



Few TMS members have ever stepped through the doors of a TMS headquarters building. Most see the TMS Annual Meeting and other hosted and sponsored

TMS events as their professional society “home.” TMS is and always has been about connecting members with each other and the latest developments in their fields, with its brick-and-mortar headquarters serving as the enabler, rather than the focal point, of those activities. As the TMS membership continues to expand significantly beyond North American borders, TMS has stepped up efforts to deploy information and communication tools to ensure that any member anywhere in the world can



James J. Robinson, TMS Executive Director, stands in the location of his new office at 5700 Corporate Drive while reviewing blueprints for the new TMS headquarters.

New TMS Mailing Address

**Effective
October 1, 2016**

**The Minerals, Metals
& Materials Society
5700 Corporate Drive
Suite 750
Pittsburgh, PA 15237**

***Note that the main
headquarters phone
and FAX numbers
will stay the same.***

**Phone:
724-776-9000
800-759-4867
(U.S. and Canada Only)
FAX:
724-776-3770**

**Individual staff phone
numbers will also remain
the same, but individual FAX
numbers will be dropped.**

**For a headquarters
contact directory, visit
www.tms.org and select
the “About” tab.**



Ample and free covered parking are among the amenities offered by the 5700 Corporate Drive building where the new TMS headquarters is located. Because the headquarters complex takes up most of the space on the 7th floor, many of its windows offer exceptional views of the rolling landscape that surrounds the area.

The total space encompassed by the new TMS headquarters is approximately 10,000 square feet. Of particular interest to visitors will be the 1,500 square foot Brimacombe Conference Center (highlighted below). The TMS reception area (also highlighted) celebrates TMS's past, provides information on the present, and offers visual clues to its future.

participate as fully as possible in the life and benefits of the TMS community.

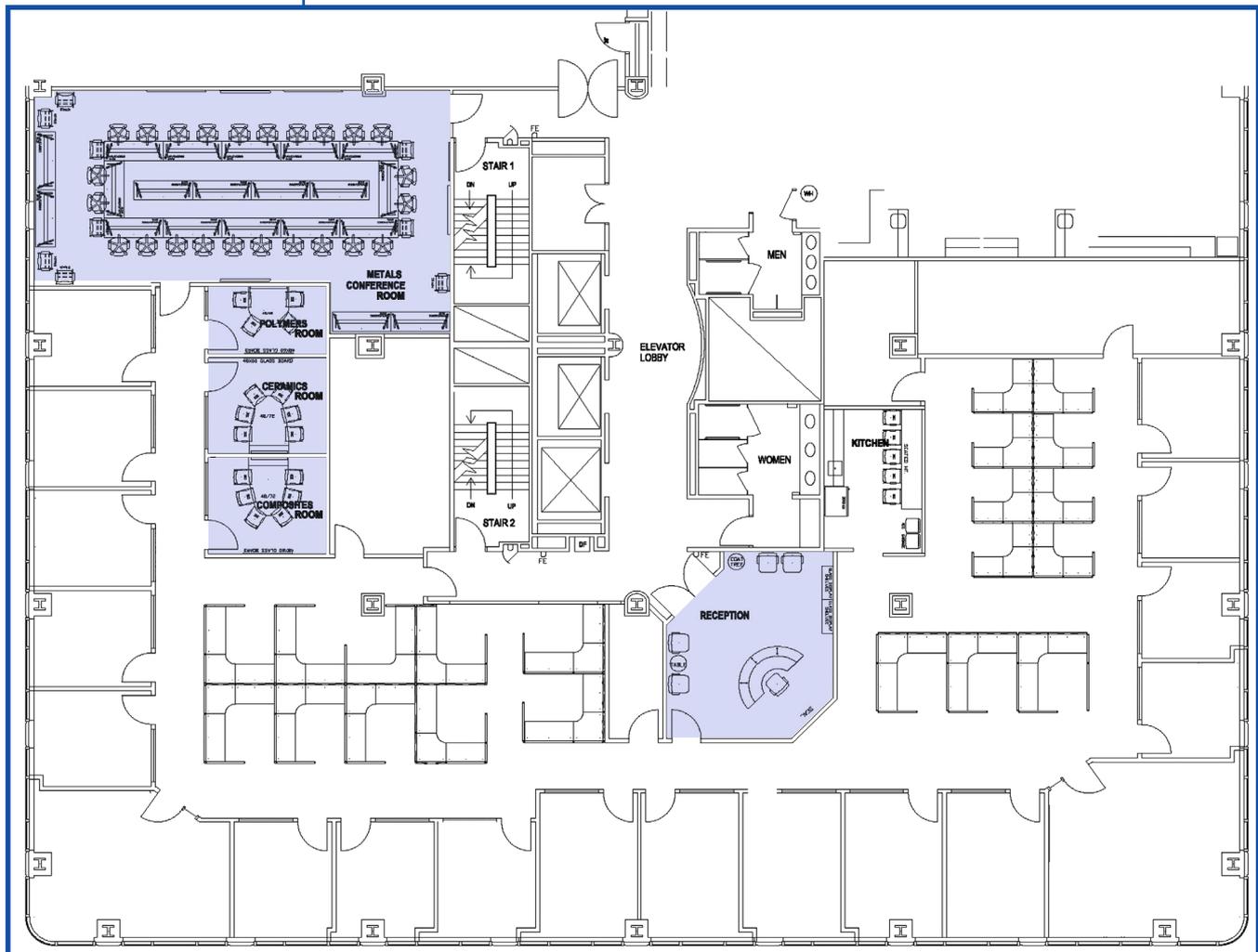
On October 1, 2016, TMS officially changes its address to a new headquarters location—5700 Corporate Drive, Suite 750, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15237. With this move has come the opportunity to totally refit the physical footprint of TMS with technologies that will allow the Society to take a big step forward in enhancing service to and engagement with all members, whether they are in the next neighborhood or another hemisphere.

Much of that work will take place in the new 1,500 square foot Brimacombe Conference Center, named after the late 1993 TMS President, J. Keith Brimacombe, and highlighting several of his framed letters, speeches, and other mementos that were previously displayed at the old headquarters building. “Keith was a tireless champion of advancing metallurgical engineering through collaboration,” said

Stanley M. Howard, 2016 TMS President. “Having our new conference center bear his name honors both his legacy to TMS and the field, while evoking our core values as a collaborative, member-driven organization.”

Housed within the Brimacombe Conference Center are three meeting spaces that can be combined to host larger gatherings. The biggest space, the Metals Room, comprises about 1,100 square feet, and will be used for meetings, seminars, and training sessions for up to 60 people. As James J. Robinson, TMS Executive Director, noted, “The number of meeting attendees that we can accommodate becomes limitless when the built-in virtual meeting capabilities are used.”

Three smaller rooms within the conference center continue the materials-themed naming convention as the Polymers Room, the Ceramics Room, and the Composites Room. Each of these is



equipped with video displays and cameras, high-quality sound and communications technology, and other collaborative tools to support virtual meetings and webinars. Working behind the scenes is a state-of-the-art communications system that will provide TMS staff with more tools and options by tightly interfacing the Society phone and computer capabilities with individual staff smart phones. Robinson commented that this was a particularly critical investment in the new headquarters infrastructure, given that more than a third of the TMS staff regularly telecommutes during some portion of the work week and others maintain heavy travel schedules to support TMS initiatives. “The technology will make blending the work of remote and in-office team members more seamless, which makes us more productive in serving our members and conducting the business of the Society,” said Robinson. “Being able to offer a robust telecommuting policy and workplace flexibility also adds to our value proposition of recruiting and retaining high-quality staff members.”

While a priority in equipping the new headquarters has been to make TMS a welcoming and effective virtual meeting place, the physical facility offers in-person visitors a pleasant experience as well, starting as soon as they approach the door. “The reception area will immediately acquaint you with the essence of TMS,” said Robinson. “The first thing you will see is a spotlighted TMS logo medallion hanging behind the receptionist. To the left, as you enter, will be shelving that showcases artifacts from TMS and AIME. Hanging on the walls will be two framed posters—one showing the current issue of *JOM* and one announcing an upcoming event or other Society initiative—and a photo of our current TMS president, along with recognition of all past presidents.”

As far as surroundings, the new headquarters offers a number of conveniences and amenities over TMS’s old location in Warrendale, Pennsylvania. Situated in a vibrant, upscale suburban neighborhood, TMS is now a convenient 20 minutes away from downtown Pittsburgh and about 40 minutes from the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport. The building is served by several bus lines that route through Pittsburgh and is within



sight of a number of dining, shopping, and entertainment destinations. Over the next year, several new hotels are slated to open nearby, one within walking distance of the headquarters building.

When the opportunity arose earlier this year to sell TMS’s share of the old headquarters building to the Association for Iron and Steel Technology (AIST), which owned the other share, Robinson said that the TMS

Board of Directors carefully examined the pros and cons of making the move. They concluded that it made sound financial sense. Robinson said he felt personally energized at the prospect of reworking TMS’s physical facilities to give members with time, resource, and travel restrictions more convenient, immediate access to services and engagement.

“At its heart, TMS is all about bringing people together,” he commented, “and the focus of the new headquarters will be to facilitate collaboration and communication among staff, volunteers, and the members we all serve, wherever they might be.”

Upon entering 5700 Corporate Drive, visitors are greeted by a comfortable, welcoming lobby that leads to the elevators to the TMS headquarters on the 7th floor.



The existing interior structure housing the new TMS headquarters has been completely demolished and remodeled to accommodate state-of-the-art communication, meeting, and distance collaboration technologies.

