



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

## AIST AISTech Meeting Notice / Agenda Ladle & Secondary Refining Technology Committee

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Location: David L. Lawrence Convention Center Room 336  
Pittsburgh, Penn. USA

1. *Vice Chair's opening remarks—Abhishek Bhansali* <Noon>
2. *Appoint minute-taker—*
3. *Antitrust guidelines already reviewed in technical session rooms*
4. *Membership and attendance—Anna Voss*
5. *Review minutes of previous meeting—A. Bhansali*
6. *AIST Staff Announcements—A. Voss*
7. *Main agenda items*

- **Present Technology Committee award**  
Ladle and Secondary Refining Best Paper Award—presented by Abhishek to  
  
“Comparison of Lance and Plug Methods for Gas Purging in a Ladle on Mixing Efficiency”  
  
Xipeng Guo, Mohammed Abdul Razzak, Nihal Saji, Kiranchandru Lingeswaran, Nicolas Walla (Purdue NW), Judy Li (Nucor), Bill King (Cleveland Cliffs), Chenn Zhou (Purdue NW)
- **Review Mission Statement and suggest changes or vote to keep as is**  
To advance technical development of liquid steel handling and secondary refining through improved safety, quality, and productivity.
- **Nominations for Board of Director Level Awards are Due October 31—Distinguished Member and Fellow, Sendzimir Award, Fairless Award and Steelmaker of the Year nominations**
- **Develop committee objectives for next year**
  - Meeting Locations:
    - Fall: Wednesday 14 October 2026, Kansas City, MO, with Steelmaking Refractories – A Practical Training Seminar
    - Spring: March 2027, joint meeting with someone? Safety & Health?, Maintenance & Reliability TC?
    - Technical Topic to be discussed and possible presenters
  - Conferences:
    - [Steelmaking Refractories – A Practical Training Seminar](#)– Karen Uffalussy & Jimmy Barrett



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- 21-23 October 2025
- Kansas City, MO
- Tour: Nucor Sedalia

- **Elect New Officers**
  - Chair—
  - Vice Chair—
  - Papers Chair—
  - Education Chair—Karen Uffalussy & Jimmy Barrett, Allied Mineral Products
  - **Young Professional Liaison—nominations**
  - **Decarbonization Liaison—nominations**
  - **Digitalization Liaison—nominations**
  
- **Karen Uffalussy to present Chair Plaque to Abhishek Bhansali for his year of service to the committee**

### **8. Discussion items**

- a. Any other items to discuss

### **9. Next meeting**

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### **10. Chair conclusion—**

### **11. Adjourn**

<1:30pm>



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