



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

AIST Spring Meeting Notice / Agenda Galvanizing Technology Committee

Date: 17-18 March 2026
Location: Shreveport, LA

Hotel Arrangements

Hilton Shreveport

104 Market Street
Shreveport, LA 71101

Reserve by 2 March for AIST Room Rate of \$165 (2 Queens) or \$175 (1 King)

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 2026 – At Hilton Shreveport

Breakfast 7:00 am

1. Chair's opening remarks 8:00 am

2. Appoint minute-taker

3. Antitrust guidelines

4. Membership and attendance

5. Review minutes of previous meeting

6. AIST Staff Announcements

7. Main agenda items

- Finalize AISTech sessions
 - Papers due to AIST (17 February)
 - Author Registration deadline (5 March)
 - Presentation Draft Due into AIST (17 March)
 - Re-emphasize the role of Session Chair and Papers Chair
- Nominations for committee officers
 - Chair - Dan Drane
 - Vice Chair - Luis Garza
 - Papers Chair - Ana Paula Domingos Cardoso
 - Papers Chair - Dan Baker
 - Young Professional Chair - Dan Topham
 - Digitalization Liaison – Thomas Daum
 - Decarbonization Liaison - Stavros Fountoulakis
- Study Tour planning
- Update from liaisons—Digital Transformation Subcommittee, Decarbonization, Young Professionals

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8. Discussion items – Technical Presentations

Safety First

1. Annealing Furnace Safety Interlocks: Instrumentation and Control Upgrades for N₂ Purging and HN_x Atmosphere Injection.
Presenter: Moaid Alosta (Process Engineer), Ternium USA

Ternium Shreveport Introduction and Safety Management Systems

2. Ternium Shreveport Facility Overview: Line capacities, main equipment, layouts and product fabrication gamma.
Presenter: Rodrigo Salazar (Director of Operations), Ternium USA
3. Ternium Safety Management System: An overview of our safety vision, preventive safety, incident investigation methods and effective communication through all our coating facilities worldwide. We will include here a couple of slides with the tour guidelines, evacuation routes, etc. ,
Presenter: Brian Garrett (EHS Safety Manager), Ternium USA

Annealing Furnace Atmosphere Management

4. Technologies to Monitor Furnace Atmosphere Variables Like Hydrogen, Oxygen and Water Dew Point
Contact: Narge Sparages, Panametrics (narge.sparages@BakerHughes.com)
5. Strategies and New Developments in Annealing Furnace Atmosphere Control and Monitoring
Contact: Maxime Monnoyer, Fives (maxime.monnoyer@fivesgroup.com)
6. Furnace design considerations for Galvalume lines – John Cockerill Industries
Contact: Manuel Leonhard (manuel.leonhard@johncockerill.com)

Coating and/or Premelt Pot Technology & Maintenance Practices

7. Coreless pot technology and maintenance practices
Contact: Melissa Waffan (mwaffen@ajaxtocco.com)

Coating Knives & Pot Hardware Technologies

8. Coating wiping considerations for automotive vs. non-automotive lines
Contact: Jean-Paul Fontaine (jp.fontaine@foen-gmbh.de)
9. Knife & blowing-box upgrade project at Ternium; features of Clecim coating knife technology
Contact: Benjamin Grenier, Clecim (benjamin.grenier@clecim.com)



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10. Coating weight control technologies for Galvalume and very light or very heavy coating weights
Contact: Manuel Leonhard, John Cockerill (manuel.leonhard@johncockerill.com)
11. Pot hardware capabilities for Galvalume lines
Contact: David Rudge, Hatch (david.rudge@hatch.com)

9. *Next meeting*

- AISTech 2026
 - Date: Wednesday, 6 May 2026
 - Location: Pittsburgh, PA
 - Room #: 330

10. *Chair conclusion*

11. *Adjourn*

5:00 pm

Wednesday, 18 March 2026 – Ternium USA

Tour

9:00 am

- Meet at Ternium USA
 - Please wear:
 - Long Sleeves and Pants
 - Closed Toed, Hard Soled Shoes
 - Bring your own Hard Hat and Safety Glasses if possible
- Lunch will be provided by Ternium USA



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