



# American Welding Society

## THE STRENGTH OF WELDING

DISTRICT 16

SECTION 81

March 2006

### Biography for

Damian J. Kotecki  
AWS President 2005 – 2006

Damian J. Kotecki received his Ph.D. degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 1989, he joined The Lincoln Electric Co., where he is now technical director for stainless and high-alloy product development. He has been active in the development of welding filler metals, particularly for stainless steels and hardfacing, since 1974.

He is past chair of the AWS Technical Activities Committee, the AWS Filler Metals Committee, the WRC Subcommittee on Welding Stainless Steels and the WRC Subcommittee on Hardfacing and Wear. In addition, he is past chair of the International Institute of Welding (IIW), Commission II, as well as U.S. Delegate to that Commission. This year, he was elected vice president of the IIW. He is an Ex-officio member of the AWS Technical Papers Committee, a member of the IIW Select Committee on Standardization, the IIW Technical Committee and ISO TC44 and its Subcommittee 3.

An AWS Fellow and registered professional engineer, Kotecki holds several patents for arc welding filler metals and is the author of numerous technical papers.

AWS presented Kotecki with the James F. Lincoln Gold Medal in 1979 and again in 1987; the William Irrgang Award in 1987; the R. D. Thomas Memorial Award in 1983; the R. D. Thomas, Jr. International Lecture Award in 1994; the Prof. Dr. Rene Wasserman Memorial Award in 1995 and 1997; the George E. Willis Award in 1995, and the A. F. Davis Silver Medal in 1996. He was chosen for the IIW Thomas Medal in 1999. He was selected by AWS for the 1996 Comfort A. Adams Memorial Lecture, "Ferrite Determination in Stainless Steel Welds – Advances since 1974."

## THIS MONTH: Damian Kotecki 2005-2006 AWS President Joint Meeting With our Friends from the SE NE Section

DATE:	March 21, 2006
TIME:	6:00 -6:45 p.m. Dinner 6:45 Featured Speaker
PLACE:	Valentinos 108 <sup>th</sup> & O St Omaha NE.
COST:	Buffet - \$11.20 per person

### **TAKE A LOOK NEXT MONTH!:**

Come Join us on a tour of the New  
Omaha Standard Facility in  
Council Bluffs IA.  
We are all looking forward to seeing  
you there. If you have any questions  
please contact one of the officers.

## A Note from your Chairman:

The First Annual AWS Nebraska Welding Careers Fair was a success! Over 90 people came to visit the booths to learn about career opportunities and in spite of the bitterly cold weather we had people at 8:01 am. I believe everyone involved came away feeling it was a worthwhile endeavor. Next year I hope businesses that employ persons in welding related positions will consider attending even if they are not hiring at the time with the purpose of generating interest in and attracting new people to welding and welding careers. My sincere thanks and congratulations to the other officers for their hard work in organizing this event and on behalf of the officers and myself "Thank you!" to all of the organizations and people that set up booths and displays, put on demonstrations and contests, and donated door prizes. It was great and you made it great!

Regards,

Monty Rodgers

**Bruce Gregory**  
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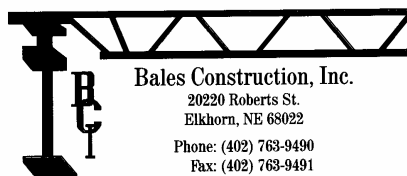
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## Meet A Member

### STEVE BARRY

I currently work for Heartland Energy Maintenance (a division of Plibrico Sales and Service, Inc.) and have been with HEM for 21 years. As a member of Boilermakers Local 83 since 1976. I performed construction work throughout the Midwest, mostly at power generating stations and processing plants. As a Boilermaker my skills were tube and heavy wall welding in addition to rigging and plate welding. I am now the Construction Manager and estimate most of the projects at HEM. As a power and process mechanical contractor, in addition to being a refractory sales and service contractor, I've been fortunate to have been able to diversify my skills in estimating and managing a multitude of projects throughout the United States. The power generation business has enabled us to perform a variety of work, some of which includes all types of boiler repairs, baghouse and precipitator erection and retrofit, structural steel erection, power piping, coal handling, machinery installation, fabrication, modification, moving and repairs.

I am married with three children and a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Omaha. My two sons are both members of Steamfitters Local 464 and both are employed as Service Technicians. My daughter is just turning 8 years old and attends Bread of Life Lutheran School. My hobbies include fishing and hunting, but my "full time" hobby is horseshoe pitching, where I belong to both a summer league and an indoor winter league. I am the Nebraska State Secretary for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and have played in 5 World Horseshoe Pitching Tournaments. I have lived in Omaha, Nebraska since 1987, but grew up as a farm boy in Malmo west of Wahoo, Nebraska. I am a new member to AWS and look forward to receiving the useful information that AWS offers.

### DALTON E. HAMILTON MEMORIAL CWI OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is sponsored by the American Welding Society in memory of Dalton E. Hamilton, who contributed greatly to the success of the Society's Certified Welding programs. This award recognizes AWS member participating in the SCWI/CWI programs whose inspection, Society, and civic activities have enhanced public awareness of the Society and the CWI program or who have otherwise made an outstanding contribution to the science of welding inspection.

District Directors will forward their District's nominations to AWS National headquarters no later than August 1 prior to the year of receipt. The nominations will be held for a period of three years for selection of the recipient. Districts with total membership exceeding 800 may submit two nominees. The National CWI of the Year recipient is presented a certificate at the annual Awards Luncheon during the AWS Show.

The District Director and District Awards Subcommittee may select an individual or individuals from names submitted by their respective Sections to receive the District CWI of the Year Award. The certificate will be forwarded to the appropriate District Director for presentation to the awardee at a suitable setting. The number of recipients recognized is at the determination and discretion of the District Director.

A Section may select an individual(s) each year for Section CWI of the Year Award. The certificate will be forwarded to the appropriate District Director for presentation to the awardee at a suitable setting. The number of recipients recognized is at the determination and discretion of the District Director.

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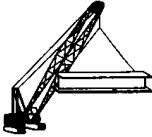
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