



**Best wishes to all for a successful and safe
2018.**

It seems that in a blink of the eye, 2017 was gone and 2018 arrived. I think that The Officers and Directors of our Chapter did a great job last year but the New Year gives us a chance to work on improving our support of our members and scheduling meetings and presentations that provide value, that are of interest and can potentially save money or reduce risk or losses for your businesses. So here goes our lineup:

On Tuesday March 20, 2018 the Chapter will be touring the FM Global Research Campus at West Gloucester RI. The event will start in the morning and end with lunch, the participants will be treated to hurricanes, earthquakes, fires and a combustible dust explosion. If you are responsible for your building or business you want to see this. It is limited to 20 people and I'm one of them, so sign up as soon as possible. You don't want to miss this tour. This event is free of charge, but I need your reservation and contact information as soon as possible so you can be emailed directly by FM Global. If you plan on attending please let me know, contact me at emarczyszak@burndy.com there are 18 remaining spots as I already have 2 attendees. Don't miss this if you can possibly attend.

April 3 -5, AFS Metalcasting Congress will be taking place in Ft. Worth, TX

Your chairman has been selected and will be awarded the AFS 2018 National Service Citation Award for several years of service and dedication to the AFS and the Foundry Industry.

A great honor that I will share with the men and women of our Chapter as it is because of all of you our chapter continues to not only exist but thrive. Thank you to all those who nominated and supported me for this honor, I am humbled. (Which doesn't happen very often.)

April 17 & 18 the Chapter is sponsoring the AFS/Cast Metals Institute Course on "Analysis of Casting Defects" this will take place in Warwick RI. If you aren't looking to reduce your scrap rate, you're leaving money on the table.

June 2018 Once again the Chapter will be holding its annual Golf Outing, Brian White of DW Clark will be running the show and I expect we will have another successful outing.

We are working on a couple of other events for the year and we will try and move them around to encourage greater participation, but there is one critical ingredient that is necessary to make these events a success, and that ingredient is **you**. Please take the time to schedule and attend a meeting or event, the time you spend at a meeting can pay in dividends such as: scrap reduction, safety improvements, increased sales, or exposure to new methods to keep you competitive in our industry. I'll be looking for you, **DON'T LET ME DOWN.**

Finally many thanks to the Officers and Board members for their assistance throughout the year, for a chapter our size this is one pretty active group and I couldn't do it all by myself.

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As a reminder, we have a New England Chapter page on LinkedIn and a Facebook page, both of which are being used to announce upcoming events. If you aren't able to connect on either, please let me know and we'll get you set up.

Thanks for your continued support,
Ed Marczyszak
Chairman



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