IMF Fall Meeting

# October 24 & 25, 2017

On Tuesday, October 24, 2017, the 2017 IMF Fall Meeting was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Westampton, NJ. There were 52 attendees (see attached list) at this year’s IMF Fall Meeting.

In the business portion of today’s meeting, Darrin Schwartz, IMF Treasurer reported that there is currently a balance of $40426.12 in the IMF treasury account plus another $1616.00 in the IMF wire transfer account. There were 32 paid IMF member companies for 2017. IMF 2018 dues invoices will be sent out next month. Dues are still $1000 per member company and will be due January 1, 2018. IMF dues payments need to be sent to the address on the invoice and not to Jeff Towns, Tiffany Bowser or Leeann Connolly. The 2018 IMF Spring Meeting will be held in April 2018. Chris Hrizo asked for volunteers to host the 2018 IMF Spring Meeting as well as for IMF At-Large Board Members. Chris also asked for an IMF Research Project sub-committee to be formed. Mark Royer, Brendan Connolly & Dan Raiser volunteered to be on this committee. A conference call will be held soon with this committee & IMF board members. Anyone can suggest a possible research project idea to imf.ingotmetallurgyforum@gmail.com. Chris Hrizo gave an update on the IMF website. The Resource Database is still being re-organized to make it more functional. A search engine will be included. This is Chris’ last meeting as IMF President. He will remain on the IMF Board as IMF Past President. We thank him for his valuable leadership this past year. Calum Learn will be assuming the IMF President’s role for 2018 and Will Howard will take over the IMF Vice President – Programs duties.

Excellent presentations were given on “Development, Implementation & Results of Large Bottom Poured Ingots” by Bjorn Gabrielsson of EQS, “Basics of Induction Melting for Steel Applications” by Charlie Fink of Inductotherm, “The Application of Low-Frequency in ESR & the Effects of Frequency on the Melt Pool” by Drew Elliott of Consarc, “INTECO Software Solution for Ingot Casting and Tracking” by Robert Pierer of INTECO, “Casting of Ingots” by Mark Suer of AK Steel and the “Consarc/Inductotherm Plant Tour Overviews” by Charlie Fink of Inductotherm & Brett Wenger of Consarc.

On Wednesday, October 25, 2017, a fantastic tour of Consarc/Inductotherm Rancocas, NJ production facilities was conducted. Many thanks to all Consarc/Inductotherm personnel for the wonderful plant visit.

 Respectfully Submitted By,

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