



ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN THE METAL INDUSTRIES

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Dear AWMI Members and Metal Industry Professionals,

On behalf of the Annual Conference Program Committee and the hosting Southern Region, we invite you to attend the **2018 Annual Conference, November 8-10, 2018** at **The Don CeSar** in St. Pete Beach, Florida. This Conference will once again include educational programs, networking, and events not to be missed.

AWMI is committed to developing leadership skills, and providing education, mentoring, and networking that contribute to successful careers in the metal industries. Our Annual Conference provides members and guests with the opportunity to connect with peers and share perspectives. This year's Conference will showcase Keynote presentations from leaders working in the metal industry such as **Cherlyn Foster**, Manager, Smart Manufacturing COE at **Arconic**, **Lenore E. Trammell**, Chief Compliance Officer at **Big River Steel LLC** and **Christopher Kuehl, PhD**, Managing Director and Co-Founder at **Armada Corporate Intelligence**, who will provide an economic outlook on our industry. Additionally, you won't want to miss our Friday afternoon **Keynote Session** featuring **Chandra Brown**, CEO & Founder of **Brown Executive Strategies**.

We are excited to be hosting this year's event in Florida and will be offering an educational tour and various events in and around St. Pete Beach. On Wednesday, we are offering a tour of the **Chromalloy Castings**. We are also offering the option to attend a chartered dinner cruise on Friday evening. The cruise is along the smooth inland waterways of the Boca Ciega Bay. Thursday afternoon we will have an educational speaker, **Dana Samardzich, PCC, CPC** of **Optimal Balance Coaching**. Dana is a life coach who specializes in working with professional women to help them achieve work/life balance using mindfulness.

Also, this year we are bringing back the Leadership breakouts. We are inviting all acting board members to attend their position's leadership training session on Thursday, November 8 from 9:00am until 11:00am, along with any individuals interested in a future position. These sessions will give AWMI leaders and future leaders the opportunity to connect with their peers in a relaxed environment and share perspectives on leadership, volunteer issues, topics of interest, how to become more involved with the association and what we can accomplish together in the coming year. We will also be discussing how to achieve balance, different methods of communication, how a super attitude produces super results and *much* more!

The Conference officially begins with the Opening Reception and Dinner on Thursday evening, featuring Keynote Dinner Speaker **Mary Lindsey**, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at **Commercial Metals Company**. During the dinner, AWMI will recognize our 2017 "Member of the Year" and will also present our Corporate Member appreciation gifts.

Register at www.awmi.org and **click on the link below to book your room at The Don CeSar**. This link will allow you to book, modify and cancel your reservations online. Additionally, you can also call the Hotel directly at (727) 360-1881 and identify yourself as a participant of the AWMI Annual Conference. Please keep in mind that the deadline to reserve a room at the group rate is October 16, 2018. Any reservations requested after this date will be based on availability and will be at the prevailing rack rate.

[Hotel Reservations](#)

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at awmi@talley.com. We look forward to seeing you in St. Pete Beach in November.

Sincerely,

Carol Chizmar, AWMI International President

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