The future is bright for the Filtration & Separation Industry as it continues to respond to global needs and trends. These technologies allow individuals, industries, and societies to take great leaps forward in an ever-evolving and sustainable world.
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The American Filtration & Separations Society and the global Filtration and Separation Industry are actively anticipating the changes and responding to the challenges that global mega trends will demand.
Hello and welcome! The American Filtration & Separations Society (AFS) appreciates this opportunity to tell you a little about who we are - from origin to recent accomplishments. Please review this brochure to learn about us and how we can help enable you to further your goals. If you are interested in partnering with the AFS, becoming a member, volunteering to participate or contribute to one of our many activities or initiatives, or otherwise learning more about the organization, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you for your interest. We look forward to hearing from you.
On September 16, 1987, the founding fathers formed the American Filtration & Separations Society (AFS). This nonprofit organization was created with the objective of advancing filtration and separation technologies through networking and the exchange of knowledge between academia and industry. Today, the AFS believes that there is hardly a pollution, contamination, or environmental problem that cannot be prevented or remediated through the use of filtration and separation technologies. Among the society’s major values are protecting our environment by purifying air and water, improving our quality of life by making the products we use or consume safer, and by supporting the emerging technologies that are transforming the global marketplace.

The American Filtration & Separations Society believes that filtration and separation technologies can improve and transform how societies, industries and individuals handle emissions and mitigate waste.
NETWORKING

AFS members appreciate the opportunity to connect with other industry professionals and peers. Many members feel that building these personal relationships contributes to their individual success. To help foster networking, the AFS hosts networking events both locally and nationally, as well as, through online forums such as LinkedIn.

SHARING OF EXPERTISE

The AFS seeks to educate newcomers to the field and experienced professionals throughout their careers through educational initiatives - including short courses, One-Minute-Filtration articles, student poster competitions, and the publications of academic, peer-reviewed articles.

ADVOCACY

The AFS seeks to inform industry, academia, the general public and the media of the importance and largely untold story of the Filtration and Separation Industry in North America, its long-term socio-environmental impact, and its future potential for the greater good.
The guidelines for the society are defined by its bylaws. In accordance with these rules, the organization is managed by a Board consisting of the following:

- **Executive Committee** (elected by AFS members)
- **Board of Directors** (elected by AFS members)
- **Committee Chairs** (appointed by AFS chairs)
- **Chapter President** (elected by Chapter members)

AFS staff, which includes the Executive Director and Conference Coordinator, manages day-to-day operations.
Regional chapters are organized throughout North America. Chapters are listed below. These chapters help to enable local networking connections, presentations, site tours, educational opportunities, and other benefits. For more information or to contact the chapter chair to be added to the distribution list for upcoming events, please see the AFS Chapters page on the web at www.afssociety.org/chapters/.

1 GOLD & SILVER
California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Washington

2 NORTH CENTRAL
Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin

3 SOUTHWEST
Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

4 MIDWEST
Illinois, Indiana, Michigan

5 CUMBERLAND
Kentucky, Tennessee

6 MID-ATLANTIC
Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York (South), Pennsylvania

7 EMPIRE STATE
New York State

8 NEW ENGLAND
Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

9 DIXIE
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia

10 CANADA
Not shown
OUR COMMITTEES

Volunteer today!


Scan me with your smart phone!
Activities are driven through a partnership between AFS’s Executive Director and its committees. Professionals worldwide volunteer their time to help advance the needs of the Filtration & Separations industry through their work on key AFS initiatives. To learn more, visit the AFS website at www.afssociety.org.

CONFERENCES
Technical Sessions
Each year the AFS FiltCon Conference & Expo is held. Over 100 papers as well as student posters are presented on a wide-ranging list of subjects.
- AFS FiltCon (broad range of topics)
- AFS FiltCon Expo
- AFS Learning Center

COURSES & ARTICLES
Technical Communications
The AFS hosts a number of courses and publishes articles to educate its members. Included each year is the AFS Filtration Basics Short Course as well as a number of specialized topics within filtration & separations.
- Short Courses
- Scholarly Journal Articles
- One-Minute Filtration Articles
- Webinars

DATABASES
Information Look-ups
Search the standards database and the results will show a link to a web site where you can access the standard. Or browse the Buyers Guide for information on member organization products and services and their contact information.
- Standards Database
- Buyers Guide

COMMUNICATIONS
Social Media & More
The AFS is one of the largest filtration societies in the world. The organization uses a number of different channels to communicate with members.
- Website, eNewsletters, Email
- Market Landscape Reports, Surveys
- LinkedIn, Twitter
- A Filtered Life, an AFS blog
AFS membership is drawn from a wide variety of backgrounds, including end users, marketing managers, technicians and engineers, research scientists, raw material designers, strategy directors, consultants, and academicians. Interests run from the extremely theoretical to applied engineering. In addition to its members, the AFS aims to serve the global society at large including officials of government. For information on the benefits of membership and sponsorship or to join the AFS, visit https://www.afssociety.org/membership/.
The AFS is very proud of the role its member companies play in our everyday lives. The water we drink, the food we eat, the power that lights, warms and cools our homes and offices, the cars we drive and planes we fly are just a few of the many things that happen because a filter is doing its job.
The AFS seeks to expand its advocacy of filtration on a global scale. The organization has begun by publishing a Filtration & Separation Point of View designed to tell the largely untold story of this rapidly growing Filtration & Separation Industry. The AFS is proud to have been selected to host the World Filtration Congress in 2020. The AFS hopes that these efforts will bring professionals together worldwide.

The AFS recognizes that the Filtration & Separation industry was born largely through innovations in the commercial sector. With few universities offering formal degree programs in the field, the AFS has sought to fill the gap in the marketplace by offering commercial entities the opportunity to showcase their innovations in the popular Latest and Greatest conference sessions. Furthermore, the AFS seeks to educate newcomers to the field through educational initiatives - in-person, eNewsletters, and online.

The AFS has taken steps to update and expand its online presence. The society has kicked off a number of web-based initiatives. The society’s website integrates the latest security and technology standards and is easily viewed on mobile devices. AFS is on all major business social media sites, including LinkedIn, Twitter. AFS also has a regular blog, “A Filtered Life,” discussing the latest trends in filtration and separations technologies.
OUR STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE

The AFS is a dynamic and adaptive organization that embraces modern marketing practices to reach today’s busy professionals, seasoned experts, and enterprising newcomers. Through connections with leading experts and market trends, the AFS sees a strong drive for diverse collaboration, comprehensive education, and international advancement. As a result, to maintain relevance in the market place, the AFS has undertaken a path to help enable the AFS to be the premiere filtration & separations industry advocate now and into the future.

2017
Industry Point of View (POV) initiative launched to advocate for and influence filtration & policy.

2018
Launched AFS FiltCon expanding from 3 technical tracks to 4. Within these tracks, the conference covers a wide range of topics essential to professionals in the F & S industry.

2020
The AFS hosts the 13th Annual World Filtration Congress & Exposition in San Diego, California.

2021
AFS Learning Center becomes fully activated with live and on-demand webinars, conference proceedings, journal articles and One Minute Filtration articles.