



## No Meeting Scheduled For December.

Tentative: January's meeting will be spouse night, Dennis Dubuc Associate Professor of Administration of Justice, will speak on Forensic Science. The section officers would like to wish you and your Family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We had another successful tour thanks to MPS Corporation; a total of 23 members attended the dinner and laser demonstration. Member Wayne Johnson won the 50/50 raffle for a total of \$106.00. District Director Ted Alberts presented two awards, Roger Snider received Section Meritorious Award, and Joshua Alberts received Section Educator Award.



Left to Right: Chairman: Bill Rhodes presented MPS Corporation with Industry Support Certificate of Appreciation Award, Followed by Frank Williams, Paul Chocklett, Ed Wyatt, and Bobby Padgett of Mps Corporation.

Paul Chocklett of MPS presented all members with a souvenir cut of stainless steel during the laser demonstration.

I would like to thank all members for responding to the request of receiving your newsletter via e-mail. As I informed all members in the last newsletter cost of printing and postage has steadily increased. The Executive committee has requested I send out a newsletter request form to all members of the section. The form is enclosed with this letter, Please fill this form out and return by February 1<sup>st</sup> to the section, or you will no longer receive the section newsletter. Take a few minutes and let us know what you prefer.

Also, attached is the Board week highlights and general information – From District Director: Ted Alberts

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## Newsletter Request Form

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3. I would not like to receive the newsletter at this time, if I should change my mind I will contact you to be placed back on the mailing list. \_\_\_\_\_.

We thank you for taking the time to respond to your sections request if you have any questions please contact us at:

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## AWS Fall Board Week - October 24-30, 2003

### Board Week Highlights and General Information - District #4

- During the District Conference last May 23rd John Gomez was nominated to be the Deputy District Director - District 4. The motion to approve this nomination passed unanimously. It is with great pleasure I welcome John to serve as Deputy District Director for 2003-2004. John is with the Tidewater Section and has been active for many many year.
- Up coming District Conference will on May 21, 2004, at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, NC. More details will be coming.

- Foundation - The Foundation has requested District Directors to submit a list of all welding schools or universities within their boundaries. This list is needed for both the Foundation and the Education Departments. Chairman, please have your Education Chairman or some other individual provide me with a list of schools providing welding education in your area. Please include the name of the school, address, phone, and contact person if possible. Please respond by January 10, 2004. Thanks.  
Also, based on a motion that was passed at the AWS Foundation's Trustee Meeting in Miami last week, the Student Loan Program has been canceled. The money will be transferred into the endowment account.

- Certification Projects -

1. CRAW - Certified Robotic Arc Welding. This standard has been printed, and the program is being beta tested.
2. Radiographic Interpreter (RI) - Certification for Radiographic Interpreter is complete and ready to publish. The RI exam has been reviewed and approved by the Exam Bank Subcommittee and is ready for implementation.
3. Certified Welding Supervisor (CWS) - The exam bank questions have been reviewed and approved.
4. Discussion between AISC (American Institute of Steel Construction) and AWS continues on the proposed Certified Steel Structures Inspection program. AISC agreed to draft a qualifications document and after view, if both parties agree, a joint program would be pursued.
5. CWI + Program - This program would add certification in one or more of the following methods:
  - A. Penetrant Testing (Solvent Removable Method)
  - B. Magnetic Testing (Dry Particle Method)
  - C. Visual Testing (ASME VT-1, VT-2, VT-3 Methods)
  - D. Ultrasonic Testing (Thickness only)

Progress is being made on this program.

- There is a time schedule for development of new AWS Publications and Guides, too many to mention here. More about AWS publications can found at [www.aws.org](http://www.aws.org) click on publications.
- 2005 Welding Show will be in Dallas Texas.
- 2004 Welding Show in Chicago will be in collaboration with the GAWDA (Gases and Welding Distributors Association) April 6, 2004.
- Also at the 2004 Welding Show will be Professional Welder's Contest, on April 6-8, 2004.

WELDING SHOW 2004 - Where to find show information.

1. Show announcements on AWS Website
  2. Show Website - New
  3. Your Welding Journal
- Tentative Strategic Plan Highlights
  - The current AWS mission statement is under consideration for review and revision.
  - Tentative Strategic Goals -
    - A. Attract people to the industry (Image).
    - B. Service and satisfy the product needs of our constituents.
    - C. Insure financial strength while recognizing business development cost.
  - Tentative Strategic Initiatives -
    - A. Investigate alliance, partnering, acquisition, and merger opportunities.
    - B. Grow Certification.
    - C. Broaden the amount, scope and accessibility of programming for conferences and Seminars.
  - D. Promote and advance welding education and training programs.
  - E. Run a successful show while exploring alternatives for future direction.
    - F. Make the Foundation Self Supporting.
    - G. Review governance continuously.
    - H. Evaluate human resources functions.
    - I. Advance the Information Technology system.
    - J. Make marketing a "way of life".
    - K. Grow membership by targeting industry groups through new member benefit programs.
    - L. Continue to protect the integrity of the Welding Journal while exploring other periodicals to reach targeted markets.
    - M. Promote and advocate welding research.
    - N. Develop new technical publications documents for targeted markets.

This concludes my report to the district. I will try to do this through out the year to help keep all members informed. As far as the distribution, I'm requesting Section Chairman or Section Secretary to make copies of this update and enclose it with your next meeting announcement. Thank you for your attention to this request.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please call me.

Sincerely,

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