



# 10 Reasons to join an AFS Technical Committee

Short answer:

## ***Professional Development and Learning!***

### **1. Networking Opportunity-**

- meet people that face the same challenges you face each day
- *“The individuals who participate within the committee willingly share information and knowledge.”*

### **2. Keep up to date on latest technologies and innovations in your field.**

- Benefit your company by learning the latest technical developments
- *“AFS Committee meetings are the first place that I hear of a pending change or new regulation or initiative coming from a regulatory agency.”*
- *“During my participation on the quality system committee (1-J), I have been able to improve our foundry’s own quality program ten-fold”*

### **3. Make professional friends and connections.**

- Gain technical resources and support.
- Get help for casting and process issues.

### **4. Access further learning opportunities.**

### **5. Benchmark your operation against others.**

- How others deal with the same issues you face.
- Plant management and technical stories



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## 6. Visit other metalcasting facilities. Learn other approaches and metrics.

- *See firsthand how other foundry managers deal with metallurgical, production and personnel issues.*

## 7. Grow and Stretch technical skills.

- *“...excellent networking opportunities with technical experts and other iron producers. The information presented and discussed at the meetings has taught me a lot about the production and quality of iron”*

## 8. Develop and improve leadership skills.

- Develop speaking and writing skills. Get published.
- *“The leadership qualities I have learned from the AFS technical structure have been instrumental in my personal advancement at [my place of employment].”*

## 9. Make a contribution to my industry’s improvement.

- ‘Pay it forward.’ Give back to the industry that supports you by serving others

## 10. Have fun with like-minded people.

### Other Comments:

- ✓ “I look forward to maintaining and growing my AFS network while also continuing to learn about gray and ductile iron research.” – *Cast Iron committee member*
- ✓ “There is nothing more satisfying than helping to educate your customers or contribute to their business by providing important up-to-date information that one is able to derive from participation on AFS Committees.” – *EHS committee member*
- ✓ “Participation on one of the AFS committees is one of the best perks my organization provides.” – *HR committee member*