



American Welding Society Pittsburgh Section

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Chairman's Announcement

The Pittsburgh AWS Section is proud to present a full line up of plant tours and technical presentations for its members for the 2024– 2025 year.

I hope that you will find these scheduled meetings of interest and plan to attend. If you have any ideas for our chapter or suggestions for a future meetings or plant tours, please contact any of our Board members.

Thank you,

Don Stoll - Chairman, Pittsburgh AWS
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October Technical Meeting: Tuesday October 8, 2024

Topic: AWS Standard Welding Procedure Specifications

Speaker: Jim Sekely – AWS B2 Committee on Welding Qualifications

Join us for a presentation by Jim Sekely on Standard Welding Procedure Specifications (SWPSs) published by the American Welding Society. Jim will discuss his membership and involvement with the Welding Research Council, AWS B2 Committee (including B2D and B2G Subcommittees), AWS Technical Activities Committee (TAC), and TAC Rules Committee (TACR), ASME B31.1 Code Committee, National Board Inspection Code Committee, and the AWS D9.1 Code Committee. He will also discuss the basis for the creation of SWPSs, the Requirements for Application of SWPSs and the Summary of PQRs supporting SWPSs. Additionally, Jim will discuss the format, application, and joint designs for carbon steel, stainless steel and aluminum materials welded with the FCAW, GMAW, SMAW and GTAW processes for sheet metal, plate/structural and pipe applications. Jim brings a broad spectrum of knowledge to the table and will be hosting a question-and-answer forum at the conclusion of the presentation.

About the Speaker:

Jim Sekely has been recognized as a distinguished member of the welding community with over 50 years of involvement. Jim serves the AWS Pittsburgh Section in several positions including Past Chairman, Executive Board member and Chairman of the Technical, By-Laws, and Certification Committees. In addition to his involvement in the Section, he has served as a Manager of Welding / Quality Control for various companies in the Pittsburgh area for over 35 years. He has held Code Committee affiliations with the National Board Inspection Code, AWS B2 Welding Qualifications, D9.1 Sheet Metal Welding, AWS Technical Activities Committee, ASME B31.1 Power Piping, and National Certified Pipe Welding Bureau.

Please RSVP by Monday October 7, 2024 to stoll10@comcast.net

Meeting Date: Tuesday October 8, 2024

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: Steamfitters Local 449 Technology Center
230 Wise Rd
Harmony, PA 16037

We hope to see you there.

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Next Meeting – **Joint ASM / AWS Technical Meeting**

Date: Thursday November 14, 2024

Location: Teutonia Mannerchor; 857 Phineas St., Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Presentation: Introduction to NobelClad and the Explosion Welding Process

Speaker – Chris Wilson - Global Director of Research and Development

Details will be announced in the November issue of "Spark"

AWS Seminars & Exam Schedule

The Pittsburgh Section hosts several Certified Weld Inspector (CWI) seminars & exams in 2024. Location and registration information is available on the AWS.org website.

TYPE	SEMINAR	EXAM (Part B)	SITE CODE
2 Week	10-21/11-1, 2024	11-2-2024	PA11324