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TCMA Goes to Tyler for 2021 Annual Meeting

On September 13-14, TCMA members arrived in Tyler to participate in our annual meeting after not meeting in person for a year and a half. On the evening of the 13th, we met at an old favorite venue, the Villa Montez, for renewed fellowship and a preconference reception. The next day began with excellent programming to address our current industry position. Jeet Radia of McWane Inc. and noted EHS authority brought the membership up to date on existing and pending regulations affecting the metal casting industry. U.S. Representative Louie Gohmert of the First Congressional District and well-known media figure apprised us of the continuing turmoil in Washington and the legislation being debated. Inserting anecdotes regarding some politicians, Representative Gohmert brought home some of the very serious implications of this severely divided congress. Louie, as Representative Gohmert prefers to be addressed, fielded a number of questions from our members regarding labor shortage and immigration. Our luncheon speaker, Aaron Cox of the Texas Association of Business, gave us a recap of the recent special session of the legislature, namely the voter integrity issue. With another special session starting the following week, Aaron said the TAB would closely follow the progress of the events and keep the membership updated.

The closing event of the annual meeting was a tour at the Kiepersol Winery and Distillery followed by dinner at their celebrated restaurant. This gathering of friends and associates was a fitting conclusion to a busy and informative day. •



PreConference Photos AT VILLA MONTEZ



Closing Dinner Photos

AT KIERPERSOL



Jared Patterson presents speaker award to Aaron Cox of the Texas Association of Business.



Jared Patterson presents speaker award to U.S. Representative Louie Gohmert.



Jared Patterson presents speaker award to Jeet Radia of McWane Inc..



A Message from the Executive Director

Our chairman is serving in the Texas Legislature in another Special Session, and we want to thank him for his service to his district, the state of Texas, and the TCMA. Jared was able to steal away from Austin for a couple of days recently between sessions to attend and oversee our Annual Meeting in Tyler. The conference was a great success and afforded an opportunity for us to meet together for business and fellowship. Not only did we hear from a dynamic list of speakers, but we also welcomed some new faces to the program. After the luncheon, the TCMA Board of Directors met to address general business, elect new board members, and plan for the 2022 Annual Meeting. Brett Morehead of Porter Warner Industries will begin his two-year term as Chairman in January, and Albert Vega of Hensley Industries will step into the Vice-Chairman position. Jon Callahan of Denison Industries and Chris Towery of Texas Aluminum Foundry met with us for the first time as Directors.

Next spring, we are planning for a new venue in the Georgetown/Round Rock area. A committee has been selected to search for opportunities in that central Texas region. The TCMA is fortunate to have members who volunteer their time to seek out new opportunities to enrich our awareness of issues facing our industry in Texas. I am most grateful to be able to work with such a fine group of people. •

Best wishes,

Clifford Smith
Executive Director
TCMA

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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