Four New Trustees Elected to American Welding Society Foundation

Miami, Fla., March 2, 2017 – The American Welding Society Foundation has announced the election of four new members to AWS Foundation board of trustees.

Andrew Bonham, Jeff Deckrow, Jason Scales, and William Visintainer were each elected to serve a three-year term from 2017 to 2019.

Mr. Bonham has been Senior Vice President at ESAB Americas since 2013, with responsibility for more than 1,800 employees across North and South America. Prior to this, he worked at WR Grace, Invensys Controls, held executive roles with AlliedSignal (now known as Honeywell), and spent 12 years with General Electric in their plastics and silicone products groups.

Jeff Deckrow has worked with Hypertherm since 1996, holding positions in sales, marketing, and sales support. He currently serves as the company's Vice President of North American Sales. Jeff is also Chair of the AWS Foundation Careers Committee, and is past Chair and a member of WEMCO, a standing committee of the American Welding Society.
Jason Scales has been with the Lincoln Electric Company since 2011, and currently serves as their Manager of Education Services. He is a board member of the James F. Lincoln Foundation, and is Chairman of the Junior Board of the Lincoln Electric Company.

Bill Visintainer has been the owner and President of Atlas Welding Supply in Birmingham, Ala. since 2008. He previously worked at BOC Gases for eleven years as a manager, and was the 2015-2016 President of the Gases and Welding Distributors Association (GAWDA).

“These are four outstanding individuals who represent companies who are involved in the welding industry. They understand the need to recruit additional welding professional at all levels to support the welding profession in the United States. We are excited about the addition of Mr. Bonham, Mr. Deckrow, Mr. Scales, and Mr. Visintainer to the AWS Foundation board of trustees,” said Bill Rice, Chairman of the AWS Foundation. "With their help, we're confident we can continue to grow the Foundation and provide more scholarships and assistance to students and young welders who are needed in the US work force."

About AWS

The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes worldwide, including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves more than 73,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the society’s website at http://www.aws.org and click on “Pressroom.”