

# SOCIETY INFORMATION

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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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AFS is the largest membership organization dedicated to all aspects of filtration and separation. Our members include engineers, scientists, end-users, academia and other decision-makers in the filtration industry

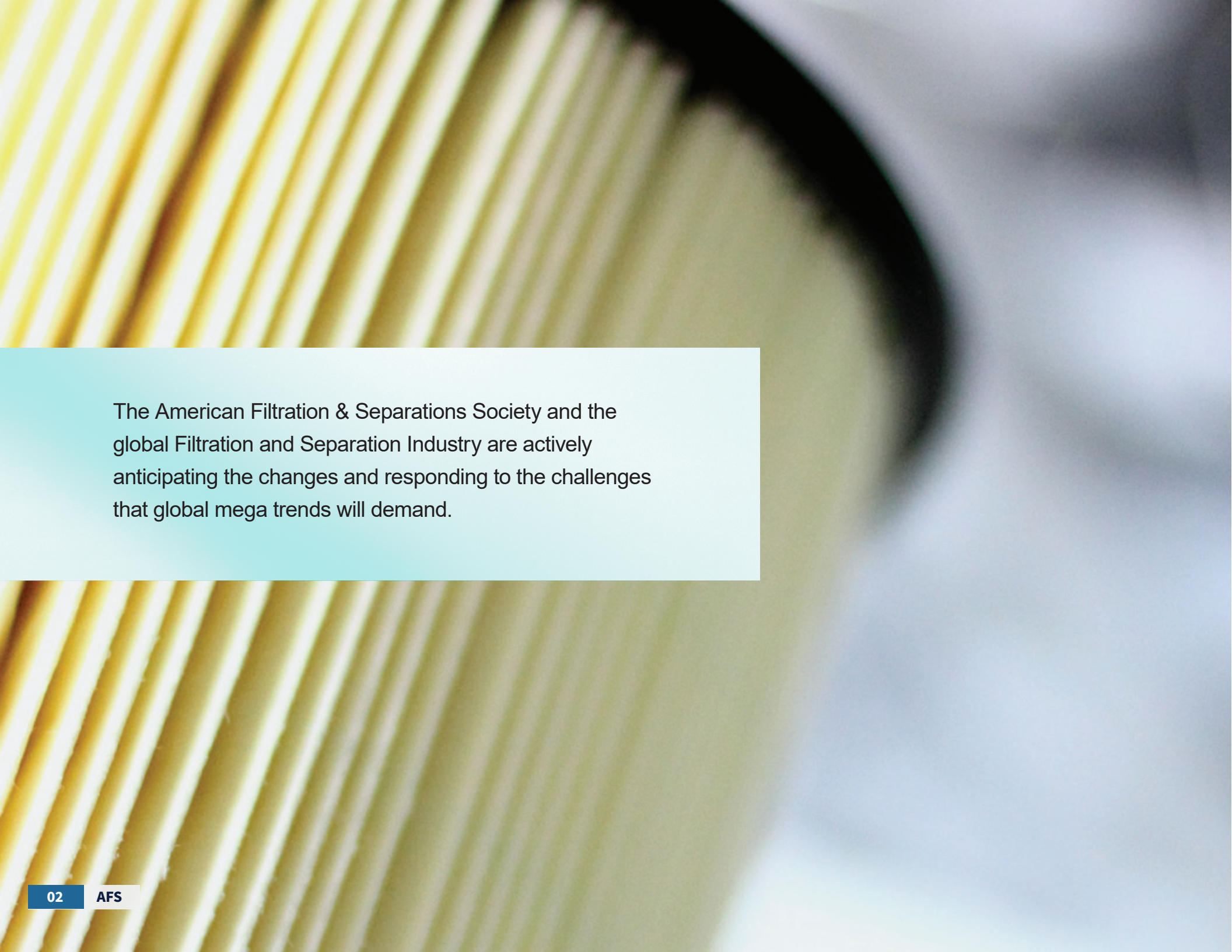
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The AFS is focused on increasing global exposure and membership while providing enhanced value to members and sponsors.





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.



# GREETINGS FROM THE AFS

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**H**ello 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.



# OUR VALUES

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**O**n September 16, 1987, the founders 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 through online forums including virtual conferences and chapter meetings, and 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.



# OUR STRUCTURE

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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 the AFS Executive Committee)

**Chapter President** (elected by Chapter members)

AFS staff, which includes the Executive Director and Conference Manager, manages day-to-day operations.





# LOCAL CHAPTERS

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/](http://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

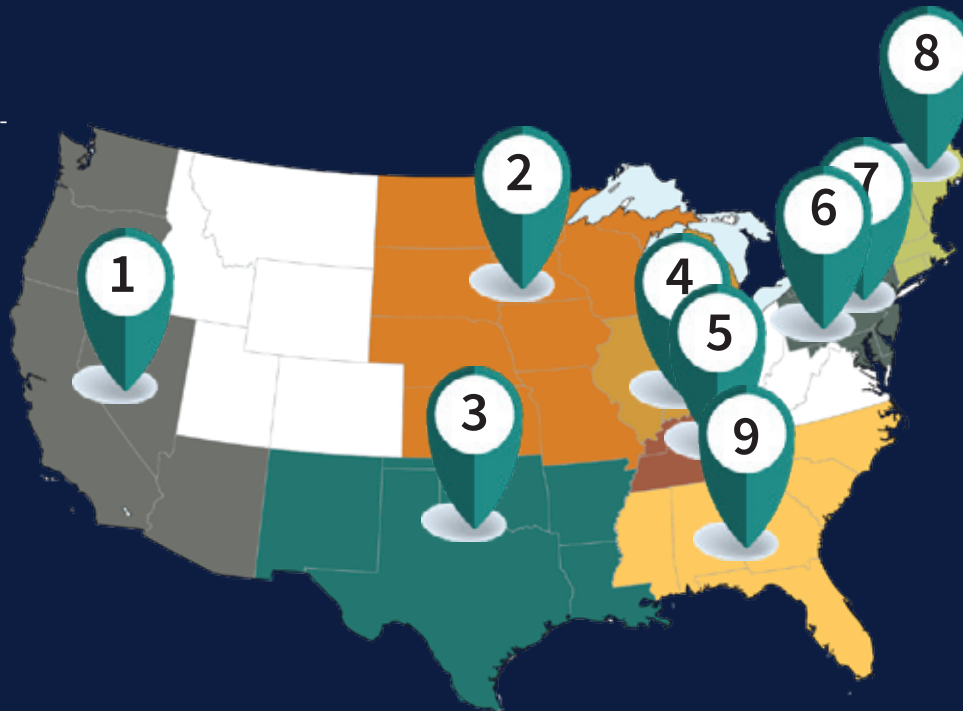
Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

## 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 SOUTHEAST

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

## 10 CANADA

Not shown

# OUR COMMITTEES

  
**MARKETING**  
promotes the  
Society's activities  
and programs

  
**PUBLICATIONS**  
encourages  
publication of  
research papers

  
**CHAPTER AFFAIRS**  
reinforces AFS  
support at a local  
level

  
**EDUCATION**  
plans and  
implements  
educational  
programs

  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
promotes new  
membership and  
membership  
renewal

  
**TEST METHODS**  
maintains test  
standards  
database

  
**BY-LAWS**  
ensures by-laws are  
consistent with  
purpose and  
needs

  
**SCIENTIFIC**  
ensure high standards  
of technical and  
scientific  
quality

**Volunteer today!**

<http://tinyurl.com/5d44cvzd>



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](http://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
- Short Courses



## 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.

- AFS Learning Center
- Scholarly Journal Articles
- One-Minute Filtration Articles
- Virtual Courses



## 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

# OUR MEMBERS & SPONSORS

**A**FS 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.afsociety.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.





## | GLOBAL ADVOCACY

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 world wide.



## | INNOVATION INSPIRATION

The AFS recognizes that the Filtration & Separation industry was borne 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.



## | ONLINE PRESENCE

The AFS Learning Center was launched in 2021 providing online content both live and on-demand. Courses, conference proceedings, journals and OMFs (One Minute Filtration Articles) are available. Visit the AFS Learning Center for available content.





# OUR STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE

The AFS is a dynamic and adaptive organization that embraces modern 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 Society to be the premiere filtration & separations industry advocate now and into the future.



\*In 2022, AFS is accomplishing quite a lot!

- The AFS hosts the 13th World Filtration Congress and Exposition
- AFS launches AFSCP (AFS Certified Professional) Certification program
- The popular Latest & Greatest program is enhanced and expanded to Corporate Sponsors

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FILTRATION CONGRESS  
SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA USA OCTOBER 5-9, 2022

<http://www.wfc13.com>



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