



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

## **AIST Spring Meeting Notice / Agenda Ladle & Secondary Refining Technology Committee**

**Date: 19 February 2025**  
**Location: Birmingham, AL USA**  
**Tour: Lhoist O'Neal Facility**

### *Hotel Arrangements*

**Courtyard Birmingham Downtown at UAB**  
1820 5th Avenue South Birmingham, Alabama, USA, 35233  
**Reserve by 31 January** for AIST Room Rate of \$159  
For reservations, book [online](#)

### Wednesday 19 February 2025

1. *Continental Breakfast* 7 a.m.
2. *Chair's opening remarks—Korey Skala* 8 a.m.
3. *Appoint minute-taker—K. Skala*
4. *Antitrust guidelines—K. Skala*
5. *Membership and attendance—Anna Voss*
6. *Review minutes of previous meeting—K. Skala*
7. *AIST Staff Announcements—A. Voss*
8. *AIST Steel Industry Fatalities and Safety Discussion*
9. *Main agenda items*
  - *Finalize AISTech sessions*
    - *Papers due to AIST NOW (17 February)*
    - *Author Registration deadline (5 March)*
    - *Presentation Draft Due into AIST (17 March)*
      - *Draft is due so that session chairs have time to review and make suggestions for final presentation*
    - *Review the role of Session Chair and Papers Chair*
      - *Any additional session chair volunteers?*
  - *Nominations for committee officers*
    - *Chair—Abhishek Bhansali, Nucor Berkeley*
    - *Vice Chair—need nomination*
    - *Papers Chair—Judy Li, Cleveland Cliffs Research & Innovation Center*
    - *Education Chair—Jimmy Barrett, Allied Mineral Products*
  - *Technology Training conference*
    - *Steelmaking Refractories—A Practical Training Seminar*
    - *7-9 October 2025*
    - *Cincinnati, OH*
  - *Update from liaisons—Digital Transformation Subcommittee, Decarbonization, Young Professionals*



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- **Lunch** 11:30
- **Carpool to Lhoist O'Neal facility for tour—leave by 12:30pm to arrive in Calera by 1pm, mine blast is at 3:18pm and we need time to check in and tour the facility before that happens.**

### **Thursday 20 February 2025**

**10. Continental Breakfast**

7 a.m.

**11. Discussion items**

8 a.m.

- a. <meeting topic and presentations to be filled in by Committee Chair>

**12. Next meeting**

AISTech 2025 Nashville TN

**13. Chair conclusion—K. Skala**

**14. Adjourn**

11 a.m.



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- DON'T make announcements or statements about your own prices or those of competitors.
- DON'T talk about what individual companies plan to do in particular markets or with particular customers.
- DON'T disclose to others any competitively sensitive information.
- DON'T propose or agree to any action intended to disadvantage or injure another company.
- DON'T stay at a meeting or activity where any such anti-competitive talk occurs.
- DO have an AIST staff person present at any meetings and insist on the agenda being followed and minutes kept.
- DO confer with AIST staff before making any statement with competitive ramifications.

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