1.0 Mission Statement

1.1 To establish a welding related education scholarship named the “Jerry Hope Endowment Scholarship” to benefit students and employers in the AWS District 19 region.

2.0 Priority of Funds

2.1 Priorities for the distribution of available funds should be in order as follows:

2.1.1 Students seeking a Bachelor of Science or higher degree (anywhere in the United States or Canada) in Welding Engineering; Welding Engineering Technology; or a student seeking Bachelor of Science or higher degree in Materials/Metallurgical Engineering (preferably with an emphasis on welding and/or the metallurgy of weldable metals) and who possesses either:

   2.1.1.1 a 2-year Associate degree in Welding Technology.
   2.1.1.2 a 2-year Welding Engineering Technology diploma.
   2.1.1.3 a current “Record or Welder Qualification” in at least one welding process in all positions plus 2-years minimum welding experience.
   2.1.1.4 a current “Welding Inspector” certification plus 2-years minimum welding related experience.

2.1.2 Students seeking a Bachelor of Science or higher degree in Mechanical Engineering; Civil/Structural Engineering; or Chemical Engineering (anywhere in USA or Canada), who possess either:

   2.1.2.1 a 2-year Associate degree in Welding Technology.
   2.1.2.2 a 2-year Welding Engineering Technology diploma.
   2.1.2.3 a current “Record or Welder Qualification” in at least one welding process in all positions plus 2-years minimum welding experience.
   2.1.2.4 a current “Welding Inspector” certification plus 2-years minimum welding related experience.

2.1.3 Students seeking a 2-year Associate Degree in Welding Technology or a 2-year Welding or Materials Engineering Technology diploma (anywhere within District 19).

3.0 Administration of Funds
3.1 Funds shall be made available from a District endowment fund established with the AWS Foundation. The AWS Foundation distributes income from that fund to the District annually.

3.2 The AWS Foundation shall be responsible for the administration of funds as directed by the District Director.

3.3 Priority should be given to students applying for a scholarship per 2.1.1.

3.4 If no students apply for a scholarship per 2.1.1, than priority should be given to applicants per 2.1.2.

3.5 If no students apply for a scholarship per 2.1.1 or 2.1.2, funds shall be distributed per 2.1.3 as follows:

3.5.1 The District Sections (9 total) shall be divided into three groups. Each group of three Sections rotates each year. Available funds shall be divided equally between the three Sections in a group for the annual period. The Sections shall be grouped as follows:

3.5.1.1 Olympic, Spokane, & Inland Empire
3.5.1.2 Alaska, British Columbia, & Alberta
3.5.1.3 Puget Sound, Portland, & Willamette Valley

3.5.2 If a Section does not have any applicants, they may choose to allocate funds to an applicant from another Section or to leave the funds in the endowment.

3.6 If more than one qualified applicant is seeking a scholarship per item 2.1.1 or if there are no applicants per 2.1.1 and more than one is seeking a scholarship per 2.1.2, priority should go to a section in the current rotation per 3.5.1.

3.7 Each board member shall assist in distributing Scholarship Application packets to local colleges and Universities that have approved welding programs and also targeting High Schools with students that may be interested in pursuing a career in welding.

3.8 The Financial Aid offices and the head instructor at each institution shall receive copies of the Scholarship Application Policy, and Scholarship Applications.

3.9 Scholarship funds shall be used for tuition, books, supplies, and related institutional costs.

3.10 Payments shall be coordinated through the school.

3.11 Unspent funds may be used for following quarters/semesters or shall be returned to the District Director.
3.12 Applicants may apply for additional Scholarship funds for up to 2 years for a Technical Associate program per 2.1.3 and up to 4 years for a Bachelor of Science degree per 2.1.1 or 2.1.2.

3.13 The District Director shall develop and maintain a spreadsheet to track contributions and the awards of scholarship funds. He or she may delegate this task to a Section Chair or Section Treasurer.

3.14 Each Section Chair or Section Treasurer shall maintain a database of Financial Aid office contacts and instructor contacts at each Institution where scholarship funds will be disbursed.

3.15 Students seeking a scholarship shall submit the application to the AWS Foundation or to a board member of their local AWS Section. The local section shall forward the application to the District Director prior to the annual District Conference.

4.0 The District Director shall bring all applications to the annual District meeting for review and approval by a vote of all Sections present at the meeting. Each Section present shall have one vote. Each Section shall determine who will vote for their Section. Approval shall be based on financial need and/or compliance with a minimum GPA of 2.8 or 70% in accordance with the priorities listed in paragraph 2.0.

4.1.1 Current applicants, and/or their family members, shall not be permitted to vote in matters pertaining to the scholarship. If a Section has a board member and/or a family member of a board member applying for a scholarship, this shall be disclosed at the District Conference prior to the scholarship vote.

4.1.2 The number of scholarships and scholarship amount(s) shall be determined annually at the District Conference by a vote of the Sections present.

5.0 Scholarship Donations

5.1 The goal is to obtain donations from each Section, Section members, Section fund raising events, and/or local businesses. The initial goal is to obtain at least $25,000 from all 9 sections in District 19. Each Section shall make a commitment by year end 2012 and provide funds no later than year end 2013. Donations obtained in 2012 & 2013 are anticipated to be matched by the AWS Foundation. The initial goal for the Jerry Hope Endowment Scholarship Fund, with matching funds, is $50,000. In the near future, it is anticipated that the annual AWS Foundation payout to endowment funds will be about 5% of the fund value.

5.2 Each Section shall assist in finding perspective contributors and collecting funds.

5.3 Suggested commitments from each section are as follows:
5.3.1 Puget Sound  $7,000
5.3.2 Portland  $4,000
5.3.3 Willamette  $2,000
5.3.4 Olympic  $2,000
5.3.5 Spokane  $2,000
5.3.6 Inland Empire  $2,000
5.3.7 Alaska  $3,000
5.3.8 British Columbia  $3,000
5.3.9 Alberta  $3,000

6.0 Recognition of Contributors

6.1 Each Section Chairman should send a Letter of Appreciation to each contributor after the receipt of a contribution or determine another means of recognizing contributors.

6.2 Contributors who contribute $100 or more should receive recognition in their Sections monthly newsletter.