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
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


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