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**HEAD OF AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY
TO SPEAK AT MCCC ON ‘THE FUTURE OF WELDING’**

MONROE, Mich. – John Bruskotter, president and chair of the American Welding Society and a 36-year veteran of the welding industry, will speak at Monroe County Community College on September 9 about AWS, the future of welding and career options in the field.

The presentation, which is sponsored by the college’s Welding Center of Expertise, will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the college’s La-Z-Boy Center, Meyer Theater. It is free and open to the public.

AWS was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes, including brazing, soldering and thermal spraying.

Headquartered in Miami and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves more than 60,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and student chapters.

Bruskotter, who became president and chairman in January, said his goal this year is to focus the importance of welding throughout the world and in growing areas such as the energy and green industries.

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He began his career in the oil and gas fabrication industry in 1973 and became a certified welder in 1974, eventually advancing in his profession to fabrication supervisor.

In 1989, Bruskotter became operations manager for a major onshore fabrication and offshore construction company specializing in fabrication of oil and gas production modules, decks, jackets and gas compression packages, as well as offshore construction and coatings.

In 2000, he opened his own company, Bruskotter Consulting Services, LLC, and his clients include the oil and gas operators in the Gulf of Mexico. He specializes in planning the design, fabrication and installation of platforms and pipelines and in planning the removal of platforms and abandonment pipelines.

Bruskotter has been a member of the AWS for more than 17 years and has served the New Orleans Section in several positions, including chair. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 2000 and represented the 2,850 members of District 9, which includes Southern Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

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