IMF Spring Meeting

# March 28 & 29, 2017

On Tuesday, March 28, 2017, the 2017 IMF Spring Meeting was held at the Courtyard Marriott in Coatesville, PA. There were 49 attendees (see attached list) at this year’s IMF Spring Meeting.

In the business portion of today’s meeting, there is currently a balance of approximately $48000 in the IMF treasury pending the payment of today’s meeting expenses. There are 32 paid IMF member companies for 2017 (there were 32 IMF member companies in 2015 and 29 IMF member companies in 2016). IMF dues payments need to be sent to the address on the invoice in the future. The 2017 IMF Fall Meeting will be held in October 2017. Chris Hrizo asked for volunteers to host the IMF Fall Meeting as well as for members to join the IMF Board. Will Howard from ASW Steel has volunteered to join the IMF Board as an At-Large Director. Possible host companies for the IMF Fall Meeting are ASW Steel in Welland, Ontario; Finkl Steel in Chicago, IL; Inteco in Atlanta, GA; Magnesita Refractories in York, PA, Vesuvius in Conneaut, OH or CMU in Pittsburgh, PA. Chris suggested that a sub-committee be formed to look into future possible IMF Research Projects. These proposals could be presented at the IMF Fall Meeting. Chris Hrizo gave an update on the new IMF website. IMF members can now access the Members Only portal of the website. However, the Resource Database is still being re-organized to make it more functional. The roundtable discussion was moved to after lunch for ingot producers only.

An excellent presentation was given on “Argon Shrouding Efficiency” by Kelly Stewart of EQS. Ben Guyer of ArcelorMittal Coatesville gave an overview of their plant & Darrell Skite spoke on “Melt Shop Safety”. Rich Smith gave a “Historical Look at Ingot Casting in Coatesville”. A “History of Lukens Steel” was given by Jim Zeigler & Gene DiOrio of the National Iron & Steel Musuem. In the afternoon, great presentations were made on “600 Ton Ingots—A New Realm of Possibilities” by Christian Buchmaier of Inteco & “SOLID Casting Simulations Software Case Studies” by Dr. Chantal David of SC Consultants.

On Wednesday, March 29, 2017, a fantastic tour of ArcelorMittal’s Coatesville, PA melt shop was conducted. Many thanks to all ArcelorMittal Coatesville personnel for the wonderful plant visit.

Respectfully Submitted By,

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