



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

AIST AISTech Meeting Notice / Agenda Refractory Systems Technology Committee

Date: 4 May 2026

Location: David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Pittsburgh, PA, Room 335

1. *Chair's opening remarks – Angelo Cristante* <Noon>
2. *Appoint minute-taker - TBD*
3. *Antitrust guidelines – Andrew Warble*
4. *Membership and attendance – Andrew Warble*
5. *Review minutes of previous meeting – [11-12 February 2026, Las Vegas, NV](#)*
6. *AIST Staff Announcements – Andrew Warble*
7. *Main agenda items*
 - Present [Refractory Systems Best Paper Award](#) – Angelo Cristante

“Steel Ladle Lining Design and Performance Improvements at U. S. Steel Fairfield Tubular Steelmaking Operations”; Michael K. O’Neal, U. S. Steel; Francis M. Sides, U. S. Steel; Anthony W. Faulds, U. S. Steel; Rakesh K. Dhaka, U. S. Steel; David J. Radakovic, U. S. Steel;
 - [Review Mission Statement \(From Website\)](#):

“MISSION: To promote forums for discussion and dissemination of the latest advancements and best practices in refractory technology worldwide as they relate to the entire iron and steel making process.”
 - [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
 - Meeting Locations
 - Technical Topic to be discussed and possible presenters
 - Conferences/Webinars
 - [Steelmaking Refractories – A Practical Training Seminar](#) (21-23 October 2025) – Karen Uffalussy & Jimmy Barrett
 - Elect New Officers
 - *Chair – (nominations being accepted)*
 - *Vice-Chair – Ashraf Hanna*
 - *Papers Chair – (nominations being accepted)*
 - *Education Chairs – Karen Uffalussy & Jimmy Barrett*
 - *Study Tour Chair – Rakesh Dhaka*
 - *Digitalization Liaison – Karen Uffalussy*
 - *Young Professionals Chair – Tyler Richards*

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- *Decarbonization Liaison – Jamie Lash*
- **Present Chair Plaque to Angelo Cristante for his year of service to the committee**

8. Discussion items

- a. Any items to discuss please contact the committee chair Angelo Cristante

9. Next meeting – Wed. 14 October 2026, Kansas City, MO, w/ Steelmaking Refractories – A Practical Training Seminar

10. Chair conclusion – Angelo Cristante

11. Adjourn

<1:30pm>



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