## **REPORT-AND-ELECTION CONFERENCE OF THE UKRAINIAN WELDING SOCIETY**

The regular Report-and-Election Conference of the Ukrainian Welding Society (UWS) attended by authorised representatives of all divisions of the Society was held in Kiev on the 25th of November 2010.

V.G. Fartushny, Candidate of Technical Sciences, President of UWS, reported about the work of the UWS Board during a period of 2006-2010. He gave a brief analysis of state-of-the-art of the welding industry in Ukraine and presented results of activities of the Board. Over 80,000 scientists, engineers and workers are involved in the welding industry of Ukraine. There are about 2,000 enterprises and companies fabricating welded structures, 39 manufacturers of welding equipment, and 64 manufacturers of welding consumables. 17 divisions (5 regional and 12 district divisions) were formed in structure of the Society. The Board of the Society consisted of 17 people. 9 persons formed Presidium of the Board. Vice-presidents of the Society were V.M. Ilyushenko, Candidate of Technical Sciences and Executive Director, and B.V. Yurlov, Candidate of Technical Sciences. UWS as an individual exhibitor participated in all national and a number of international welding exhibitions. The Society was a co-organiser of and active participant in a number of international and national conferences and workshops held in Ukraine and abroad. The Odessa Division of UWS annually hosted contests of professional welders of Ukraine. These contests became international in the last two years: welders from the Russian Federation and Belarus took part in them, along with the Ukrainian welders. Four books were published by recommendations of the UWS Board. Heading «Foreign Colleagues» was added to the «Svarshchik» (Welder) Journal. Information on the events arranged by the Society, on memorable dates and jubilees was published, and information exchange with some foreign welding journals was established. As to the cooperation, an agreement on cooperation with the Slovakian Welding Society was signed, and preliminary negotiations were held with welding societies of Rumania, Czech Republic and West Germany. The Board of the Society instituted an honorary award - N.N. Benardos Medal, which is conferred to scientists and specialists who made a great contribution to the progress of the welding industry in Ukraine, and to the development of UWS.

Report on the activities of the Auditing Committee was presented by V.V. Rogozhinsky, Committee Deputy Chairman.

Participating in debates and discussions on reports were V.I. Degtyar (Odessa), A.A. Kajdalov (Kiev), M.A. Laktionov (Sumy), N.G. Efimenko (Kharkov), P.P. Protsenko (Kiev), A.V. Krasko (Kiev), Yu.V. Butenko (Nikolaev), B.V. Yurlov (Kiev) and A.N. Vorobiov (Odessa). All the speakers approved of the work of the Board, and put forward many proposals on improvement of the activities of the Society for the next reporting period.

A new Board of UWS consisting of 21 people was elected: A.A. Abramov, Candidate of Technical Sciences, Chairman of the Khmelnitsk District Division of UWS; Yu.V. Butenko, Chief Welder of Gas Turbine Scientific and Industrial Complex «Zorya-Mashproekt»; N.V. Vysokolyan, Chairman of the Poltava District Division of UWS; V.I. Degtyar, Candidate of Technical Sciences, Director of Research and Production Centre «Welding»; N.I. Duda, Director General of Open Joint Stock Company «Zhitomir Factory for Metal Structures»; N.G. Efimenko, Doctor of Technical Sciences, Chairman of the Kharkov District Division of UWS; V.M. Ilyushenko, Candidate of Technical Sciences; A.A. Kajdalov, Doctor of Technical Sciences; A.I. Komissar, Director General of Limited Liability Company «Fronius-Ukraine»; N.M. Kononov, Chairman of the Dnepropetrovsk District Division of UWS; A.M. Kostin, Candidate of Technical Sciences, Chairman of the Nikolaev District Division of UWS; V.T. Kotik, Candidate of Technical Sciences, Director of the Ukrainian Welding Qualification Committee; A.V. Krasko, Chairman of the Central Regional Division of USW; M.A. Laktionov, Candidate of Technical Sciences, Chairman of the Sumy District Division of UWS; Ya.I. Mikitin, Chairman of the Kherson District Division of UWS; G.V. Pavlenko, Chairman of the Crimean Regional Division of UWS; V.N. Palash, Candidate of Technical Sciences, Chairman of the Western Regional Division of UWS; P.P. Protsenko, Candidate of Technical Sciences, Director of the Inter-Industry Training Certification Centre of the E.O. Paton Electric Welding Institute; V.G. Fartushny, Candidate of Technical Sciences; K.P. Shapovalov, Chairman of the Donetsk District Division of UWS; and B.V. Yurlov, Candidate of Technical Sciences.

A.N. Vorobiov, S.V. Oleksienko and V.V. Rogozhinsky were elected to the Auditing Committee.

V.G. Fartushny was elected the President of UWS. A.A. Kajdalov, Doctor of Technical Sciences, and B.V. Yurlov, Candidate of Technical Sciences, were elected vice-presidents, and V.M. Ilyushenko, Candidate of Technical Sciences, became the Executive Director of UWS.

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