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## Meeting with Stephanie Salmon, AFS Safety Liason - April 7th at Joseph's Grill in St. Paul

AFS TC Chapter welcomes Stephanie Salmon, AFS Washington Representative, to our next chapter meeting. Stephanie serves as Vice President of Government Affairs for the American Foundry Society. In this role, she represents the metalcasting industry interests before Congress, the Administration, and regulatory bodies related to international trade, infrastructure, workplace health and safety, taxation, defense, supply chain, healthcare, workforce, and energy. In addition, she develops major policy initiatives, regulatory comments, testimony, action alerts, updates, and educational pieces on key issues affecting metalcasters. She delivers presentations to metalcasting organizations nationwide.

She also serves as the liaison and representative to AFS' Government Affairs Committee and the Safety and Health Committee and is a member of Women in Metalcasting. She successfully manages Washington conferences and congressional plant tours.

Stephanie has over twenty-five years of experience in the government and regulatory affairs arena and has managed several manufacturing trade association clients. Please join us for an informative discussion.

**Tuesday, April 7, 2026**

**Joseph's Grill** 5:00 PM Social  
**140 Wabasha St., South** 6:00 PM Dinner  
**St. Paul, MN** 7:00 PM Topic  
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## In Case You Missed It .... Education Night at UW Stout



The AFS Twin Cities Chapter held its annual student education meeting on November 12, 2025 at UW Stout in Menominee, Wisconsin. There was an informative tour of Fryklund Hall including its in-house foundry, 3D printers, and other state-of-the-art machining tools. Afterwards, the UW Stout AFS Student Chapter held a cuddlefish casting event in the Memorial Student Union, and AFS Twin Cities Chapter awarded \$2,000 to the UW Stout Foundation Scholarship Fund for academic year 2026-2027. Congratulations to Alexander Shelly and Sawyer Boigenzahn who each received \$1,000 each in September from the UW Stout scholarship fund for academic year 2025-2026!



## Save the Date

The AFS TC Chapter's 81st Annual Golf Outing will be held at Majestic Oaks Golf Course, in Ham Lake on **Friday, July 10, 2026**. Shotgun tee-off starts at 8:30 AM this year, lunch and prizes in the Cedar Lounge (downstairs in clubhouse). The schedule was shifted earlier so we can be home earlier. Hope you can make it!





## Looking for New Board Members

We are looking for new members to serve on the American Foundry Society Twin Cities Chapter board of directors. If you have ideas to engage our chapter members with interesting educational opportunities or are seeking to promote the metal casting industry, please talk to a current board member for more details. We would appreciate your involvement on the board.

### We are seeking board members!

Would you like to help promote the casting industry? The American Foundry Society Twin Cities Chapter is seeking new members for our Board of Directors. AFS TC Chapter board members share their enthusiasm, expertise, and involvement to advocate, educate, and innovate for the casting community. To get involved in our chapter, contact current board members or Don Scheele Secretary/Treasurer for more information at 320-761-2886 or [afs.twincities+sec.treas@gmail.com](mailto:afs.twincities+sec.treas@gmail.com)

### Current AFS TC Chapter board members!

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