
2019 AFS GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FLY-IN

Schedule for June 11-12, 2019

Tuesday, June 11

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Registration
Metropolitan Foyer

10 – 10:10 a.m.

Welcome Remarks
Eric Meyers, Chair, AFS Government Affairs Committee and CEO, Oil City Iron Works
Congressman Ron Wright (R-TX-6) – Freshman, House Education & Labor Committee

General Sessions

Metropolitan Center

10 – 10:55 am

State of Climate Policy in the Congress
Panelists:
- **Greg Bertelsen**, Senior Vice President, Climate Leadership Council
- **Tom Dower**, Senior Director, Government Relations, ArcelorMittal
Introduction: Bryant Esch, Environmental Coordinator, Waupaca Foundry

11 – 11:35 a.m.

Navigating the Trade Winds: Update on China Tariffs, Auto Tariffs, Mexico Tariffs & USMCA
Stephen J. Claeys, Partner, Wiley Rein
Introduction: Brad Muller, Vice President Marketing, Charlotte Pipe & Foundry

11:40 – Noon

Moving an Infrastructure Agenda in the 116th Agenda
Catie Kawchak, Director, Infrastructure, Innovation and Human Resources Policy, National Association of Manufacturers
Introduction: Jim Frost, Director Quality Systems & Compliance, American Cast Iron Pipe Co.

12:05 – 12:25 p.m.

Economic & National Security Concerns Over Chinese State-Owned Companies Targeting US Transit/Rail Systems
Erik Olson, Vice President, Rail Security Alliance and Principal, Venn Strategies
Introduction: Patrick Ameen, Vice President Industry Relations, Amsted Rail

Keynote Luncheon

Metropolitan East/West

12:35 – 2 p.m.

Key Political Issues of the Day & Countdown to the 2020 Elections



Karl Rove, Political Strategist, Former Deputy Chief and Senior Advisor to President George W. Bush
Introduction: Eric Meyers, CEO, Oil City Iron Works

General Sessions

Metropolitan Center

2:15 – 3:05 p.m.

Update on Key EPA Regulations & Impact on Metalcasters
Rachel Jones, Senior Director, Energy and Resources Policy, National Association of Manufacturers
Introduction: Kevin Schmidt, Executive Director, Ohio Cast Metals Association

- 3:10 – 3:45 p.m.** **Update on OSHA Enforcement on U.S. Metalcasters – Including the Silica Rule & the Site-Specific Targeting Program**
Brad Hammock, *Shareholder, Littler*
Introduction: John Gann, *EHS Manager, American Castings*
- 3:50 – 4:15 p.m.** **Economic Impact Mapping Project for U.S. Metalcasting Industry**
Mike Lenahan, *CEO, KB Foundry Services and Eric Meyers*, *Chair, Government Affairs Committee*
- Tips for Messaging with Lawmakers / Final Announcements**
Stephanie Salmon, *Vice President Government Affairs, American Foundry Society*
- 4:20 – 5 p.m.** **State Breakout Sessions: Preparation for Capitol Hill Visits**
Ohio.....Grid Room – Lobby Level
Wisconsin.....Hub Room – Lobby Level
Michigan.....Connect Room – 2nd Floor
Texas.....Unite Room – 2nd Floor
- 5:30 – 7 p.m.** **Metalcasting Industry Reception & Recognition Awards to Members of Congress**
Capitol Hill Club – 300 First Street, S.E. – 1st Floor – Eisenhower Lounge
Metalcasting Industry Congressional Champion Award Recipients
- **Congressman Frank Lucas (R-OK-3)** - *House Science, Space & Technology Committee, Ranking Member*
- **Congressman Mike Kelly (R-PA-16)** - *House Ways & Means Committee*
Note: Take cab/rideshare to the Capitol Hill Club

Wednesday, June 12

Breakfast Session

Hill Room

7:30 – 9 a.m.

Powering America’s Energy Future: A Conversation with the Department of Energy Speaker - Political official from U.S. Department of Energy
Introduction: Harry Seibel, *Vice President, REFCOTEC*

Metalcasting Industry Advocacy Day

Capitol Hill

9:30 – 5 p.m.

Congressional Visits in Pre-Scheduled Meetings on Capitol Hill

Metalcasting Hospitality Room

Capitol Hill Club – 300 First Street, S.E. – Speakers/California Rooms – 3rd Floor

Stop by in between your Hill meetings. Snacks and drinks will be available, as well as space for your luggage.

5 p.m.

Conference Concludes



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