



ADVANCING THE TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND APPLICATION OF IRON AND STEEL

## **AIST AISTech Meeting Notice / Agenda Cranes Technology Committee**

**Date: 4 May 2026**

**Location: David L. Lawrence Convention Center  
Pittsburgh, PA Room 334**

1. **Chair's opening remarks — Russ Walters** <Noon>
2. **Appoint minute-taker — Nate Kelly**
3. **Membership and attendance — Russ Walters**
4. **Review & approve minutes of previous meeting — Russ Walters**
5. **AIST Staff Announcements — Brian Bliss**
6. **Main agenda items — Russ Walters**
  - **Review and approve or amend mission statement**
    - To develop specifications for safe and dependable cranes that can be properly designed, installed and maintained; and to promote new technologies and communicate more efficient operational and maintenance practices through networking for the continuous improvement of heavy industrial overhead cranes.
  - **Nominations for Board of Director Level Awards—Distinguished Member and Fellow, Sendzimir Award, Fairless Award and Steelmaker of the Year nominations**
  - **Develop committee objectives for next year**
    - Committee Meetings
      - Fall 2026: Orlando, FL
        - 22 – 23 September 2026
        - Tour: Blue Origin (to be confirmed)
        - Technical Topics:
      - Spring 2027: TBD
        - Tour:
        - Technical Topics:
    - 32<sup>nd</sup> Crane Symposium – *Tom Berringer*
      - Date: 8-10 June 2026
      - Location: Pittsburgh, PA
    - 33<sup>rd</sup> Crane Symposium – *Tom Berringer*
      - Date:
      - Location Options:
        - Pittsburgh, PA
        - Cincinnati, OH
        - Lexington, KY
        - Atlanta, GA
        - Dallas or Houston, TX
    - Crane Symposium Abroad – Argentina 2027

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- **Elect New Officers**
  - Chair— Steve Lubeck, Laser-View Technology
  - Vice Chair— Josh Laska, Control Chief Corporation
  - Membership Chair – Mike Sparks, Dellner Bubenzer USA
  - Education Chair— Tom Berringer, Gantrex
  - Young Professional Chair— Roland Najbar, Siemens Industry
  - Digitalization Liaison— Tad Dunville, Unique Group
  
- **Steve Lubeck to present Chair Plaque to Russ Walters for his year of service to the committee**

### **7. Discussion items**

- TR 1 - D/C Mill Motors, 1-A, A/C Motor Specification
  - The decision was to achieve this with no changes planned.
  
- TR 4 – Alloy Steel Chain and Alloy Steel Chain Slings for Overhead Lifting
  - No changes planned.
  
- TR 6 – Spec. for EOH Traveling Cranes for Steel Mill Service
  - Report on the subcommittee’s recent activities.
  
- TR 7 – Specifications for Ladle Hooks
  - Last printed in 2020 and available on AIST.org website for purchase.
  
- TR 8 – Insulated Conductors for Metals Industry Crane and Aux. Motors
  - Report on the subcommittee’s recent activities.
  
- TR 11 – Brake Standards for Mill Motors
  - Report on the subcommittee’s recent activities.
  
- TR 13 – Guide for the Design and Construction of Mill Buildings
  - Report on the subcommittee’s recent activities.
  
- AIST Overhead Crane Maint., Insp. and Repair Handbook
  - Last printed in 2017 and available, no further action is currently required.
  
- Crane Safety and Training Guidelines
  - Report on the subcommittee’s recent activities



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- 8. Chair conclusion**
- 9. Adjourn**

<1:30pm>



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