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AIST Fall Meeting Notice / Agenda
Digitalization Applications Technology Committee

Date: November 3-4, 2025
Location: Austin, TX
Tour: Amazon AUS2 Fulfillment Center
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Arrangements
EVEN Austin Uptown near The Domain
13205 Burnet Road Building #2
Austin, TX 78727
Reserve by 6 October for AIST Room Rate of $125 ($10 fee is removed at checkout)
For reservations, book online

AIST technology committee members are asked to print out the latest revised meeting agenda from our website one week prior to this meeting.

Monday 3 November
1. *Chair's opening remarks - Kris Kent, Nucor Steel Arkansas*   *<08:00 a.m.>*
2. *Appoint minute-taker*
3. *Antitrust guidelines*
4. *Membership and attendance*
5. *Review minutes of previous meeting*
6. *AIST Staff Announcements*
7. *Steel Industry Fatalities*
8. *Main agenda items*
   - *AISTech session development - Brad Morgan, Nucor Steel Arkansas & Chalapathy Devarakonda, Big River Steel*
     - *Selection of Abstracts (Due by 16 Sept) – (Handle via conference call if necessary)*
     - *Determine session structure (Due by 28 Oct) including session titles & session chairs*
     - *Review Papers Chair and Session Chair instructions*
   - *Solicit DATC Session Chairs for AISTech 2026*
   - *Finalize AISTech call for papers for next year*
   DIGITALIZATION APPLICATIONS
   Relevant topics include digitalization technologies in addition to traditional computer applications. Digitalization technologies include applications of artificial intelligence, machine learning and advanced analytics, the use of digital twins, big data, cloud computing, augmented or virtual reality, the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), and other applications of digitalization technologies that advance or transform iron and steel processes. Traditional computer applications include existing, new, and emerging uses of computers to control, monitor and interface steel manufacturing and processing; evolution of industrial control systems — hierarchies and mobile interfaces; modern control system technologies driving a safer workplace; the application of advanced process modeling and control; the impact of human factors and safety in process control

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(such as users, engineers and support personnel); manufacturing execution systems and business systems; network/wireless communications; automation planning and software development methodologies; database, data warehousing, data mining systems and predictive analytics; remediation of legacy automation systems; and cybersecurity for industrial control systems.

- *Technology committee award planning*
  1. *AISTech 2026 DATC Best Paper Awards – To be finalized by November 2025*
  2. *Nominations for Board of Directors Level Awards—Distinguished Member and Fellow, Sendzimir Award, Fairless Award, and Steelmaker of the Year nominations*

  Nominations are due by 30 November. A brief biography of the nominee. A draft citation as to why your nominee would receive the award. The required number of endorsement letters for that particular award. The endorsement letters should be sent by e-mail, addressed to the AIST Awards and Recognition Program Committee, to nmattern@aist.org. More info: **https://www.aist.org/about-aist/awards-recognition/board-of-directors-awards**

  Technology Training conferences:

  a. Automation and Controls Fundamentals, Indianapolis, IN. Co-located with Cold Rolling Seminar. Date 8-13 March 2026.
     Website: https://www.aist.org/conferences-expositions/technology-training/system-automation-fundamentals
  b. **Digital Transformation for the Steel Industry Forum**, 13-14 October 2026, Sheraton, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
     Website: https://www.aist.org/conferences-expositions/technology-training/digital-transformation-forum
     Call for abstracts, please send your abstract to agauffin@aist.org

     Organizing Committee:
     Jamie Stewart, USS
     Gaurav Malhotra, Nucor
     Bernard Chukwulebe, Arcelormittal
     Nathan Settlemire, Chartersteel
     Rob Oldroyd, Nucor
     Patrick Gallagher, MSA
     Mike Dudzic, former Arcelormittal
     Franck Adjogble, SMS Group Inc.
     Philip Woodward, Danieli
     Yufeng Wang, SSAB
     Liwei Zhang, ArcelorMittal
     James Hendrickson, NWI Automation

  3. *Webinars* Visit: https://www.aist.org/conference-expositions/webinars
  "Change Management in Digital Transformation"
  Request for Presentations, email agauffin@aist.org

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9. Discussion items

  a. <meeting topic and presentations to be filled in by Committee Chair>

10. Next meeting - Indianapolis, IN. Combine with Automation and Controls Fundamentals Meeting Date 8-13 March 2026.

11. Lunch in Meeting Room   *<11:00 a.m.>*

12. Tour of Amazon Facility   *<12:30-2:30 p.m.>*
  Address: Amazon AUS2 Fulfillment Center
  2000 E Pecan Street
  Pflugerville, TX 78660
  512-276-6180

RULES FOR SITE VISITS:
- **Dress Code:**
  - Hair past shoulders must be pulled up
  - Closed toe shoes, preferably composite toe shoes;
- **Bags:** Clear bags only on the warehouse floor
- **Phone/Camera: No phones out/ photos** ONLY permitted with permission of tour guide
- **Amazon Fulfillment does not permit the following:**
  - Any of these shoe types:
    - Open-toed shoes, backless shoes, slippers, clogs, moccasins, flip flops, "five finger" shoes with separated toes, roller-heeled shoes
    - Shoes with a platform or heel higher than 1.25 inches (wedges/wedged flats)
  - Attire with dangling or hanging items such as chains, drawstrings, scarves, or other articles that are unsafe
  - Pants that drag beyond the heel of the shoe
  - Any hood or hat that interferes with front or side vision
  - Headphones and ear buds - unless provided to you by Amazon
  - Sunglasses indoors
  - Excessively loose jewelry or body piercings that pose a safety hazard

Tuesday 4 November

13. Presentations   *<09:00 a.m.>*
  a. TBD
  b. TBD
  c. TBD
  d. TBD

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2. *Chair conclusion - Kris Kent, Nucor Steel Arkansas*
3. *Adjourn*   *<Noon>*

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Every individual who participates in AIST meetings and activities should follow these guidelines:

- DON'T discuss with other members your own or competitors' prices, pricing procedures, or anything that might affect prices such as costs, discounts, terms of sale, or profit margins, or anticipated wage rates.

- DON'T make announcements or statements about your own prices or those of competitors.

- DON'T talk about what individual companies plan to do in particular markets or with particular customers.

- DON'T disclose to others any competitively sensitive information.

- DON'T propose or agree to any action intended to disadvantage or injure another company.

- DON'T stay at a meeting or activity where any such anti-competitive talk occurs.

- DO have an AIST staff person present at any meetings and insist on the agenda being followed and minutes kept.

- DO confer with AIST staff before making any statement with competitive ramifications.

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Participants asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. Participants violating this policy may be sanctioned or expelled from the event or the membership at the discretion of the AIST leadership.