



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

AIST AISTech Meeting Notice / Agenda Direct Reduced Iron Technology Committee

Date: 5 May 2026

**Location: David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Pittsburgh, PA Room 328**

1. **Chair's opening remarks — *Angelo Manenti*** <Noon>
2. **Appoint minute-taker — *Angelo Manenti***
3. **Membership and attendance — *Angelo Manenti***
4. **Review & approve minutes of previous meeting — *Angelo Manenti***
5. **AIST Staff Announcements — *Madison Dehel***
6. **Main agenda items — *Angelo Manenti***
 - **Presentation of committee awards**
 - "Benefits of Ammonia for Direct Reduction of Iron Ores"
 - Robert Millner, Gernot Polke, Oday Dagahagheleh
 - **Review and approve or amend mission statement**

To focus on the emerging market and technological trends for the production, handling, and use of direct reduced iron (DRI) and hot briquetted iron (HBI) products as well as present and future alternative iron production technology
 - **Nominations for Board of Director Level Awards—Distinguished Member and Fellow, Sendzimir Award, Fairless Award and Steelmaker of the Year nominations**
 - **Develop committee objectives for next year**
 - Technical Training Conferences
 - DRI & HBI: Logistics, Production & Utilization – A Practical Training Seminar 2027 – *Zane Voss*
 - Committee Meetings
 - Fall 2026: International virtual meeting, 16 September 2026
 - Technical Topics: 3 presentations from locations outside the US, topics TBD
 - Potential future locations:
 - Electra – Boulder, CO
 - Hertha Metals – Houston, TX
 - US Steel Keetac – Duluth, MO
 - Annual Virtual Meeting & International Webinar
 - **Annual Virtual Committee Meeting:** To strengthen international member engagement, it is proposed that the committee establish one virtual meeting each year. This annual session will provide international members with a dedicated opportunity to attend and actively participate in discussions related to committee matters.

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- **Purpose and Scope of the Virtual Meeting and International Webinar:** The annual virtual meeting will focus exclusively on topics and issues relevant to global membership. U.S.-specific agenda items will be excluded to ensure the discussion reflects international priorities, perspectives, and challenges. This approach is intended to promote inclusivity and encourage broader participation in committee deliberations.
- **Presentation and Webinar Guidelines:** As part of the annual virtual meeting, presentations will be delivered, prior to the DRITC meeting, exclusively by companies based outside the United States. This guideline ensures that the content highlights international expertise and diverse viewpoints related to DRI technology, further supporting the meeting's international focus.
- **Elect New Officers**
 - Chair— Angelo Manenti, Metal Consulting LLC
 - Vice Chair— Lisa Young, Cleveland Cliffs
 - Papers Chair— Chris Pistorius, Carnegie Mellon University
 - Education Chair— Zane Voss, CIX Inc
 - Roundup Chair – Richard Elliot, Hatch
 - Young Professional Chairs — Judy Park & Rafaela Viera Rapalo, Carnegie Mellon University
 - Decarb Liaison –
- **Chris Pistorius to present Chair Plaque to Angelo Manenti for his year of service to the committee**

7. Discussion items

- Send other discussion items to Angelo Manenti

8. Chair conclusion

9. Adjourn

<1:30pm>



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