



February 2012 & Beyond

What a difference a year makes, last year this time we were bombarded with snow and ice dams, this year we are having a warm and sunny winter. There are also indications that the economy is continuing its revival as orders for durable goods are up and that means more demand for castings.

Things are looking up, unless you have a knock on the door and a visitor from OSHA on your doorstep, if you are not prepared things can begin to go sour real quick.

This is one of the reasons why our chapter is sponsoring the CMI course “Safety in the Foundry Seminar” on March 28 and 29. The two day course is designed to address a number of foundry safety topics and help prepare your plant for that potential visit. Further details are available on our website, make your reservations now, don’t delay.

As safety continues to be one of the most relevant topics in running a foundry, we are planning on having our March meeting at the site of the 2 day course, it will be 5:00 P.M. Wednesday the 28th at the Hampton Inn, 2100 Post Rd. Warwick RI. We will have a safety roundtable with the presenters from the 2 day course discussing and answering safety questions from the chapter members. The cost for the dinner is \$25 for members and \$40 for non-member. For Chapter members who are attending the 2 day course, the dinner will be free. Please contact me or Kevin Vecchiarelli to confirm your attendance at the March Chapter meeting, emarczyszak@burndy.com Kevin@Yankeecasting.com as the restaurant will need to have a confirmed headcount.

We are firming up our meeting schedule with a tentative meeting on April 10 in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, topic and presenters to follow.

On May 8 we will be holding our meeting in Nashua, New Hampshire and there will be tours of the Bronze Craft Foundry in Nashua from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. followed by a dinner presentation at the Country Tavern, 452 Amherst Street, Nashua New Hampshire. Jim Bernard, President of Bronze Craft and Past Chapter Chairman, will present on the “Use of castings in helping to reduce energy usage.” Presentation at 5:00 P.M. and dinner at 6:00 P.M. The cost of the dinner will be \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members.

Finally, we congratulate Greg Barber of Inductotherm on the birth of his new son! Greg will be resigning his position from the board to spend more time with his growing family. We thank Greg for all his help and service and wish him the best in the future.

We also welcome Drew Weaver of Weaver Materials to our ranks as our new Board member. Drew agreed to serve when I caught him in a weak moment and he will be filling the position vacated by Greg Barber. In addition, he will take on the

responsibilities as membership chairman. I look forward to working with Drew and getting some new insight and views on the board.

As always we encourage your suggestions for meeting topics as the chapter remains strong through the efforts of our members.

Anyone interested in joining the board please e-mail me at emarczyszak@burndy.com. We welcome your interest and participation.

Thanks for your continued support,
Ed Marczyszak
Chairman