



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

AIST Spring Meeting Minutes

Cokemaking, Ironmaking, and Energy & Utilities

Technology Committee

Date: February 5, 2026

Location: Coraopolis, PA

Conference: Eastern States Blast Furnace & Coke Oven Association

Hotel Arrangements

Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport Hotel
1160 Thorn Run Road
Coraopolis, PA 15108

Thursday 5 February 2026

1. **Chair's Opening Remarks** – Scott Pisula, Achinta Haldar, John Hill 08:00 am
2. **Appointing minute-taker** – TBD
3. **Antitrust Guidelines** – Scott Pisula
4. **Membership and Attendance** – Scott Pisula and Achinta Haldar (CMTC & IMTC: Current and new members)
5. **Previous Meeting Minutes Review** – CMTC, IMTC, EUTC

6. **AIST Staff Announcements** – Charlie Bender & Madison Dehel
 - a. AISTech 2026 – Pittsburgh, PA May 4-7, 2026
 - b. *My Profile: AIST Website to change any information (phone, email, etc.)*
 - c. Membership Renewal – Attend (1) one committee meeting per year to remain active.
 - d. Young Professional - If you're interested double click on the [YP Link](#) and join the committee. Also, the committee is looking for members of this committee to be under 35 years of age.
 - e. Possible future ties between Linked-In and AIST? General announcements and Advertising AIST conferences, Training, etc.
7. **Steel Industry Fatalities** – Charlie Bender & Madison Dehel

8. **Finalize AISTech Sessions**— Stephen McKnight (CMTC), Husain Tapia & Lucas Melton (IMTC), Anup Sane & Armin Silaen (EUTC)
 - a. Papers due to AIST (17 February)
 - b. Author Registration deadline (5 March)
 - c. Presentation Draft Due to AIST (17 March)
 - d. Re-emphasize the role of Session Chair and Papers Chair

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9. **Technology Training Conferences** - Tina Wolff 09:00am

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- a. [Scrap Supplements and Alternative Ironmaking 10](#)**
9-11 March 2026 Orlando, FL
- b. [Energy Reduction in the Steel Industry – A Practical Training Seminar](#)**
6-8 October 2026 Cleveland, OH with a tour of Rockwell-Cleveland

10. Committee Officer Nominations-Voting @ AISTech Committee Meetings IMTC

- Chair: Achinta Haldar, Stelco
- Vice Chair: Jesse Carreau, AMTS
- Papers Chair: Husain Tapia, AM Dofasco
- Vice Papers: Lucas Melton, CC Burns Harbor
- YP Chair: need nomination
- Membership Chair: Lucas Melton, CC Burns Harbor
- Roundup Chair: Stuart Street, Cleveland Cliffs
- Decarbonization Liaison: Joe Morey, Joe Morey Consulting

CMTc

- Chair: Scott Pisula, U.S. Steel
- Vice Chair: Hardie Burgan, Chiz Bros
- Papers Chair: Steve McKnight, U.S. Steel
- Young Professionals Chair - Aram Hermiz
- Cokemaking Roundup Chair – Thiago Mazzeu (SMS), Jerry Scott (Fosbel) and James Hosfield, U.S. Steel
- Decarbonization Liaison: Jose Alfaro, Arch
- Digitalization Liaison: Buddy Lee

EUTC

- Chair: John Hill
- Vice Chair: Wendy DiMino
- Papers Co-Chairs: Anup Sane & Armin Silaen
- Membership Chair: Sandeep Alavandi
- Education Chair: Tina Wolff
- Young Professionals Chair: Roman Camacho
- Digital Transformation Liaison: Lou York
- Decarbonization Liaison: John Hill
- Decarbonization Subcommittee: Felix Firsbach
- Awards Committee: Ben Myer & Josh Davich

11. Committee Roundup(s)-James Hosfield, Thiago Mazzeu, Jerry Scott (CMTc) and Stuart Street (IMTC)

- a. Blast Furnace, Coke Oven Battery, & Cokemaking Byproduct Roundups**
- b. Final version due AIST 7 February for publication in April issue of IS&T magazine**

12. Update from Liaisons

- a. Young Professional Liaison – Aram Hermiz, Roman Camacho**
- b. Decarbonization Liaison – Joe Morey, Jose Alfaro, John Hill**
- c. Digitalization Liaison – Buddy Lee, Lou York**

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13. CMTA Study Tour Discussion/Updates

- a.** *Dick Randolph/ Thiago Mazzeu/Vince Pilotta*
- b.** *Cokemaking Study Tour Brazil/Argentina 2027*

14. Fall Meeting Agenda(s) & Date(s)

- a. CMTA**
 - i. Fall 2026 Birmingham, AL*
 - ii. Potential Tour(s): Glidewell Foundry & ABC Coke*
 - iii. Confirmation & Dates To Follow*
- b. IMTC**
- c. EUTC**
 - i. Co-located with the Energy Reduction Training Seminar*
 - ii. Cleveland, Ohio*
 - iii. October 6-8, 2026*

15. Next meeting – AISTech May 4-6, 2026

- a. IMTC - TBD**
- b. CMTA - TBD**
- c. EUTC - TBD**

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16. Presentations

10:00 am

- a.** *"Decarbonization Pathways Blast Furnace Discussion" – J.Morey / B.Black*
- b.** *"Efficiency and Sustainability of Combustion Systems and Processes in Iron and Steel" – Sandeep Alavandi*
- c.** *Incident & Recovery Progress @ Clairton's 13-14 Battery. Presenter TBD*
- d.** *"High stave temperature mitigation strategy at STELCO" – Achinta Haldar*

17. Chair conclusion – Scott Pisula, Achinta Haldar, John Hill

18. Adjourn

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