of interest to your company. •

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