

Pack your bags as we get ready to head west to Nucor Steel in Kingman, Arizona for our Fall meeting on October 3rd – 6th, 2012. Mike Clark will be our host member.

The Spring 2012 meeting was a great success at Carpenter Technology in Reading, PA. A big “Thank You” goes out to Lynn Eckert, Scott Herber, and Carpenter Technology for their hard work in making it a great meeting. Everyone on the mill tour got to see a hand-mill, a cross-country mill, and an in-line mill in action.

Congratulations to Scott Herber, Randy Harner, and Randall Selman on receiving the Timothy Z. Jenkins award with their paper "Zero Cobbles – Are We There Yet, 6.5 Years Later".

Congratulations to David Novotnak and Gregg Del Corso on receiving the Edward G. Malan award with their paper "Benefits of Using Powder Metal Advanced Materials for Rolling Mill Applications".

Technical Sessions: We want to continue filling our technical session with both operator, vendor and operator/vendor papers. Many of you are trying new things, equipment, roll materials, tooling, guides, software, monitoring systems, etc...,. Doing a joint paper with either a vendor or another person from your plant can make that first presentation easier. So please, contact John Ballani, Keith Bacon, or Michael Chociey about a paper and share your experiences with us, the positive or negatives. This is how we all learn. Thanks to all those who have presented papers.

It was good to see everyone that attended in Reading, PA and I hope our attendance continues to grow. I want to thank my fellow officers for providing me the support needed to make these meetings a great success. I look forward to the meetings to come and with your help we can continue to improve and strengthen our membership.

Remember that scholarship applications are due on August 31,2012.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Fall meeting!

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