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Institute of Roll Design

Celebrating 35 Years

Greetings,

Pack your bags for a trip to a city rich in steelmaking history, Pittsburgh, PA for the upcoming Spring meeting May 11th - 15th. 2010. Our hosts will be SinterMet, LLC and Herkules North America Corp. Bill Posey and Michael Chociey will be our host Members respectively. We will be staying at the Westin Convention Center, Pittsburgh.

Once again our Fall 2009 meeting was a great success thanks to the dedication of our members. I believe that everyone came away from the meeting with some valuable information, either from one of the committee meetings, the technical session or just from conversing with each other.

I would like to thank our host company, Charter Steel Cleveland, for their hospitality. All their employees were very courteous and willing to answer questions. Thanks to David Light and all the members at Charter Steel for all of their hard work in making this past meeting a great success!

We will continue our focus on **Safety** and make this the first item of discussion at all of our upcoming meetings!!

Technical Sessions: We continue to struggle 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 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.

Congratulations to Nick Marchiano on his paper "Thermal Spraying Applications" and receiving the Edward G. Malan Award.

Congratulations to David Light (Charter Steel) on receiving the Timothy Z. Jenkins Award for his paper "Catastrophic Failure to One Stand Gear Box, How to Overcome Bad".

It will be my privilege to serve The IRD as President for the next two years. I want to thank my fellow officers for providing me the support needed to make these meetings a great success. These meetings would not be successful without their dedication and I truly appreciate everyone's efforts. We are still facing very difficult economic times and are uncertain of our industries return to prosperity. One thing I am certain of is the strength of this organization and the continued support of its members. I look forward to traveling together over the next two years over some familiar trails and forging some new ones. With your help we can continue to improve and strengthen our membership.

Look forward to seeing you at the Pittsburgh Meeting!

Chuck Berrier

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