



# 15<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS AFS REGIONAL CONFERENCE

## September 24-26, 2014



**HILTON ARLINGTON**  
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### TEXAS—LEADING THE WAY IN METALCASTING

Hotel Reservation cut-off: **September 2, 2014** Event Registration cut-off: **September 12, 2014**  
Room Rate **\$125.00/night+tax** Use rate code: **TXAFS**

### Wednesday, September 24th

**Golf Tournament** (11:00 AM – 4:45 PM)

*Tangle Ridge Golf Club—Grand Prairie, TX*

**Welcome Reception/Dinner** (6:00 PM – 8:30 PM)

### Thursday, September 25th

**Breakfast** (7:00 AM – 8:00 AM)

**Session 1: Technical** (8:00 AM – 11:00 AM)

**Speaker** Tom Slavin, Slavin OSHA Group Inc.

**Topic** **OSHA'S Silica Rulemaking:** What Foundries Need to Know

With over 30 years of experience, Tom Slavin, chairman of AFS' Safety and Health Committee and Consulting Industrial Hygienist for Cardno ChemRisk, will discuss in detail OSHA's proposed silica regulation, the potential impact the regulation will have on foundries, and next steps in the rulemaking process.

**Speaker** **Stephanie Salmon**, Vice President Government Affairs, AFS

**Topic** **The Washington Outlook:** Heading towards the Mid-Term Elections

*(Key Issues Facing the Metalcasting Industry)*

In advance of the 2014 mid-term elections, the regulatory agenda has taken center stage in 2014 as many safety and health, labor-management, wage and hour issues, and environmental regulations are being advanced by a range of federal agencies. Stephanie Salmon, Vice President of Government Affairs for AFS in Washington D.C. will focus on AFS' priority issues and provide a discussion of current federal regulatory activities that will likely impact the foundry industry.

**Speaker** **Christopher Antone**, Jackson Lewis P.C.

**Topic** **The New NLRB Playbook:** Are You Playing by the Rules?

Recent developments surrounding the National Labor Relations Board and its members. Learn about the significant implications of many of the NLRB's recent developments for both unionized and non-union workplaces including redefining bargaining units, social media policies and practices, confidentiality, complaint resolution and even harassment policies.

## Session 2: Technical

**Speaker** Dorothy Havlin, Fairmount Minerals / Alpha Resins

**Topic** No-Bake Resins

Various nobake resins utilized in the foundry industry for ferrous and non-ferrous castings.

**Speaker** John Griffin, Product Manager, Fosco

**Topic** Coatings

Water based and alcohol based coating utilized with no bake resin.

## Luncheon (11:45 AM – 12:45 PM)

**Speaker** Chris Norch, President AFS

**Topic** AFS National

Update on issues facing the AFS.

**Speaker** Leo Baron, AFS Director of Membership Services

**Topic** Membership

AFS membership - What is AFS and what AFS can do for you.

## Break

## Session 1: Technical(1:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

**Speaker** Mark Ziegler, Unimin

**Topic** Green Sand Casting Defects

Discussion about casting defects caused by sand.

**Speaker** Stan Mueller, Midvale Industries

**Topic** Green Sand

Troubleshooting casting defects that can be caused by sand additives.

## Session 2: Technical

**Speaker** Randy Sandstrom, ASK

**Topic** Cold Box Systems

Troubleshooting casting defects that can be caused by cold box cores.

**Speaker** Ben Thomas, Tinker Omega

**Topic** Cold Box Equipment

Discussion about casting defects caused by equipment not running properly.

## Texas AFS Night at The Ballpark(4:30 PM – 11:00 PM)

*Texas Rangers Vs Oakland A's*

**4:45 PM** Buses leave hotel for Ballpark

**5:30 PM** Buffet Dinner / Cash Bar in Hall of Fame Room

## Friday, September 26th

### Continental Breakfast(7:00 AM – 8:00 AM)

### Panel Discussion(8:30 AM – 11:30 AM)

**Panel :** Leo Baron, AFS Director of Membership Services

Mo Lynn, FEF First Vice President

Stephanie Salmon, AFS Government Affairs

### Adjourn (11:45 PM)