Chair’s Message

Our May Annual Meeting is designated “Student Recognition Night.” We will be treated to presentations from several students from various disciplines at Morris County School of Technology; and we also will honor a senior student for his achievements.

We are so glad to have students actively participating and representing the welding industry. Welders currently are in high demand, and this demand is predicted to last for many, many years; so it’s an excellent time for someone to begin or enhance a career in the welding industry.

Just for starters, let us say that you started and now have acquired six months of welding under your belt. You then will have a better understanding of your own skill set and what is an acceptable weld and what is not. That on its own can give you a brand new outlook on where you fit in on the grand scheme, whether as a stick welder (SMAW), or a Mig welder (GMAW); or perhaps as a Certified Welding Inspector (CWI), or as a Welding Engineer, or in Sales of welding supplies, or all of the above.

There are so many different aspects to the welding industry, and so much involved in each of them. I’ve been told that you can concentrate your entire life to learning all there is to know about just (GTAW) Gas Tungsten Arc Welding and (GMAW) Gas Metal Arc Welding, and you still would never know it all.

Open your minds to all your possibilities. Join us at the May meeting and let these students be a spark for your future!

As we approach our last meeting before going on hiatus for the summer, I wish to thank all my Executive and Standing committee members for their work on this season’s agenda. I am looking forward to our reunion, in September. Be safe and be well.

Larry Abernethy, BASF
AWS NJ Section Chairman
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May, 2018

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May 16th Meeting

Annual Meeting and Student Recognition Night

Student Adam Shandra and his parents will be honored guests of the AWS NJ Section. He was nominated for recognition by Herb Browne, Welding Instructor, Morris County School of Technology.

Adam Shandra, Senior, Morris County School of Technology

“Over the past two years we have been able to build some pretty monumental pieces of work from the MCVTS sign in front of the school, to basic tables and chairs, and even a hydro dipping tank used for cool designs on finished pieces of work. I know whenever I got the chance to work on my own personal projects it helped me become a better critical thinker and problem solver when I was faced with a task and asked to build a solution. A great example of this was when I build a place holder for wood for my fire place at home and outside.”

Presentations by students of Morris County School of Technology:

“Ace the Robot” by Nicholas DelRosso

A Welding Shop video prepared by multimedia students Madelyn Barkocy & Olivia Weintraub

(See more info and their bios on page 3)

The Annual Meeting of the AWS NJ Section will include the election and installation of officers for the 2018-19 season (see page 5). There also will be a member vote on revisions to the By-laws as presented in the April, 2018 issue of AWS NJ Section News.
Ace the Robot
by Nicholas Del Rosso

At just ten years old I committed myself to building the greatest and most technologically advanced robot entertainer in existence. At that young age people took my ideas with a grain of salt figuring it wasn’t possible at least until I got through college. However, just six years later my childhood dream became a reality with the creation of the Automated Cyber Entertainer system publicly known as “Ace”.

The first Ace unit was built at Morris County School of Technology in Denville where I was studying welding technology and electrical trades. After my first year of attending MCST, I felt that I had acquired enough knowledge from school and independent study to make my first proper attempt at building the robot. The first unit was far from perfect but appeared at a variety of high profile events. The following year I built my second unit, this time packed with new features and technology which allowed him to serve at fairs, trade shows and private parties in several states.

I’ve since retired Ace and partnered with my good friend Ted who has been using robots just like Ace for the purpose of entertainment, education and marketing for over 30 years. Together we currently run the amazing and cleverly named “Gizmo D. Robot” who has earned much praise and several awards, including a U.S presidential award for his unique elementary level character education programs. Ace is still used on occasion for presentations and family events.

Madelyn Barkocy is a junior in the multimedia academy at MCST. She is a member of the school’s Media Team and has been assisting with the band video for the new district website. Over the past three years in her academy, she has assisted in almost all of the VPA productions and has created various independent work, including a documentary film that won the grand prize in the SOMA film festival. As well as bring an active part of her academy, she often takes part of various school-wide clubs such as the National Honors Society and National Technical Honors Society. She aims to major in acting in college, but is still very passionate about photography and film, and hopes to continue exploring those mediums on the side.

Olivia Weintraub is a junior in the multimedia academy at MCST. She is part of the Media Team, which is tasked with gathering photos and videos for the new district website. During her three years here, she has been an active member in the school community, taking part in the Photo nd Art Club, Drama Club, National Honors Society/National Technical Honors Society, and the Varsity Cross County team. While she enjoys many different aspects of multimedia, what she’s most passionate about is filmmaking and photography. She hopes to pursue photography in college, with her main focus being fashion/editorial photography.

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Student Speakers
Morris County School of Technology

Welding Shop Video Presentation by Madelyn Barkocy & Olivia Weintraub

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At the Meeting  March 28, 2018 at Yale Terrace Brewery, Cranford, NJ

“Tasting, Tour & Trivia”

Members and guests enjoyed a change of pace social evening at Yale Terrace Brewery. During a brief presenta-
tion, they gained some insight into the craft brewing pro-
cess as well as the background of some of the unique craft
beers they were sampling in their tasting flights. The
brews were accompanied by a variety of sandwiches pro-
vided by Vinny’s Pizza & Pasta. The evening was capped
off with Trivia challenge games.

At right (L-R) NJ Section Program Chair Don
Smith, Somerset County Voc-Tech; and NJ Section
Secretary, George Sheehan look on as NJ
Section Chairman Larry Abernethy, BASF, 
leads the Executive Meeting from the bar

At left: Victor Rhodes, Seaboard
Welding Supply won a Yale Terrace
Brewery T-shirt door prize

At Left (L-R) NJ Section Historian and Safety &
Health Chair, Gus Manz; A.F. Manz Associates; and
District II Director Ken Temme, QA/QC Inspector

At the Meeting  April 18, 2018  
at Pantagis Renaissance, Scotch Plains, NJ

“Ship to Shore Cranes and Port Opportunities”

Mr. Matt Dillon, VP Northeast of
ZPMC, USA, gave a very interesting
presentation about the history of ship
to shore cranes, their evolution, modi-
fications and maintenance, as well as
opportunities within port industries.

(L-R) Speaker Matt Dillon,
ZPMC USA, is thanked by AWS
NJ Section Education Chair
James Dolan, Dolan Associates

April photo courtesy of Eric Dolan, Dolan Associates
Thinking

Do you realize that the quality of your thinking is the lid for your potential? If you’re an excellent thinker, you have excellent potential; but if your thinking is poor, you have a lid on your life.

Sam Walton, the founder of Wal-Mart, refused to believe the popular notion that a town of less than 50,000 in population could not support a discount store for very long. Today Wal-Mart is the world’s largest retailer and employs more than two million people. How’s that for potential?

The greatest detriment to your potential success tomorrow is your thinking today. If your thinking is limited, so is your potential. But if you can keep growing in your thinking, you will constantly outgrow what you’re doing. And your potential will always be off the chart.

“Beware when the great God lets loose a great thinker on the planet”
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Submitted by Ken Stockton, PPPL
NJ Section Executive Committee

Election - May 16, 2018

2019-19 Officers & Executive Committee

In accordance with AWS NJ Section Bylaws, the NJ Section Nominating Committee presented a recommended slate of officers for the 2018-19 season at the April 18, 2018 meeting. See slate at right. Nominations also were opened to the floor and the procedure for Nominations by Petition were explained.

The procedures for submitting Nominations by Petition also were published in the April, 2018 issue of AWS NJ Section News.

If additional nominations have been received by petition, voting will take place at the May 16, 2018 Annual Meeting. If no further nominations have been received within 10 days of the April meeting as required in the By-Laws, the NJ Section Secretary will cast a single vote at the May 16, 2018 Annual Meeting to elect the nominated slate as proposed.

Installation of the 2018-19 Officers will follow.

2018-19 Slate

Officers:
Chairman: Larry Abernethy, BASF
Vice Chair: Vince Murray, AGL Welding Supply, Inc.
Secretary: George Sheehan, Retired
Treasurer: Alfred Fleury, A.F. Fleury Assoc.

Executive Committee through 2019:
Eric Dolan, CWI, Dolan Associates
James Dolan, CSP/CWI, Dolan Associates
Michael Garbinski, Banker Steel NJ
Donald Smith, Somerset County Voc-Tech

Senior Past Chairman:
Herb Browne, CWI, Morris Cnty Tec Inst.

Executive Committee through 2020:
Steven Dagnall, Praxair
August Manz, A.F. Manz Associates
Robert Petrone, CWI, CWI Services, LLC.
Kenneth Stockton, CWI, PPPL

Junior Past Chairman:
Paul Lenox, CWI, Bankers Steel NJ

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Comedy Events

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May 16 2018 6:00pm
AWS NJ Section Annual Meeting “Student Recognition Night”

Presentations by Students of Morris County School of Technology

Speakers:
“My Experience” Adam Shandra
“Welding Shop Video” by Madelyn Barkocy & Olivia Weinstaub
“Ace the Robot” by Nicholas DelRosso

First Meeting of 2018-19 Season September 19, 2018

If your company would like to present a technical program about a welding related topic at a future meeting, please contact us at: weldnj@optonline.net

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Best wishes for a wonderful Summer!

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