IMF Spring Meeting

# April 3 & 4, 2018

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, the 2018 IMF Spring Meeting was held at the Park Inn by Radisson Sharon in West Middlesex, PA. There were 41 attendees (see attached list) at this year’s IMF Spring Meeting.

In the business portion of today’s meeting, Darrin Schwartz, IMF Treasurer reported that there is currently a total balance of $71327.70 in the IMF treasury accounts which includes $4535.00 in the IMF wire transfer account. The 2017 IMF taxes have been filed. There are 39 paid IMF member companies for 2018. About 1/3 of the IMF dues checks were sent to the wrong address (either Leeann Connolly; Tiffany Bowser or Jeff Towns who are no longer associated with the IMF). IMF dues payments need to be sent to the address on the invoice. As an alternative, the option of paying 2019 IMF dues via PayPal will be investigated. The 2018 IMF Fall Meeting will be held in October 2018 in York, PA hosted by RHI Magnesita. Calum Learn asked for more participation from our IMF members. We are desperately in need of board members & presentations. The IMF website is now being professionally upgraded by Virteom Web Developers. Excellent progress has been made on the front end of the website posting details of this year’s IMF Spring Meeting as well as listing the 2018 IMF Paid Member Companies. The back end of the website (Member Directory & Resource Database) will be updated after the website is transferred from Drew Towns’ server to Virteom servers. Word Press will be replaced by a much friendlier user language. Missing biographies and photos of the current IMF board members will be posted.

The IMF Research Project Committee (Brendan Connolly; Dan Raiser & Mark Royer) presented several research project proposals to the membership for their consideration. The membership voted to permit the committee to pursue short term university undergraduate senior projects such as studies of nozzle sand sintering; exothermic hot top board & hot top insulating properties. These projects would last one or two semesters, would require minimal financing ($5000 to $10000) and could commence in the Fall 2018. The students would tour several plants and be provided with samples for university laboratory testing. Literature reviews would also be conducted. The students would report on their findings at the 2019 IMF Spring Meeting. Excellent presentations were also given today on “Overview of Steelmaking in Youngstown” by Rick Rowlands from the Youngstown Steel Heritage Museum, “Moving Away From Silica—Foundry Sand Conversion” by Bill Johnston of EEC, “Scrap Quality & Residual Control” by Dennis Rodal of ELG Metals, “Solidification Modelling” by Bill Zaben of EEC and an “EEC Facility Overview and Safety Briefing” by Hank Stull of EEC.

On Wednesday, April 4, 2018, a fantastic tour of EEC Hubbard, OH production facilities was conducted. Many thanks to all EEC personnel for the wonderful plant visit.

Respectfully Submitted By,

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