

Greetings North Texas Section Members!

It's May, which means it is time for our Annual Meeting. This final meeting of the season is always one filled with fun and pride. We will be awarding section awards, scholarships, and playing Welding Jeopardy! Any students interested in competing are invited to join us for the game. See below for Jeopardy details. We will also be holding our final vote for next year's officers and our By-laws. All individuals who are currently up to date on their membership fees are eligible to vote. Voting is also available online please see below for details. We look forward to seeing you there!

Meeting Details:
Date:
May 15th, 2018
Time: Dinner 6:30PM
Meeting: 7:00PM
Location:
Lincoln College of Technology
2915 Alouette Dr
Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Dinner options:

Catering is being provided by Beto's Mexican Restaurant. We will have a variety of enchiladas for

purchase. Your ticket includes: Enchiladas of your choice, beans, rice, and a beverage. Tickets are available for \$11.99 plus a processing fee and must be purchased through this eventbrite page. You must purchase your meal ticket no later than May 9th at 11:59 PM.

As always, attending our meeting is free. You are not required to purchase a meal ticket unless you would like to join us for dinner. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and the meeting will start at 7pm.

To buy your tickets visit: https://awsnorthtexasmay2018.eventbrite.com

Jeopardy Details:

Teams of 3 will face head to head to answer questions related to welding for prizes. Instructors: to register your team please email northtexas@awssections.org and include the name of your school and the names of the three competitors. (We will limit the competition to 5 teams and may limit the number of teams from each school so all schools have a chance to be represented.

Voting Details:

To vote for officers follow this link: https://goo.gl/forms/jmuE9xWxDKT9FAwv1 Voting closes May 15th at 8:00pm. Those unable to vote electronically will be able to cast their votes at the meeting.

Our by-laws can be read by clicking <u>HERE</u>. If you approve of the by-laws no further action is needed. If you DO NOT approve you must notify the AWS North Texas Section by emailing <u>northtexas@awssections.org</u> no later than May 15th at 7pm.

See you there!

Word from the Chairman

Greetings to all,

It has been an incredible year and I am honored to have served as your chairman. As we look forward to the next year I am excited to see the continuing growth and support the North Texas Section has displayed. This year we were able to see more companies and educational facilities than ever before. Members were able to witness welding processes they may have never been able to see otherwise as well as learn about new and exciting industrial technology. The AWS President, Dale Flood and his wonderful wife, Svetlana, paid us a visit in February and educated us about mechanized welding. We continue to

provide great opportunities for scholarships and CWI training through our section scholarship program and with the thanks to successful fundraisers we look to grow those opportunities. The section even hosted our first annual welding competition. This has been a truly fantastic year.

I can't say enough about how paramount the support of my officers has been this year. Thank you to all of the board as well as those members that have been working to join our board. I couldn't have been a leader without the support of my officers.

Thank you and I will see you all in the new season.

Sincerely, Chelsey Morris

Save the date:

Our next meeting is a ways out now. It will be September 18th. The meeting details and location will be announced when we get closer.

Sporting Clays Fundraiser

What a great time we had. Thanks to this incredible event approximately \$4,000 will be added to the Tim Hatten Memorial CWI Scholarship! Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this great event.

Welding Rodeo

What a blast we had during our first annual Welding Rodeo. Students received the opportunity to compete in both individual and team events as well as win prizes for their skills. Congratulations to the following competitors:

Individual

1st: Andrew Brewer- Tarrant County College South 2nd: Ethan Duhon- Hill College Cleburne Campus 3rd: Josh Pina- Tarrant County College South

There was a tie for team. Congratulations to Hill and Tarrant County Colleges for that insane head to head battle.

Thank you to the UA Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 100 for the use of your facility. Thank you to DeWalt, Mitchell Welding Supply, and of course Lincoln Electric for your generous donations and support of this event!

Check out Facebook for photos of this great event!

Officer Elections

It is the time of year again where we vote for our officers. To cast your vote you must be a current member of AWS and be up to date on your dues. You can go <u>HERE</u> to vote.

By-laws update

The North Texas Section officers have been hard at work updating the by-laws. The members of the section are asked to approve the revisions. You can read them by going HERE. If you approve you do not have to do anything further. If you feel something needs to be changed please email northtexas@awssections.org and let us know what you want to see changed. Objections must be placed by May 15th at 7pm.

Don't forget the canned food drive.

2 cans of food for the North Texas Food bank and receive 1 ticket for the drawing to be held at the end of monthly section meetings!

Tim Hatten Memorial CWI Scholarship!

This scholarship is for those of you who meet the minimum qualification to become CWIs. It will cover the cost of your exam while the you serve as the section representative in the seminar getting the knowledge and books for no cost. This is a great opportunity for the growth you're looking for in your career.

To download the application visit:

http://s3.amazonaws.com/sections-

www.aws.org/attach/Tim Hatten Memorial Scholarship Application.pdf

Need to contact section officers? Send us an email at: northtexas@awssections.org or check out our Facebook! https://www.facebook.com/AWSNorthTexas.