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Executive Director & CEO Research Update

After a very thorough search, the CEO Search Committee unanimously chose and recommended a candidate to the AWS Board of Directors. The Board met "virtually" on March 21 to approve the recommended candidate. Through unanimous vote, the Board approved the Society's next Executive Director & CEO.

We are pleased that Gary, Konarska is the new Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer. A copy of the formal press release is attached as a part of this report. Gary started remotely on Monday April 6th and, because of COVID-19, he will determine when he can come physically to AWS.

As I shift from my role as Interim Executive Director to Executive Director Emeritus, I want to express the heartfelt thanks to the Staff, the AWS Board and all of our Volunteers for your support since returning on June 3, 2019. It has been an interesting journey and I am excited and delighted to have Gary stepping into his role as the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer. We will be working on an orderly transition and as I have told Gary, I will be his "biggest cheerleader." I wish AWS and Gary, nothing but the best as the Society moves forward in becoming an even better organization.
AWS Announces New Executive Director & CEO

Gary Konarska, II

Miami FL, March 27, 2020: The American Welding Society's (AWS) Board of Directors have announced that Gary Konarska II is named the organization's new Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective April 6, 2020. Konarska succeeds Ray Shook, who held the position for 15 years and has agreed to remain as Executive Director Emeritus for an interim period to ensure a seamless and successful transition.

"We are very excited to welcome Gary to the American Welding Society taking on the role of the Executive Director and CEO. Gary brings an exponential combination of industry knowledge, energy, and proven leadership that make him the ideal leader for AWS. We're confident that Gary will continue to advance the AWS mission and strive to connect welding communities around the world," said AWS President, Robert W. Roth.

"I am truly honored and excited to serve as AWS's Executive Director and CEO," said Konarska. "I look forward to working closely with the AWS Board of Directors, staff, and Ray Shook to ensure a seamless transition in order to continue to serve our Society and industry at large."
Press Release – Gary Konarska (Cont'd)

The selection of Konarska underscores the AWS Board of Directors’ commitment to invest in and support the needs of members as we experience rapid industry advancements. Konarska brings 20 years of experience in the welding and cutting equipment industry, where he worked with Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio. Most recently, Konarska served as Vice President, Global Automation, where he was responsible for 13 automation sites around the world and created business systems to drive metrics and continuous improvement. Throughout his tenure at Lincoln, he focused on international business and sales, strategic planning, and fostered collaboration and relationships among teams.

Konarska spent time living and working in Singapore with The Lincoln Electric Company (Asia Pacific) PTE Ltd., as Managing Director for Southeast Asia, South Korea, and Taiwan. He was responsible for all commercial activities in the region, as well as a welding consumable manufacturing plant in Indonesia. Prior to this role, he was based in Shanghai, China, as Director of Business Development, where he led core business functions including export and import sales, a robotic automation P&L, product management, marketing communications, service, and a welding technology center. He started his career as a Technical Sales Representative in Seattle, WA, and then Tampa, FL.

Konarska earned a bachelor’s degree in Industrial and Operations Engineering from the University of Michigan and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of South Florida. He is a graduate of the inaugural Lincoln Electric Global Leadership Program.
With the retirement of Mary Ruth Johnsen on January 24th, Annette Alonso has assumed the role of Publisher and Editor of AWS Publications.

Annette will continue to be responsible for Standards Development with director Peter Portela reporting to her. We congratulate Annette in taking on the Publisher and Editor role. And, we wish all the best to Mary Ruth on a well-deserved retirement.
Interim Executive Director Report

Financials - 2019

Revenues

➤ Up 5.3%
➤ All-time record high at $41 million during our 100-year Centennial
➤ 95.7% of plan
➤ 8.6% turnaround from a negative 3.3% in first quarter of 2019

Surplus

➤ Up 17.6%
➤ $10 million and 3rd highest in our history
➤ 96.4% of plan
➤ Turnaround of 24.1% from negative 6.5% in first quarter of 2019
Interim Executive Director Report

COVID-19

AWS has been monitoring the development of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and assessing its possible impact to our Society’s activities. We will continue to follow protocols established by all local, state, and federal health officials.

The health and safety of our members, staff, seminar and exam candidates, conference attendees and volunteers are of the utmost importance. AWS leadership continues to make decisions as we receive information, then share it with all concerned as soon as possible.

To protect the health and well-being of staff who work in the Miami (Doral), FL office, all team members who are able to work remotely will do so until further notice, beginning Monday, March 16. For employees whose jobs require that they continue to work from the office, measures such as social distancing have been implemented throughout the building. Rest assured, we are not suspending or closing operations. We will continue to serve you and conduct business as efficiently as possible, given the extenuating circumstances.

Please reach out to Customer Service & Support with additional questions on this topic or contact us at 800.443.9353.

Also, during this critical time as we think about our country while also realizing this is a Global event, it gives us time to pause to think about what our Volunteers mean to AWS. We want to thank our Volunteers along with the Staff in making AWS what it is and what it will be in the future.
I want to once again thank the BOD for the opportunity to lead the AWS team. So far, under the unique circumstances, the first 2.5 weeks have been exceptional, and the AWS team is great.

There are three focused priorities:

1. Providing leadership to the AWS team through the Covid-19 crisis
2. Steepen the learning from Ray and the AWS team
3. Introduce myself to the BOD and other key stakeholders

Spent the week of April 20 in Doral at the HQ building. About 12 people were working safely in the building. Began outlining a phased approach to reopen the building, once the Safer at Home restrictions are lifted. As of 4/22/20, no update from the local government.
Membership

Membership Totals

Current as of 5/1/2020

- **Total Individual Members = 67,284**
  - 10,698 Students & Transitional
  - 56,586 Individual

- **Corporate Members = 2,462**
  - 836 Educational Institution
  - 363 Supporting Company
  - 585 Sustaining Company
  - 614 Affiliate Company
  - 64 Distributor Company
Membership

AWS Member Network

https://membernetwork.aws.org

➤ Only available to current AWS members
➤ 17 topic-centered discussion groups
➤ Active conversations with daily posts
➤ Option to receive daily or weekly digest of posts
➤ Member directory
➤ Resource library
➤ Wiki glossary
Membership

2020 Sparking Connections Membership Recruitment Challenge

Be the spark that ignites the people you know to join AWS and get rewards!

➤ Build up points throughout the year for each AWS Member you recruit: 5 Points per Individual Membership and 1 Point per Student Membership.

➤ Prizes
  ▪ Grand Prize Winner: $200 gift card
  ▪ 2nd, 3rd and 4th place: $100 gift card
  ▪ All other participants earning over 10 points will get AWS branded merchandise based on points accrued throughout 2020.

➤ All AWS members in good standing may participate and are eligible to receive rewards based on points accrued January 1 – December 31, 2020. Participant eligibility is determined at the sole discretion of AWS program administrators. AWS staff members and administrators of commercial or educational packages that include AWS memberships in the pricing structure are not eligible to participate.

Updated contest standings available at

www.aws.org/membership/page/sparking-connections
Membership

New Membership Portal

Launched last Fall, the updated AWS member portal provides a better online experience for members.

➤ Join as a new member
➤ Renew existing or expired membership
➤ See when your membership expires
➤ Print member card and certificate
➤ Update contact information
➤ View District and Section affiliation
➤ Opt in and out of AWS emails
➤ View and print receipts for membership and certification transactions
➤ View current certifications
➤ Corporate members will be able to view their roster members, and make updates during renewal
Section Services

2020 AWS Section and Student Chapter Annual Reports

➤ Sections and Student Chapters are encouraged to complete and submit their Annual Reports electronically. This will allow us to more efficiently update information on the AWS.org and AWS Section websites.

➤ Annual Report forms were sent via email to Section Secretaries
  ▪ Part I – sent by dgaschler@aws.org on or before May 1, 2020
  ▪ Treasurers (Part II) will be sent in early June 2020
  ▪ Section Annual Reports (Parts I & II) are due July 1, 2020

➤ Student Chapter Advisors have also received the Student Chapter Report form via email
  ▪ Sent by eandino@aws.org on April 23, 2020
  ▪ Student Chapter Reports are due June 1, 2020
Section Services

Section Request Form

➤ Starting January 1, 2019 all requests for email distribution, website updates, and Facebook posts have been submitted via our Section Request Form tool that can be found at: https://www.aws.org/membership/page/section-email-request-form

➤ The purpose of this is to ensure that all of these types of requests are documented properly and fulfilled in a timely manner.

▪ We receive notification each time a request has been submitted and put the request into our queue for fulfilment.
▪ The person submitting the request will receive confirmation once the request has been noted and will provide an estimated date of completion.

➤ The current average turnaround time is approximately 3 business days from submission to completion, so please continue to submit requests as early as possible to ensure we can get the communication out to your members with advance notice of your meeting/event or to ensure your Section’s website is updated in a timely manner.
Section Services

AWS Section Solutions Conversations

These monthly web-based conference calls began in September 2018 with a focus on enhancing the connection between AWS Headquarters and AWS Sections and Student Chapters while also helping AWS Sections and Student Chapters to become better acquainted with — and connected to — one another.

Join us on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 11:00-11:30AM Eastern to hear news from AWS HQ, learn from a Guest Presenter, and have your Section-related questions answered live. All Conversations are recorded so they can be reviewed at your convenience should you not be able to attend the live session.

Upcoming Section Solutions Conversations

May 27: Section Spotlight; AWS Los Angeles/Inland Empire Section

June 24: Topic: AWS Committees; Guest Presenter(s): TBD

July 22: Welding Competitions and their value to Sections; Guest Presenters: TBD

August 26: Section Spotlight; Guest Presenters: TBD

September 23: Section Rosters: Know Your Members; Guest Presenter(s): Darrill A. Gaschler and Section Leader(s) who actively use Section Rosters

October 28: Effective Communication; Guest Presenter(s): TBD
Section Services

Section Officer Communities

REMINDER! AWS HQ offers all active Sections a no-cost “cloud” storage solution to help Section leaders keep all important Section information in a single, easy-to-access location.

The Section Officer Community is a central repository for Section-related information. Think of it as online file storage where you can save historical documents, pictures, Section annual reports, and financials – among countless other files – as well as conduct general discussion amongst Officers.

Section Officer Communities are hosted within the AWS Member Network, so you use your existing AWS account information to log in – no need to have another set of credentials to manage – and AWS can easily update permissions as Section Officers change, ensuring that the information contained within the Section Officer Community is secure and easily made available to the leaders that the Section identifies as needing access. This streamlines the process of “passing the torch” from one set of leaders to the next.

Please contact Sr. Manager, Sections and Student Chapters, Darrill A. Gaschler (dgaschler@aws.org) to request a one-on-one demo of the Section Officer Community or to establish your Section’s Officer Community.

Video Demo

View an overview of the AWS Section Officer Community beginning at the 17:00 mark of the February AWS Section Solutions Conversation which can be found in the AWS Section Toolkit: https://www.aws.org/membership/page/section-toolkit
Section Services

AWS Speakers Directory

Find new speakers for your meetings/events!

An enhanced version of the AWS Speakers Directory has been developed specifically to help leaders of AWS Sections and Student Chapters facilitate meaningful educational and technical programs. The Directory allows you to easily search for potential speakers by name and area(s) of expertise and allows you to easily see where the speakers are willing to travel and whether or not there are any fees associated with the speaker’s presentation at your event.

Simply log into your AWS Member Account and look for the “Find Speakers” link under the My District and Section box of your Account Dashboard.

Video Demo Available

*Watch a quick overview beginning at the 19:10 mark of our March AWS Section Solutions Conversation which can be found in the AWS Section Toolkit: https://www.aws.org/membership/page/section-toolkit
Certification

Candidate Application Portal

AWS upgraded its Certification logic and database software platforms and launched the Candidate Application Portal last year.

Since then approximately 81% of initial and renewal applications are being submitted through the Portal.
Certification

Computer-Based Testing (CBT)

In 2016 and 2017, AWS began administering the CWS, CWSR, SCWI, and CWI endorsement exams through our computer-based testing partners at Prometric.

On May 1, 2019 we launched computer-based testing of Parts A and Parts C of the CWI exam.

The Part B Practical exam will still be administered in paper at seminar and exam sites for the foreseeable future.

We are planning to have the CWEng Parts 1 to 4 on CBT by the end of 2020.

The CRI and CRAW exams will remain in paper-based testing format for the foreseeable future along with the structural drawing reading CWI endorsement.

Benefits of CBT

➤ Convenient locations - over 95% of AWS exam takers in 2015 lived within 50 miles of a Prometric testing location

➤ Increases the integrity and security of the CWI and other AWS exams

➤ Visit http://bit.ly/22F2w1A for a video on “What to Expect on Test Day”
Certification

New Certifications in 2020!

- AWS Welder Performance Qualifier Endorsement
- Certified Resistance Welding Technician

**Welder Performance Qualifier:** Any CWI or SCWI who would like to expand and advance their career to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities to conduct welder performance qualification tests. This endorsement is one of the endorsements specified in AWS B5.1 Specification for the Qualification of Welding Inspectors, as required to get the SCWI certification and it satisfies one of the alternative requirements under Alternate Qualification required to get the SCWI certification as specified in AWS B5.1 Specification for the Qualification of Welding Inspectors. For new candidates to the CWI program, this examination is not an option for initial certification. For existing CWIs, successful completion of this endorsement satisfies the re-examination requirements for 9-year recertification, provided that the endorsement is taken during the immediate 9-year period.

**There is also a new publication:** Best Practices for Welder Performance Qualification [https://pubs.aws.org/p/1971/bpwq-best-practices-for-performing-a-welder-qualification-test](https://pubs.aws.org/p/1971/bpwq-best-practices-for-performing-a-welder-qualification-test). This document is designed as a high-level reference guide to facilitate welder performance qualification testing done in accordance with a variety of codes and standards. It is also one of several sources from which exam questions are derived.
Certification

New Certifications in 2020! - Cont'd

Certified Resistance Welding Technician (CRWT)

The Certified Resistance Welding Technician credential validates the bearer’s demonstrated competence in resistance welding principles, processes and equipment through a combination of education, experience and examination. The CRWT was co-developed by AWS and RWMA and provides a nationally recognized benchmark for the evaluation of resistance welding personnel. This credential provides individuals in the resistance welding industry a viable path toward a rewarding and lucrative career. The CRWT is a recognized certification that employers can use to evaluate and invest in high-performing operators, technicians and engineers. Because the CRWT Exam spans an array of principles, processes, metallurgy and machinery, AWS and RWMA strongly encourage participation in at least one of their approved educational courses prior to sitting for the exam.
Certification

Seeking Testimonials!!!

Denny Smith, Managing Director, Certification is seeking testimonials from individuals talking about what an AWS certification has meant to them to use in our Marketing efforts.

If you have anyone who would like to provide a brief statement, and perhaps even a picture (with permission to use their name and picture), please share these with Denny so he can highlight what holding an AWS credential means to them. Denny can be reached at dsmith@aws.org OR 1-800-443-9353 ext 281.
The Fundamentals of Welding Curriculum Package is a collection of instructional resources and tools developed by AWS to help welding educators offer their students a comprehensive learning experience.

The curriculum package is aligned directly with the SENSE program guidelines and consists of the following components:

- **Print materials** – textbook, lab manual (100+ guided activities), 12 classroom posters
- **Digital content** – 74 online modules, 18 instructional videos
- **Instructor resources** – 100+ lesson plans, PowerPoint presentations, handouts, access to AWS learning

The curriculum package is available for sale now! Individual components can also be purchased a la carte.
Education & Training

AWS Online Educational Library

• Comprehensive collection of courses that contains over 100 hours of content specifically designed to meet the training needs of not only welding students and instructors, but of employees and their employers.

• Paired with an innovative, easy-to-use learning management system, this versatile e-learning library complements existing real-time training programs, distance learning, blended learning, and flipped classroom models.

• The AWS Online Educational Library is affordably priced to fit the budgets of academic institutions as well as companies of all sizes.

For more information, please visit https://awo.aws.org/aws-learning-online-educational-library/.

If you’d like to request a formal quote, please contact 800-443-9353 ext. 333 or ext. 254.
Education & Training

Instructional Strategies for Welding Educators

The Instructional Strategies for Welding Educators video course is the latest addition to AWS’ growing library of online offerings. This course is specifically designed to help welding educators develop a stronger instructional foundation, create effective curriculum, and incorporate pedagogical best practices in the classroom and welding lab. It is also perfect for administrators striving to improve an existing welding program or successfully establish a new one.

Key Benefits:

➤ Drives the initiative to support and improve welding and technical education
➤ Offers 10+ hours/40 modules of online content – accessible 24/7
➤ Includes editable lesson plan template to supplement guided instruction
➤ Provides participants with PDHs/CEUs that can be applied toward training requirements for AWS certification programs
➤ Features current AWS Vice President and 2021 President, Dr. W. Richard Polanin
➤ Created in partnership with the National Center for Welding Education and Training (Weld-Ed)
Education & Training

Custom Training

Education and Training offers customized training, specifically designed to address the knowledge and skill requirements of your team. These customized training programs are often linked to certification initiatives where a company seeks to qualify a range of personnel. Our expert instructors enhance traditional topics through lectures, activities, review, participation and a strong philosophy of customer service.

For more information, and to request a quote on a customized training program, contact 800-443-9353 ext. 333 or ext. 254.
Education & Training

Seminars
AWS develops and offers seminars that give attendees the tools they need to learn new skills, fulfill company requirements, and advance their welding careers to the next level. We currently offer the following instructor-led seminars:

➤ Certified Welding Inspector (CWI)
➤ CWI – 9 Year Recertification
➤ CWI Part B Training Course
➤ Certified Radiographic Interpreter (CRI)
➤ Certified Welding Supervisor (CWS)

For more information, please visit http://www.aws.org/events/Seminars
Education & Training

CWI Online Pre-Seminar

The CWI Online Pre-Seminar is an online program designed to assist CWI exam applicants in preparation of their upcoming exam. This online program is comprised of seven engaging multimedia courses, each divided into short, easy to understand modules that can be accessed at any time, from any web-enabled device. Each course can be taken as many times as necessary within the 90-day window.

Every module within each of the ten listed courses includes a pre-quiz and post quiz to gauge student progress. Upon successfully completing every module and earning a passing score on each of the ten final exams, students are awarded 80 PDHs and 8 CEUs.

For more information on pricing and registration, please visit https://awo.aws.org/online-courses/cwi-pre-seminar/
Education & Training

Exam Prep Seminars: CRWT and WPQ1

New seminars have been developed to prepare individuals for the new Certified Resistance Welding Technician (CRWT) and Welder Performance Qualification (WPQ1) exams.

Certified Resistance Welding Technician (CRWT) Seminar

• 2-day, instructor-led prep for CRWT certification exam
• Access to 16 online modules to get a head start on resistance welding fundamentals prior to attending the seminar
• Seminar covers RW process fundamentals, specifications, equipment, control functions, and test methods (as per QC20)
• Study guide includes all seminar content, plus handouts, reference materials, and a practice exam

Welder Performance Qualification (WPQ1) Endorsement Seminar

• 2-day, instructor-led prep for WPQ1 endorsement exam
• Covers all aspects of Welder Qualification Testing, along with AWS B2.1 and B5.4.
• Study guide includes all course content, plus handouts, reference materials, and a practice exam
Education & Training

Schools Excelling through National Skills Education (SENSE)

SENSE is a set of guidelines designed to assist schools in training entry level (Level 1) and advanced (Level 2) welders according to industry-approved standards. SENSE is not a curriculum. It provides learning objectives, instructional activities, and evaluation criteria representative of industry needs. Training organizations adopt and incorporate these guidelines into their welder training programs to create uniform competencies and testing.

The implementation of SENSE guidelines can help these organizations obtain state funding reserved for technical education programs (e.g., Perkins).

The SENSE accreditation program is currently being developed and will be available for the 2019-2020 academic year.

For more information, please visit us at www.senseonline.org/ or contact us at sense@aws.org.
Expositions

2020 FABTECH Show

Las Vegas, Nevada at the Las Vegas Convention Center
November 18-20, 2020

North America’s largest metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing event heads to the Las Vegas Convention Center Nov. 18-20, 2020. FABTECH provides a convenient ‘one-stop shop’ venue where you can meet with world-class suppliers, see the latest industry products and developments, and find the tools to improve productivity, increase profits and discover new solutions to all of your metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing needs.

As of March 1st, exhibit floor space totals at 610,000 net square feet. The welding pavilion of the show includes 170,000 net square feet of space with 324 exhibitors.

For more information on exhibit space availability for FABTECH, please contact Sarah Dickson in the Expositions Dept. at (800) 443-9353, ext. 297.

Future show dates include the following:

Please note dates are subject to change

➤ 2021 – McCormick Place, Chicago, IL (September 13-16)
➤ 2022 – Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA (November 8-10)

Section Reminders

➤ FABTECH registration is FREE and can be done online at www.fabtechexpo.com
➤ Promote FABTECH at the local level and make sure to include FABTECH info on your Section website
➤ One representative per Section is entitled to a complimentary Professional Program registration. Contact Evelyn Andino at (800) 433-9353 x258 or eandino@aws.org to take advantage of this offer.
Publications

**Welding Journal**

AWS members are encouraged to submit articles for consideration.

For more information on submitting articles, or to get an editorial calendar, contact Kristin Campbell, [kcampbell@aws.org](mailto:kcampbell@aws.org), ext. 257.

**Welding Journal en Español**

Quarterly version of the Welding Journal printed in Spanish.

For information on contributing articles of interest to Mexican and Latin American audiences, contact Carlos Guzman, [cguzman@aws.org](mailto:cguzman@aws.org), ext. 348.

- **Section News** We want to hear what your Section is doing! AWS Section activities are published every month, and cover special events, contests, community service, award presentations, social functions, and speaker topics of interest to our readers. Use the online form ([aws.org/about/page/section-toolkit](http://aws.org/about/page/section-toolkit)) to submit reports, or contact Cindy Weihl, [cweihl@aws.org](mailto:cweihl@aws.org), ext. 256.

- The latest and past issues of the Welding Journal and Inspection Trends are available in a special Members Only section on [aws.org](http://aws.org).

- The Welding Research Supplement articles from 1970 to the present are available on [aws.org](http://aws.org). You’ll also find an index of Welding Journal articles printed from 1922 to 2013, accessed by author, title or keywords.
## Publications

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<td>Distributed quarterly to members who are Certified Welding Inspectors and Certified Welding Educators. The feature articles emphasize practical information on inspection and nondestructive examination. Articles may be submitted for consideration to Carlos Guzman, <a href="mailto:cguzman@aws.org">cguzman@aws.org</a>.</td>
<td>Distributed quarterly to members of the International Thermal Spray Association, a Standing Committee of AWS, and anyone interested in thermal spray who requests it. The feature articles emphasize practical information related to thermal spray. For more information on submitting articles, or to get on the mailing list, contact Cindy Weihl at <a href="mailto:spraytime@thermalspray.org">spraytime@thermalspray.org</a>.</td>
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### Welding Digest - [weldingdigest.com](http://weldingdigest.com)

This website provides different forms of content (articles, video, white papers, etc.), from internal and external sources, that cover topics of interest to the welding community, as well as serve to attract new audiences to the industry and the Society.

*Welding Digest* is the content hub for career and education news produced by the AWS Foundation and works as an important promotion channel for careersinwelding.com.
Publications

For **Advertising Opportunities** in any of our Publications, please contact:

➤ Lea Owen (lea@aws.org), ext. 220
➤ Sandra Jorgensen (sjorgensen@aws.org), ext. 254
Standards Development

➤ AWS has soft launched its Online Balloting system, Specbuilder. All Committee work will transition into this system in 2020.

➤ Leading into 2020, major Standards are being updated: D1.1, D1.5, A3.0, and A2.4.

New and Revised Standards Published in the Past Year Include:

- A5.17, SPECIFICATION FOR CARBON STEEL ELECTRODES AND FLUXES FOR SUBMERGED ARC WELDING
- C1.1, RECOMMENDED PRACTICES FOR RESISTANCE WELDING
- C3.2, STANDARD METHOD FOR EVALUATING THE STRENGTH OF BRAZED JOINTS
- A5.01, WELDING AND BRAZING CONSUMABLES -PROCUREMENT OF FILLER METALS AND FLUXES
- D3.9, SPECIFICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION OF WELD-THROUGH PAINT PRIMERS
- G2.3, GUIDE FOR THE JOINING OF SOLID SOLUTION FOR AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEELS
- D17.2, SPECIFICATION FOR RESISTANCE WELDING FOR AEROSPACE APPLICATIONS
- A5.8, SPECIFICATION FOR FILLER METALS FOR BRAZING AND BRAZE WELDING

And many more!

Volunteer Opportunities
Join an AWS Technical Committee and be part of the AWS Standards program!
You can manage risk for your company / industry; be informed of changes before publication; network with peers; build your expertise and reputation.

Learn more: www.aws.org/standards/ Committees
Sales and Sales Operations

Our Team

Mike Walsh, Managing Director for Sales and Customer Service
Sandra Jorgensen, Sales Executive for Education and Advertising products and services
Sarah Dickson, Sales Executive for Education and Advertising products and services
Matt Rubin, Managing Director for Expositions
Thomas Lira, Senior Manager for Sales Operations and Fulfillment
Janett Linares, Manager for Sales Operations and Fulfillment
Lea Owen, Manager for Sales Operations
Sonia Aleman, Sales Operations Specialist
Neida Herrera, Sales Operations Specialist
Julio Borges, Shipping Specialist
Brayan Feliz, Shipping Specialist

We Are Here to Serve You

Our Sales and Sales Operations team is in place to help guide you to the appropriate products and services to suite your needs.

Once you are ready to order, we can help take the order, process it efficiently, and get your product and service into your hands or on your desktop.

The Sales and Sales Operations team works closely with the AWS Customer Service team so that our customers experience with AWS is excellent.
Excellence in Welding Awards

Recognizes individuals and organizations that have shown exemplary dedication to promoting the image of welding in their communities.

Awards are issued in nine categories:

- Individual
- Educator
- Educational Facility
- Small Business
- Large Business
- Distributor
- Section
- Media
- Veterans

Recipients are recognized at a special awards luncheon held during the FABTECH Show.

For more information, contact Keila DeMoraes at ext: 444 or kdemorase@aws.org.
Distinguished Welder Award

Recognizes an individual whose welding skills and experience would earn her or him the recognition of being an AWS Distinguished Welder and up to 10 individuals may be recognized in any given year.

A nomination packet should include information addressing the Definition and candidate’s Application Criteria as outlined in the AWS Distinguished Welder Award Nomination Form. The focus of the nomination packet should include specifics of the individual’s skills. **August 1 is the deadline for submitting the nomination package** to the address listed on the form and will be awarded during the selection year at FABTECH.

For more information contact Malisa Mercado at mmercado@aws.org or x 293
Distinguished Member Recognition

The AWS Distinguished Member Award was created by the AWS Board of Directors to recognize outstanding service and commitment of AWS Members to their Society and the welding industry. This distinction honors those who have made major contributions at the local and national levels, participated in AWS education offerings, and sponsored new AWS Members.

Eligibility

➤ Current AWS Member
➤ Accumulate at least 35 points from at least three of the following four categories: National AWS Leaderships, Local AWS Leadership, Professional Development, and AWS Membership Recruitment
➤ Credit may only be counted once for each line item.
➤ Complete and submit required information in the space provided on this form.

Recognition

Individuals who achieve this status receive an AWS Distinguished Member Certificate and get recognition in the Welding Journal, as well as in the AWS Awards Directory.

How to Apply

Complete application found online at https://www.aws.org/membership/Individual. For more information contact Nici Banks at nbanks@aws.org (800) 443-9353 x270.
AWS Foundation

2019-20 Annual Report

The 2019-20 AWS Foundation Annual Report features the Foundation’s latest efforts to address the industry’s need for welders by supporting welding education and workforce development. Highlights include:

➤ $1.5 million in scholarships awarded
➤ $750,000 in grants to welding schools since 2017
➤ New Scholarships for Welding Competitions and on the Careers in Welding Trailer
➤ New CareersinWelding.com website
➤ Digital content initiative – videos, articles, blog posts targeted to students, parents, career changers, veterans, and educators on WeldingDigest.com and AWS social media

District Scholarship Contacts
Districts and Sections have one point-of-contact for anything scholarship-related. If you questions about any District or Section Scholarships, please contact your respective Foundation Program Administrator:

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