



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

## **AIST Spring Meeting Notice / Agenda Digitalization Applications Technology Committee**

**Date: 9 March 2026**

**Location: Indianapolis, IN, USA**

**Co-located at Industrial Automation & Control System Fundamentals**

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### ***Hotel Arrangements***

#### **Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites**

120 West Market Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

**Reserve by 16 February** for AIST Room Rate of \$209

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.**

### **Monday 9 March 2026**

*Lunch will be served in meeting room*

1. *Chair's opening remarks – Kris Kent, Nucor* <1:00 p.m. >
2. *Appoint minute-taker*
3. *Antitrust guidelines*
4. *Membership and attendance*
5. *Review minutes of previous meeting -*
6. *AIST Staff Announcements*
7. *AIST Steel Industry Fatalities*
8. *Main agenda items*
  - *Finalize AISTech sessions – Brad Morgan, Nucor & Chalapathy Devarakonda, BRS*
    - *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*
  - *Nominations for committee officers*
    - Chair - Krist Kent, Nucor*
    - Vice Chair – David Kober, Global Gauge Corporation*
    - Papers Chair - Brad Morgan / Chalapathy Devarakonda, BRS*
    - Young Professional Chair - Sam Jacobson, Iba America, LLC*
  - *Technology Training conference*
  - *Industrial Automation and Control System Fundamentals training course – David Kober*
  - *Digital Transformation for the Steel Industry Forum, 13-14 October 2026, Sheraton, Pittsburgh, PA, USA*

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Call For Abstracts – Contact [agauffin@aist.org](mailto:agauffin@aist.org)

Call For Panelists – Safety, Predictive Maintenance, Producer Panels

- ***Update from liaisons—Digital Transformation Subcommittee (meeting was organized on 27 October 2025), Decarbonization, Young Professionals (if applicable)***

### ***9. Discussion items***

- a. Update the 101 Digitalization Applications Learning Module.
- b. During the fall meeting, it was discussed that the DATC should lead the formation of an AI Applications Subcommittee within AIST. A first draft of the proposed charter outlining the framework for moving forward with the AI subcommittee has been created and reviewed by AIST management.  
Ron Ashburn addressed this topic during the Leadership Conference in October 2025 where the goal was to gauge producer interest in joining the subcommittee. As this is a Subcommittee, the only approval needed is the general approval of the DATC.

#### **Action Plan:**

Q1: Formalize charter and recruit founding members.

Q2: Conduct baseline survey of AI initiatives across AIST member companies.

Q3: Host webinar – 'AI in Steel: From Data to Decision.'

Q4: Submit AISTech 2027 technical session and release AI Readiness Framework draft.

***10. Next meeting AISTech 2026 Pittsburgh, PA***

***11. Chair conclusion – Kris Kent, Nucor***

***12. Adjourn***

*<4:00 p.m.>*

***Registration Open 4:00-6:00 p.m.***



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