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**Presidential Candidates to Appear at FEX Conference**
The 2007 AFS Foundry Executive Conference will be held in the heartland of Presidential politics at the Wentworth By the Sea, New Castle, New Hampshire, September 16-18, 2007. With two Presidential candidates scheduled to speak, this conference will provide metalcasters with unprecedented access to the political scene and three days of politically-charged discussions about the future of the metalcasting industry.

Please contact AFS at 800/537-4237 or via email for registration and further information. Hotel reservations can be made by contacting Wentworth By the Sea at 866/240-6313 (AFS room block). Full conference details and a brochure will be available in the near future.

**AFS Provides North American Presence at GIFA ’07**
At GIFA ’07 in Dusseldorf, Germany, June 12-16, AFS helped to maintain a strong North American presence by:

- co-sponsoring the North American pavilion for metalcasting equipment and technology suppliers;
- hosting its own booth to provide publications and membership;
- hosting a booth at Newcast to showcase the capabilities of U.S. metalcasters.

With more than 77,000 in attendance at GIFA ’07 and more than 1700 exhibiting companies, it once again was the largest gathering of metalcasters on the globe. AFS displayed a bookstore as well.

**Trouble with Defects? CMI Can Help**
The Cast Metals Institute will be offering an Analysis & Reduction of Casting Defects course, Aug. 28-30 2007 at AFS headquarters, located in Schaumburg, Illinois. The course will offer a critical analysis of defective castings, types of imperfections, causes and corrective measures for sand molds (green sand, shell, nobake, gas-cured, etc.). Inspection techniques, customers’ requirements and the long-range economics of analyzing and minimizing casting defects also are discussed. Visit www.castmetals.com/ScheduleCourseSearch.asp?WebID=1005 for more information.

Looking for more information on casting defects? With titles such as the International Atlas of Casting Defects, AFS Special Publications has everything you need to supplement your metalcasting training. Visit www.afsinc.org/estore, or call 847/824-0181 for more information.

**Boose Expands, Increases Revenue**
AFS Corporate Member Booze Aluminum Foundry Co., Inc., Reamstown, Pa., has increased its yearly revenues by 30% since last August, but rather than reconfiguring its existing plant, the aluminum job shop expanded outward, starting a new, wholly-owned company with the assets of two nearby metalcasters. “We looked at replacing our automatic molding machine in house, but we understood that Cornwall Aluminum Foundry was for sale,” said President Roger Boose. “Instead of purchasing more capacity here, we purchased it to expand.” The addition of Cornwall Aluminum Foundry, located about 20 miles from Booze Aluminum in Cornwall, Pa., brought the company increased flexibility, with three automatic molding lines across 57,000 sq. ft. of space.

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