

- “Ergonomics – Prevent Unnecessary Injury and Fatigue,” by [Andreas Van Meeteren](#), Metragro Americas.
- “The Steel Industry and Global Economy,” by [Becky Hites](#), Steel-Insights LLC.
- “A Sustainable Way to Make Steel,” by [David Stickler](#), Hybar LLC.

The event concluded with a plant tour of CMC Steel Texas for the 46 attendees. The Birmingham and Southwest Member Chapters appreciate the sponsors, vendors, presenters and attendees who made the joint meeting a success. The chapter extends a special thanks to CMC Steel Texas for hosting the plant tour.

Detroit Member Chapter

The Detroit Member Chapter held a meeting at the Crystal Gardens Banquet Center in Southgate, Mich., USA, on 12 November 2024. Approximately 120 people were in attendance to hear [Scott Buckiso](#), senior vice president and chief manufacturing officer – North American Flat-Rolled Segment, United States Steel Corporation, discuss the benefits of Nippon Steel acquiring U. S. Steel as well as several recent achievements at U. S. Steel, including the start-up of Big River 2.

European Member Chapter

The European Member Chapter hosted their Steel Forum at the Messe Essen in Essen, Germany, on 5–7 November 2024, with 238 registrants in attendance. For a full recap of the forum, please see page 116.

Middle East North Africa Member Chapter

The MENA Member Chapter held a Green Steel Webinar on 4 December 2024, for 76 professionals and students who attended from around the globe. MENA

Chapter chair [Karim Badr](#), RHI Magnesita, served as the moderator. There were four presentations, each followed by a question-and-answer session.

Presentations:

- “Status of the Transformation of the Steel Industry in the EU,” by [Jürgen Cappel](#), CSC Cappel Stahl Consulting GmbH.
- “Enabling the Green Transition,” by [Paolo Stagnoli](#), Tenova.
- “Green Steel Projects — Challenges and Opportunities,” by [Joachim von Schéele](#), Linde plc.
- “EMSTEEL – Green Steel Journey,” by [Mohamed Saleh](#), EMSTEEL Group.
- “Imperatives of Low-Carbon-Emission Steel,” by [Naveen Ahlaway](#), Jindal Steel and Power.

Midwest Member Chapter

On 12 November 2024, the AIST Midwest Member Chapter hosted their annual Young Steel Professionals’ Night at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Ind., USA, with 332 in attendance.

[Elizabeth Borges](#), U. S. Steel – Gary Works served as moderator of the panel of six young steel professionals that yielded an great discussion: [Joseph Barbercheck](#), Cleveland-Cliffs Burns Harbor; [Zachary Bugajsky](#), U. S. Steel – Gary Works; [Declan Cannon](#), Cleveland-Cliffs Riverdale; [Giovanni Gjonaj](#), U. S. Steel – Gary Works; [Hem Patel](#), Cleveland-Cliffs Indiana Harbor; and [Daniel Whelan](#), NLMK Indiana.

The chapter also hosted their annual holiday dinner dance on 7 December 2024, where nearly 300 members and guests enjoyed a festive evening of dinner and

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Detroit Member Chapter chair [Joe Hunter](#) (right) presented keynote speaker [Scott Buckiso](#) (left) with a plaque of appreciation.



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