



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

AIST Spring Meeting Notice / Agenda Electrical Applications Technology Committee Long Products Technology Committee

Date: Monday 23-February-2026

Location: Central Station Memphis Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee USA

Hotel Arrangements

Central Station Memphis, Curio Collection by Hilton

545 South Main, Memphis, TN 38103, USA

A block of rooms has been reserved at Central Station Memphis Hotel. Please call the hotel at +1.800.445.8667 or book [online](#) by 23 January 2026 to secure the AIST discount rate of US\$179 per night for single/double occupancy.

AIST technology committee members are asked to print out the latest revised meeting agenda from our website one week prior to this meeting.

- **Chair's opening remarks** – *Sam Stone, Tim Burtram* **<1:00 pm CST>**
- **Appoint minute-taker**
- **Antitrust guidelines**
- **Membership and attendance**
- **Review minutes of previous meeting** – *LPTC, EATC*
- **AIST Staff Announcements** – *Madison Dehel & Charlie Bender*
- **Main Agenda Items**
 - **AIST Steel Industry Fatalities and Safety Discussion**
 - **Finalize AISTech sessions** – *Rob Westropp (LPTC), Ramesh Khajjayam (EATC)*
 - Papers due to AIST (17 February)
 - Author Registration deadline (5 March)
 - Presentation Draft Due to AIST (17 March)
 - Re-emphasize the role of Session Chair and Papers Chair
 - **Committee Officer Nominations – Voting at AISTech committee meetings**
 - LPTC
 - Chair: *Chris Hill, Gerdau Cartersville*
 - Vice Chair: *Rob Westropp, SDI – Structural and Rail*
 - Papers Chair: *T.B.D.*
 - Education Chair: *Andrew Schless, Nucor Steel Berkeley*
 - Roundup Chair: *Joe Kennedy, Quad engineering*
 - Study Tour: *Dean Scheumann, SDI – Structural and Rail*
 - Young Professional Chair: *Lauren Drew, Nucor Steel Yamato*
 - Digital Transformation Liaison: *Antonio Ambra, AIC*
 - Decarbonization Liaison: *T.B.D.*

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- **EATC**
 - Chair: *Tim Burttram, Big River Steel*
 - Vice Chair: *Ramesh Khajjayam, Primetals Technologies*
 - Papers Chair: *T.B.D.*
 - Education Chair: *Bryan Beard, TMEIC*
 - Young Professional Chair: *T.B.D.*
 - Digital Transformation Liaison: *Osvaldo Bascur, OSB Digital*
 - Decarbonization Liaison: *Ramesh Khajjayam, Primetals Technologies*
 - Decarbonization Subcommittee Chair: *T.B.D.*
- **Committee Roundup – Joe Kennedy (LPTC)**
- **Technology Training Conferences – Andrew Schless (LPTC), Kevin Bort & Bryan Beard (EATC)**
 - [Long Products Rolling – A Practical Training Seminar](#)
February 2027 Lexington, NC – Tour of Nucor Lexington
 - [Energy Reduction Fundamentals in the Steel Industry – A Practical Training Seminar](#)
6-8 October 2026 Cleveland, OH
- **Study Tour Planning – Dean Scheumann & Harold Marks (LPTC)**
 - LPTC: Italy, 11-17 October 2026
- **Update from Liaisons**
 - Digitalization Liaisons – Antonio Ambra (LPTC), Osvaldo Bascur (EATC)
 - Decarbonization Liaisons – Ramesh Khajjayam (EATC)
 - Young Professional Liaisons – Lauren Drew (LPTC)
- **Fall Meeting Dates & Agendas**
 - LPTC
 - EATC
- **Next Meeting – AISTech May 4-6, 2026**
 - LPTC – TBD
 - EATC – TBD

BREAK

<2:15 pm CST>

- **Presentations**
 - **“Power Distribution Monitoring via Smartphone App: An IIoT Field Application”** – *Cosimo Ladiana*, BRS PD Automation Manager
 - **“Galv Line VFD Arc Flash Investigation and Modifications”** – *Alber Becerra*, Big River Steel Cold Mill Electrical Manager



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- **“Digital Substation: Inception Through Startup and Beyond”** – [Anil Kanagala](#), PTUS Sr Electrical Engineer
- **“Robotic Applications and Advanced Mechatronic Machines”** – [Antonio Ambra](#), AIC
- **Chair conclusion** – [Sam Stone](#), [Tim Buttram](#)
- **Adjourn** **<5:00 pm CST>**



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