



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

AIST Spring Meeting Notice / Agenda Pipe & Tube Technology Committee

Date: 17-18 March 2026

Location: Houston, TX

Tour: Gagemaker, Ocean Star Museum, Stress Engineering

Hotel Arrangements

Hampton Inn & Suites Houston/Clear Lake-Nasa Area

506 West Bay Area Blvd.

Webster, Texas 77598

Reserve by 12 March for AIST Room Rate of \$114

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.

Tuesday 17 March

1. *Breakfast* <7:00 a.m.>
2. *Chair's opening remarks – David Johnson* <8:00 a.m.>
3. *Appoint minute-taker*
4. *Antitrust guidelines*
5. *Membership and attendance – Andrew Warble*
6. *Review minutes of previous meeting*
7. *AIST Staff Announcements – Andrew Warble*
8. *AIST Steel Industry Fatalities – Andrew Warble*
9. *Main agenda items*
 - *Finalize AISTech sessions – Yusef Hussein*
 - *Papers due to AIST (17 February)*
 - *Author Registration deadline (5 March)*
 - *Presentation Draft Due in to AIST (17 March)*
 - *Re-emphasize the role of Session Chair and Papers Chair*
 - **Paper Chair Role**—This position is a leadership role within a Technology Committee or Subcommittee tasked with the development of AISTech technical sessions and the management and oversight of the Technology Committee session chairs. The role of Papers Chair is to ensure authors are in compliance with AIST policies for paper and presentation submissions and to ensure that authors register. Many of these tasks are delegated to the Session Chairs but the Papers Chair is ultimately responsible for the development and execution of the Technology Committee's AISTech technical sessions. The Papers Chair may also be responsible in coordinating the selection of the Technology Committee's Best Paper Award winner (if applicable).

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- The Paper Chair role also includes membership on the Board of Director's Conference Planning Committee (CPC). The CPC meets four times throughout the year to plan and review details related to the AISTech conference. Participation in the CPC meetings is highly recommended as it provides insight to the development and execution of the world's largest annual iron and steel conference and exposition. Participation can be in person or by video conference.
 - **Session Chair Role**— This position supports the Papers Chair of the respective technology committee by communicating to the authors on topic content as well as on missing or late submission of required information. The Session Chairs will review and evaluate the paper and presentation files for content as well as for publication and awards (an evaluation form will be provided). Your AIST staff engineer will provide staff support to ensure your success in fulfilling the duties of a Session Chair. Session chairs are also on site at the AISTech conference in their session room to facilitate the flow of the session including introducing speakers, moderating question and answer sessions, as well as handing out certificates.
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- *Nominations for committee officers 2026 – 2027 term*
 - *Finalize committee roundup – Roger Chmura*
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- *Technology Training conference October 2027 – Yusef Hussein*
[*Pipe & Tube – A Practical Training Seminar*](#)
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- *Update from liaisons —*
 - *Digital Transformation Subcommittee – Frank Baumgardner*
 - *Decarbonization – Frank Baumgardner*
 - *Young Professionals – Lauren Miller*

10. Discussion items

- a. TBD

11. Next meeting – AISTech 2026 – Pittsburgh, PA – TBD

12. Lunch

13. Travel and Tour Gagemaker

Gagemaker
712 Southmore Ave.
Pasadena, TX 77502

<Noon>
<01:00 p.m.>



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14. Adjourn <04:00 p.m.>

Wednesday 18 March

15. Tour Ocean Star Museum (Admission is \$15 per Adult) <09:00 a.m.>
**2002 Wharf Road
Galveston, TX 77550**

16. Depart for Stress Engineering <11:00 a.m.>

17. Tour Stress Engineering <01:00 p.m.>
**13800 Westfair East
Houston, TX 77041**

18. Chair conclusion – David Johnson

19. Adjourn <03:30 p.m.>



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