

Our Spring 2013 meeting will be held in Jacksonville, Florida on May 1st – 4th. Gerdau – Jacksonville has been gracious enough to host our event. Jacob Garrison and Austin Milton will be our host members. Thanks in advance for all the hard work that goes into hosting an IRD meeting.

The Fall 2012 meeting was a great success at Nucor Steel Kingman, AZ. Hats off to Mike Clark and all of the good people at Nucor AZ for making our group feel welcome, and the willingness to answer questions as we toured the fine facility.

Congratulations go out to Bruce Miller from Nucor Steel Kingman on receiving the Timothy Z. Jenkins award with his paper “Nucor Kingman Safety Program”.

Congratulations also go out to Thomas Kane from Whemco and Fred Wenger from United Rolls on receiving the Edward G. Malan award with their paper “Roll Materials: Grade Selection & Performance”.

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, Michael Chocie, or Johnny Adkins 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 Kingman, AZ and I hope our attendance continues to grow. I want to thank my fellow officers and Chairman for providing 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 31,2013.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Fall meeting!

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