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AIST BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS TO AIST FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PITTSBURGH, 9 May 2019 — Theodore F. Lyon, Managing Director, Hatch Associates Consultants, Inc., and AIST Foundation Board of Trustees president, welcomed new officers to the AIST Foundation Board of Trustees at the organization's annual conference and exposition, AISTech 2019.

Lyon said, "I am honored and humbled to take on the role as Foundation President for the 2019-2021 term. I have served as a trustee and past president for the past six years, as well as six years as Foundation treasurer during the formative years of AIST. The growth of the AIST Foundation is a reflection of its success. That success is measured by the growing pipeline of technical and engineering talent entering the industry. With more than US\$7 million awarded since 2005 and over US\$750,000 a year currently being awarded annually, we are well on our way to achieving our long-term goals. We are blessed to have the support of our membership in growing the Foundation and supporting its programs. I am lucky to have been handed the reigns by Kolin Keller and his predecessors, who provided steadfast leadership in guiding the foundation to where we are today. By the end of my term, I hope to boast annual awards in excess of US\$1 million per year!"

Officers include:

- Past president: **Kolin L. Keller**, vice president, operations support, Commercial Metals Company, Seguin, Texas, USA
- President elect: **Glenn A. Pushis**, senior vice president, special projects, Steel Dynamics Inc., Fort Wayne, Ind., USA
- Treasurer: **Joseph Dzierzawski**, global director, technology and business development, Iron & Steel, Hatch Associates Consultants Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa., USA
- Executive director and board secretary: **Ronald E. Ashburn**, executive director, Association for Iron & Steel Technology, Warrendale, Pa., USA

New Trustee includes:

- **Michael P. Madar**, division manager, steel producing, ArcelorMittal, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Trustees include:

- **Terry G. Fedor II**, executive vice president, U.S. iron ore operations, Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, USA
- **Michael A. Kercksmar**, vice president, specialty steel operations, AK Steel, West Chester, Ohio, USA
- **Scott J. Laurenti**, melt/cast manager, Nucor Steel-Utah, Plymouth, Utah, USA
- **Timothy J. Lorge**, president, Charter Steel, Saukville, Wis., USA
- **Jerry P. Nelesen Jr.**, executive vice president, AKJ Industries Inc., Ft. Myers, Fla., USA
- **Mark R. Olson**, vice president, operations, Gerdau Long Steel North America, Tampa, Fla., USA

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- **Thomas J. O'Toole**, general manager, engineering, United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa., USA
- **Robert S. Wetherbee**, president and chief executive officer, Allegheny Technologies Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa., USA

AISTech 2019 was one of the largest gatherings of industry personnel in the world this year. The four-day conference program encompassed more than 550 technical presentations, and exhibits by nearly 550 domestic and international companies.

The AIST Foundation is a Pennsylvania-based 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation organized for charitable, education and scientific purposes to attract technology-oriented professionals to the steel industry by educating the public about the high-tech, diverse and rewarding nature of careers in steel manufacturing. Through a variety of programs, the AIST Foundation awards more than US\$750,000 annually in programs and grants to students, instructors and schools to ensure the iron and steel industry of tomorrow will have a sufficient number of qualified professionals.

[AIST](#) is an international technical association of more than 17,500 professional and student members, representing iron and steel producers, their allied suppliers and related academia. The association is dedicated to advancing the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel.

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