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

PITTSBURGH, 16 May 2017 — Kolin L. Keller, vice president, operations support, Commercial Metals Company, officially began his term as AIST Foundation Board of Trustees President after the organization's annual conference and exposition, AISTech 2017.

In regards to his appointment, Keller said, "I am honored to serve as AIST Foundation President and work with the other AIST Foundation Trustees and Officers. The foundation is making a sustainable impact by ensuring we get the best academia embedded in our facilities using grants, scholarships, and internships that directly put students and instructors working side-by-side in our labs and operations."

"Our goal for next year is to continue the great work of our predecessors, where through Foundation programs, we are able to attract superior technical talent, hire these future iron- and steelmakers into our industry, and grow the financial position of the Foundation."

Officers include:

- Past President: **Steven S. Hansen**, vice president and chief technical officer, SSAB Americas, Lisle, Ill., USA
- President Elect: **Theodore F. Lyon**, managing director, Hatch Associates Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa., USA
- Treasurer: **Joseph Dzierzawski**, president and chief executive officer, SMS USA LLC, Pittsburgh, Pa., USA
- Executive Director and Board Secretary: **Ronald E. Ashburn**, executive director, Association for Iron & Steel Technology, Warrendale, Pa., USA

Trustees include:

- **William H. Emling**, vice president, steelmaking and continuous casting, SMS USA LLC, Pittsburgh, Pa., USA
- **Terry G. Fedor II**, executive vice president, U.S. iron ore operations, Cliffs Natural Resources, Cleveland, Ohio, USA
- **Eric D. Hauge**, vice president and general manager, ArcelorMittal Cleveland, 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
- **Jerry P. Nelesen**, executive vice president, AKJ Industries Inc., Ft. Myers, Fla., USA
- **Thomas J. O'Toole**, general manager, engineering, United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa., USA
- **Glenn A. Pushis**, senior vice president, Long Products Steel Group, Steel Dynamics Inc., Fort Wayne, Ind., USA
- **Yuan Wang**, vice president, mill operations, Gerdau Long Steel North America, Tampa, Fla., USA

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AISTech 2017 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 more than 530 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\$700,000 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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