

AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY
JOHNSTOWN/ALTOONA DIVISION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (4/11/06)

Meeting started at 5:30 pm on 4/11/06.

Present: George Seese – Chairman Absent: John Slagel – 2nd Vice Chairman
Bart Sickles – 1st Vice Chairman
William Krupa – Secretary/Treasurer
Don Howard -- District 7 Director
David Neuner -- Member at Large
Dale Anderson – Member at Large

Objective of the meeting was to discuss and finalize the transition from a Division to a Section as of June 1, 2006, audit the bank account, finalize the slate of officers for 2006-2007 (as well as committee chairmen) and plan a meeting schedule for the 2006-2007 season.

1. The BY-LAWS for the JOHNSTOWN/ALTOONA SECTION were finalized and signed by the board members. The terms of separation from the Pittsburgh Section from the joint meeting in Pittsburgh on 2/8/06 were reviewed and accepted by the board (including Johnstown/Altoona retaining its current treasury, current members remain with their current Section or Division affiliation, the geographical boundaries for the Johnstown/Altoona SECTION will encompass the counties of Indiana, Jefferson, Clearfield, Cambria, Somerset, Centre, Blair, Bedford, Huntingdon and Fulton). Also, we will continue to maintain a friendly and cooperative relationship with the Pittsburgh section and each of the other sections in District 7.
2. George Seese as Chairman for 2006-2007 will follow up with a letter to new members and delinquent members from the monthly hot sheets sent from AWS National.
3. The checkbook and latest bank statement for the Johnstown/Altoona Division was audited and the expense figures for the last 10 years including the up to date expenses for 2005-2006 were reviewed, discussed and approved. It was decided to maintain the same checking account moving forward as a SECTION. The 3 names on the bank signature cards will remain (Krupa, Howard and Sickles).
4. A tentative list of meetings for the 2006-2007 season was established:
September 16 or 23 ??? (Saturday) Explosion Welding – Curtis Prothe (Mt Braddock, Pa.)
September 26 (Tuesday) Wyotech School – Dan Bracken (Blairsville)
October ??? Altoona Pipe and Steel – Tim Harris (Altoona)
November ??? CTC – Metallurgy - Dale Anderson (Johnstown)
December ??early Dale Oxygen – Possibly in Indiana (Krupa)
January AWS President ?? (Don Howard) past chairmen's night

February ARL Penn State ?? (Rich Martukanitz/Don Howard)
March Windmills/other ind park tour (Howard/Kish)
April Altoona Curve game and tour of facility?? Geo Seese??
May 40 th Annual Golf Outing (Bill Krupa)

Those responsible for a meeting follow up need to get back to Bill Krupa as soon as possible to confirm meeting. The officers for the 2006-2007 season will remain the same, but a few of the committee chairmen will change. A final list will be provided to all board members as soon as all info such as phone numbers, AWS member numbers, e-mail addresses, etc. are collected.

5. Bart Sickles will be the Webmaster for the Johnstown/Altoona Section. He will follow up with Miami on details to get our site started. He along with the help of all board members will begin to gather information for advertisements for our monthly meeting notices. The cost /advertisement and size, etc were discussed but not finalized.
6. The SECTION library will relocated to CTC and Don Howard since Eldan Snyder is retired and Don is readily accessible and can easily receive the latest updates as well as e-mail requested info. Eldan will be given proper recognition for his many years of service as our librarian and technical rep next season.
7. The required information for the annual report will be assembled and submitted to to the group going to the District Director's meeting in June by Bill Krupa. The copy for Pittsburgh and Miami will be given at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Krupa, Secretary