Chair’s Message

I would like to thank you all for the amazing turn out at our meetings this season. I would also like to thank Mr. James Dolan for his outstanding conglomeration of great speakers, as well as his direction and assistance to our Technical Program Committee.

Our April 17th presentation “Welding in Africa”, by Pat Dorris, Welder Testing and Training Institute, was live streamed through our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/AWSJersey So if you missed the meeting, go check out the video. While you’re there you can also “Like” our page to receive future notifications, updates, and live streamed programs.

The May 15th meeting will focus on The Future of Vocational Technical Education, and celebrate our welding students. We appreciate each and every one of you, for you are the future of our Society and the welding industry. To merely know welding, and the importance of joining materials, can open your eyes to a future of possibilities for what that can do for industry all over the world.

This will be our final technical meeting of the current season. I wish to thank my fellow officers and the entire Executive and Standing Committee members for their contributions and support. Please have a good summer so we can meet again in September rejuvenated, refreshed and ready for action.

Larry Abernethy, BASF
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May 15th Meeting ● 6:00pm

Annual Meeting, Elections and Student Recognition Night

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

The Future of Vocational Technical Education

Speaker: Frederick Wolfe, Training Instructor

Frederick Wolfe has over 40 years of experience teaching at the technical school and college levels. He has extensive experience in diesel mechanics, automotive technology, refrigeration, electronic engine controls, and welding. Fred was a previous Board Member of the New Jersey Motor Truck Association, and was twice named New Jersey Teacher of the Year. He is a Certified Proctor for EPA Section 608 and 609 Refrigerant Gas Testing, and a Certified Forklift Instructor.

Required Fire Watch Duration Extended
Important Message for Contractors & others doing hot work

The 2019 National Fire Protection Association NFPA-51B Standard for Fire Protection During Welding, Cutting and Other Hot Work” has made a major change in the duration of “Fire Watch and Monitoring”. Instead of the traditional half-hour watch period, NFPA now requires a one hour watch period.

Quoted: 5.6.1.1 A fire watch shall be maintained for 1 hour after completion of hot work operations in order to detect and extinguish smoldering fires.

5.6.1.2 The duration of the fire watch shall be permitted to be extended if the PAI determines the fire hazards warrant the extension

Submitted by AWS NJ Section Safety & Health Chair August F. Manz
In a small town in upstate New York, a firefighter and his family have been planting trees in honor of the men and women of the FDNY, NYPD and the Port Authority that made the Supreme Sacrifice on September 11, 2001. The goal is to plant 403 trees representing the 343 FDNY firefighters, 23 NYPD police Officers and the 37 Port Authority Police Officers.

The month of April is planting season and they are preparing to put another group of trees into the ground. These trees are expected to be dedicated next year. At the same time the tree markings are being improved so that each tree can be more easily identified.

The FDNY has graciously given this family a piece of 9/11 steel. The hope is to build a memorial on the site. AWS NJ Section members Herb Browne, Eric Dolan and Jim Dolan have assisted with the cutting and welding of this steel to make two mountable monuments. The next step is to find someone who can sand blast and powder coat these monuments to a clear finish.

Submitted by: Deputy Chief William McCormack
Elections

2019-2020 Officers & Executive Committee

In accordance with AWS NJ Section Bylaws, the NJ Section Nominating Committee has presented a recommended slate of officers for the 2019-2020 season. (See slate at right.)

Nominations were announced in the April, 2019 issue of this newsletter and the procedure for submitting nominations from the floor at the April 17, 2019 meeting; and/or by Petition within 10 days of the April 17th, 2019 meeting were provided.

If additional nominations have been received by petition, voting will take place at the May 15, 2018 Annual Meeting. If no further nominations are 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 15, 2018 Annual Meeting to elect the nominated slate as proposed.

Installation of the officers for the 2019-20 season will follow.

2019-20 Proposed Slate

**Officers:**
- **Chairman:** Kenneth Stockton, CWI, PPPL
- **Vice Chair:** Larry Abernethy, BASF
- **Secretary:** George Sheehan, Retired Union County Voc-Tech
- **Treasurer:** Robert Roman, Global Partners, Inc.

**Executive Committee through 2021:**
- Eric Dolan, CWI, Dolan Associates
- James Dolan, CSP/CWI, Dolan Associates
- Michael Garbinski, Banker Steel NJ
- Donald Smith, Somerset County Voc-Tech
- Paul Lenox, CWI/CWI, Owens Steel

**Executive Committee through 2022:**
- Steven Dagnall, Praxair
- Alfred Fleury, A.F. Fleury Assc.
- August Manz, A.F. Manz Associates
- Vince Murray, AGL Welding Supply, Inc.
- Herb Browne, CWI, Morris Cnty Tec Inst.

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Thank you for your support!
My choice to become a teacher was not made lightly. This decision was a culmination of a process of reflection about what I wanted to do with my life. I have chosen a career in education because I believe that it is one of the most important functions performed in our culture. I believe that teachers individually, and collectively, have the ability to not only change the world, but to improve it. Within the process of teaching, I hope to find both personal and professional renewal. I want to be a part of a noble profession with the hope of one day being counted among those in whom future teachers find inspiration.

Many of the great teachers that I have had throughout my education have become my heroes and role models. I began to understand in high school and college that great teachers have skills that I wanted to learn. I want to follow their examples. I remember that great teachers were good at explaining content, were patient yet firm with students, were always fair, set high expectations, knew how to motivate, and used humor appropriately. They were great communicators who had a command of their subject matter content. This is the type of teacher that I intend to become. However, I understand that my personal teaching style will evolve as I draw on my own strengths, knowledge, skills, values, and experiences.

I want students to learn in a safe and comfortable environment so that their self-esteem will be increased. A high self-esteem will enable them to strive for and accomplish any goals they set for themselves. As a teacher, I play a part in helping them to do that. I have the privilege of shaping future parents and productive members of society. For all of these reasons, I ask myself, what better job could there be. My answer is none because teaching is more than a job. It is an important contribution I can make to better our society.

Why do I want to become a teacher? A teacher has the direct opportunity to make a difference, to change the future. I have been told that I am an idealist. I want the best for everyone. I will set high goals as a teacher and do my best to show each and every student that these goals are within their reach. I will expect every one of my students to want to learn and more importantly to understand. I want my students to fight over the seats in the front row as if they were attending a concert, not elementary school. I want to make my students wonder; make them question; make them think critically; make them write; make them read, read, read.

An excellent teacher is not just someone who explains. Not someone who just demonstrates. An excellent teacher is someone who inspires. An excellent teacher goes the extra mile. They can take any individual and make them believe, truly believe, that their hopes and dreams are within their reach. An excellent teacher will not let a student walk away until every question is fully explained and completely understood, no matter how long it may take. If the day ends and the student still has not understood the lesson plan, an extraordinary teacher would brainstorm. He or she would think, “How can I explain this concept to the student so that he or she can better understand it?” I intend on being that type of teacher.

The chance to inspire another human being is not an opportunity it’s a challenge. There are too many educators that haven’t accepted this challenge, and it needs to change. Students go to school because they are forced to. Many times, learning is not their top priority, but the teacher’s job is to teach. Students are always learning. Unfortunately, it just may not be what the teacher is teaching. Since this is the case, a teacher must not only know his or her content area, they must also be prepared to teach other “things”. Things, such as character, morals, etc., which may prove to be more valuable than knowledge itself. This is the reason I why I became a teacher…I want to inspire the students who will represent the future of our great nation.
At the Meeting  
April 17, 2019  
at Pantagis Renaissance/Snuffy’s, Scotch Plains, NJ  

“Welding in Africa”  

Speaker: Pat Dorris, Director  
Welder Testing and Training Institute  
Allentown, PA  

Mr. Dorris spoke about his experiences while working in the oil fields off the coast of Nigeria.  
The presentation was live streamed through Facebook. You can see the video on our Facebook page at:  
https://www.facebook.com/AWSJersey  

Best wishes for a wonderful Summer!  
Next Meeting: September 18, 2019  

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