

**Purpose:**

to increase participation in AWS by enlisting officers throughout the Arizona Section

Host: Joe Fitzpatrick, Section 55 Treasurer & acting Chairman

Date/time: 26 June 2010 / 1800 - 2100

Location:

Grace Inn, 10831 S. 51st St., Phoenix

Agenda:

Joe Fitzpatrick opened the meeting, welcomed attendees, described the purpose of the meeting, & then presented an overview of the section's finances, both the revenue & the outlay. Joe followed with a brief synopsis of the District 21 conference held last month in San Diego.

Joe then detailed the decreased levels of activity throughout the Arizona Section primarily due to its area & the costs involved in attending meetings & activities.

- ▶ Costs include both travel expenses & travel time for members to attend meetings over such a spread-out section compounded by the current poor economic conditions.
- ▶ Dividing the section into smaller territories is not an option since the membership levels do not support such a move.
- ▶ Joe also cited AWS's generally reduced membership levels compared with years prior to 2010, further lessening the chances of success if the section were split.

Aldo Perazzone, Section Chairman, & Joe ▶

- ▶ Described past activities that the section had sponsored;
- ▶ Listed the benefits of supporting the committee leadership positions.

Both attendees & committee members enumerated numerous instances of the difficulty in obtaining interest in welding by high school & trade school students.

- ▶ Joe is attempting to establish AWS student sections in Tucson.
- ▶ Joe & Gary Gardner, chapter secretary, have attended the state of Arizona's high school welding trades advisory committee meetings with the goals of ▶
 - ▶ modernizing the programs to make students more employable in today's welding industry &
 - ▶ creating more interest in students to pursue the welding trades.
- ▶ A discussion of the attendees' perception of the future of welding as it relates to today's students ensued.
- ▶ Included was awareness of the decline in manufacturing in the USA & how that could be partly sustained by supporting trades, specifically welding, that in turn support domestic manufacturing.
- ▶ Attendees were obviously moved by the need to assist in the promotion of welding.
- ▶ Additional discussions among attendees stressed the importance of establishing & maintaining a section website to increase the availability of resources to potential welding trades-persons as well as to promote interest in welding on a local (Arizona) level.
- ▶ As a group we also committed to focusing on sending section newsletters via e-mail, providing hard-copy as an option for our members without e-mail.

Meeting minutes



A discussion on the location of the section library included its currency & the possibly relocating it. This item is under study & continued discussion. The current location is Mesa Public Library, 64 E. 1st St., Mesa 85201; W. G. Fassnacht is the AWS section librarian.

Attendees requested more detailed information on the committee positions' titles, responsibilities, & duties. Joe offered an in-depth description of each position, its purpose, the importance of the position, & the tasks associated with each position.

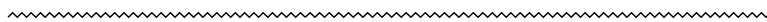
Volunteers came forward to fill a number of the positions needed to effectively support the Arizona Chapter

Name	Position	City
Aldo Perazzone	Committee Chairman	Tucson
Ralph Long	Publicity Committee Chairman	Green Valley
Rob Jozwiak	1 st Vice-Chairman	Queen Creek
Brent Bolling	Certification Committee Chairman	Prescott Valley
Brent Bolling	Section Webmaster	Prescott Valley
Lawrence Baldasare	2 nd Vice-Chairman	Vail
Gary Gardner	Technical Representative	Casa Grande

Summary:

We wish to gratefully acknowledge the commitment shown by the attendees in improving the Arizona Section. Your interest, shown clearly by your participation, your dedication to our worthy trade, & your pledge to assist in furthering our trade for the benefit of our country's future is sincerely appreciated! Those of you who stepped up to the challenge have made this meeting truly a success.

We also wish to thank Joe Fitzpatrick for organizing, announcing, & hosting this meeting. The facilities & food were excellent.



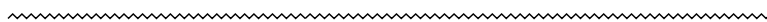
Next meeting:

Subject: Reducing costs & improving quality through the use of standard welding procedure specifications

Speaker: Ralph Long

Date/time: 13 October 2010 / 1900

Location: Grace Inn, 10831 S. 51st St., Phoenix



Meeting minutes



Joe adjourned the meeting, informal discussions & networking among attendees ensued, & committee members worked toward completing the section's annual report.

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| <a href="http://www.arctechwelding.com">www.arctechwelding.com</a>                                     | Arc-Tech Welding Inc.                                              |
| <a href="http://www.uric.arizona.edu">www.uric.arizona.edu</a>                                         | University of Arizona – University Research Instrumentation Center |
| <a href="http://www.deckjoint.com">www.deckjoint.com</a>                                               | Stinger Welding Inc.                                               |
| <a href="http://www.esab.com/global/en/about/history.cfm">www.esab.com/global/en/about/history.cfm</a> | ESAB's history of welding                                          |

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List of attendees' e-dresses:

distributed via e-mail to attendees only at this time

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These minutes are respectfully submitted by Gary Gardner, Section 55 Secretary

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