AIST Member Chapter Updates

AIST represents individual members in the iron and steel community from more than 70 countries around the world. Through active networking at the chapter level, AIST members benefit from the interchange of ideas and solutions with others from the local iron and steel community.

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Recent Member Chapter Events

Birmingham Member Chapter
The AIST Birmingham Member Chapter held a trio of events over two days in Daphne, Ala., USA. On Thursday, 14 March 2024, the chapter was at Homewood Suites by Hilton Mobile/East Bay/Daphne in Daphne, Ala., USA, for a forum, where the discussion focused on topics relevant to the region, including safety and retaining talent. The forum was followed by a networking reception and dinner for the 110 attendees with a keynote presentation from 2023–2024 AIST president Barry T. Schneider, president and chief operating officer, Steel Dynamics Inc. The chapter presented a Member Chapter Outstanding Service Award to chapter secretary-treasurer Kenneth E. Orndoff, southern sales, Lincoln Manufacturing and Hydraulics.

The AIST Project & Construction Management Technology Committee presented the 2023 AIST Project Excellence Award to Steel Dynamics Inc. – Flat Roll Group Columbus Division in recognition of the Continuous Galvanizing Line #3, in recognition of successful project execution as related to business, safety, technology, and project management.

On Friday, 15 March 2024, 48 golfers hit the links for a round of golfers at the Rock Creek Golf Club in Fairhope, Ala., USA.

Members of the Project & Construction Management Technology Committee presented the 2023 AIST Project Excellence Award to Steel Dynamics Inc. – Flat Roll Group Columbus Division at the Birmingham Member Chapter meeting on 14 March 2024 (left to right): Brandon Ensor, Chad Mobley, Silas Gill, Jeff Baumann, Barry Schneider, Clay Piper, Tom Herb, Ron Ashburn and Keaton Hamilton.

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Detroit Member Chapter
On Tuesday, 12 March 2024, the chapter hosted a dinner meeting at the Crystal Gardens Banquet Center in Southgate, Mich., USA. Stuart Street, technical manager, Ironmaking, Cleveland-Cliffs Dearborn Works, presented “Dearborn Works – 2024 Primary Outage” to the 120 people in the audience.

Middle East North Africa Member Chapter
The AIST MENA Member Chapter hosted a webinar for 97 registrants on Wednesday, 28 February 2024. The webinar, moderated by the chapter’s programming chair, Ashraf Hanna, director primary metallurgy, RHI Magnesita, focused on “Production of Special Grade Alloy Steel in Egypt.”

Presentations:
• “Metallurgical Concepts of Alloedy Steels and Their Applications,” by Iman El-Mahallawi, Cairo University and The British University of Egypt.
• “Overview of Product Portfolio of Low-Alloy Steel and Main Production Challenges at Arcosteel,” by Ahmed Hammam, Arcosteel.
• “Market Review of Alloy Steel Supply and Demand in Egypt,” by Taha Mattar, Galala University and CMRDI.
• “Principles of the Various Vacuum Degasser Units in the Production of Alloy Steels,” by Christian Redl, INTECO Melting and Casting Technologies GmbH.

Mexico Member Chapter
The AIST Mexico Member Chapter combined their two biennial industry events into one annual congress. CONAC and ExpoAcero came together this year for the 13th edition of ExpoAcero 11–13 March 2024 at the Convention Center in San Luis Potosi, N.L., Mexico.

The event hosted 127 exhibitors, more than 80 technical presentations, and drew an impressive record number of 2,700 steel producers, suppliers, end users and students in attendance. A gala dinner took place at Villa Danieli on Tuesday, 12 March 2024. ExpoAcero will return to Cintermex in Monterrey, N.L., Mexico, on 24–26 March 2025.

Midwest Member Chapter
On Tuesday, 12 March 2024, Randy Palmateer, business manager, Northwestern Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council, and Dewey Pearman, executive director, construction advancement foundation of Northwest Indiana, presented “Construction Trades Progress.” There were 320 members, students and guests in attendance at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Ind., USA.

Northeastern Ohio Member Chapter
On Thursday, 22 February 2024, the Northeastern Ohio Member Chapter hosted their Young Engineers’ Night at the Sheraton Suites Akron Cuyahoga Falls, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, USA. The meeting was held jointly with the Association of Women in the Metal Industries (AWMI). Presenting companies included Materion, Rockwell Automation, Metallus Inc., and The Rudolph Libbe Group.

The meeting provided local engineering students with an insight into what the industry offers in terms of career paths for graduating engineers. Students from...