Agenda



AIST Leadership Conference

11–13 November 2026

The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colo., USA

Wednesday, 11 November 2026

1–4 p.m.	**Off-Site Activities** *(optional)*
5:30–7 p.m.	**Welcome Reception and Registration** • *Rocky Mountain Terrace*

Thursday, 12 November 2026

7–8 a.m.	**Breakfast and Registration** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom C*
8–9 a.m.	**Welcome by AIST Executive Director, Agenda Review and Attendee Introductions** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom AB*
9–10 a.m.	**Steel's Age of Realignment** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom AB* Ron Ashburn, Executive Director, AIST
10–10:30 a.m.	**Break** • *Rocky Mountain Foyer*
10:30 a.m.–Noon	**Struggling for Balance, Hoping for Stability** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom AB* Cliff Waldman, Chief Executive Officer, New World Economics
Noon–1 p.m.	**Lunch** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom C*
1–1:45 p.m.	**AIST Strategic Plan and Program Updates** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom AB*
1:45–2:30 p.m.	**Rapid Fire "Air-It-Out" Discussion** Questions, Comments, Concerns • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom AB*
2:30–3 p.m.	**Break** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom C*
3–4:30 p.m.	**Leading Through Uncertainty: Train Your Brain for What's Next** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom AB* Jamie Lewis Smith, Chief Executive Officer and Organization Development Psychologist, Pixel Leadership Group
4:30–5:15 p.m.	**Steel Pursuit** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom AB*
5:30–6:30 p.m.	**Reception** • *Rocky Mountain Foyer*

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Friday, 13 November 2026

8–9 a.m.	**Breakfast**
9–9:15 a.m.	**Opening Remarks** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom AB*
9:15–10:15 a.m.	**Beyond the Plant Floor: Turning Your Company's Expertise Into an AI Advantage** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom AB* Trevor Sookraj, AI Educator and Founder, Trevor's Tech Talk
10:15–10:45 a.m.	**Break** • *Rocky Mountain Foyer*
10:15 a.m. –1:15 p.m.	**Executive Committee Meeting** *(private, includes lunch)* • *Gaylord Ballroom*
10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	**"The Furnace"** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom AB*
12:15–1:15 p.m.	**Lunch** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom C*
1:15–2:30 p.m.	**"The Furnace" Report-Outs** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom AB*
2:30–2:45 p.m.	**Conference Summary** • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom AB*
3–5 p.m.	**AIST Board of Directors Meeting** *(private)* • *Rocky Mountain Ballroom D*

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