



INDUSTRIAL HEATING EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATION

What you missed at the IHEA 2025 Annual Meeting



IHEA closed the last general session of the 2025 Annual Meeting with a presentation featuring Chad Spore of John Deere and Scott Hyde of The Timken Company.

IHEA members gathered in Hilton Head Island in March as IHEA celebrated its 96th anniversary as part of its 2025 Annual Meeting. The program was filled with timely and well-received presentations, valuable committee meetings, and a great array of social activities including a golf outing, traditional theme dinner, and the president's gala to close the event.

A well-received AI presentation from Isabella Bedoya with Infinite AI included a live demonstration and gave the audience plenty of food for thought. IHEA economist Chris Kuehl gave two presentations. The first was his annual economic update, where he indicated that the data we follow shows no signs of a recession (more on that in the next IHEA member economic update).

Roundtable discussions kicked off the second day of the meeting and saw members actively engaged as they talked about the biggest challenges facing the industry as we transition to a sustainable and low-carbon future; whether there are still strong initiatives focusing on decarbonization in industrial heating processes (the answer was a resounding "yes"); concern over the potential Canadian & Mexican proposed tariffs; change of companies' strategic direction with the new U.S. government administration; and more.

Jason McHood of Airgas, an Air Liquide Co., gave an excellent presentation on hydrogen combustion, looking at what's happening, transitions, and what's coming down the road.

IHEA committee reports provided updates on a variety of activities



The topic of economics was spotlighted in two presentations at the 2025 Annual Meeting.

while the Sustainability Committee kicked off the program planning for the IHEA 2025 Industrial Heating Decarbonization SUMMIT with great momentum.

Chris Kuehl returned on the final day to provide a deep dive into geopolitics around the globe. Several attendees who had never attended an IHEA Annual Meeting said: “Best honest, impartial economic talk and outlook I’ve ever been around.”

Our annual “Fireside Chat” concluded the meeting with insights from Chad Spore of John Deere and Scott Hyde of Timken sharing

information on their learning process where sustainability is concerned and giving an honest approach to answers asked by session moderator Tim Lee of Honeywell.

All in all, this was another successful IHEA Annual Meeting with plenty of great information shared and wonderful comradery throughout the event. IHEA thanks its counterparts: Timo Wuerz of CECOF in Europe



IHEA conference attendees received timely updates as well as opportunities to network.

and Ryouji Takashi of JIMFA in Japan, for making the long journey to South Carolina to provide an update on the industrial heating industry in their respective areas.

Finally, IHEA recognized the contributions of long-time member Mike Shay of Elster Kromschroeder North America, who passed away in December. Shay’s contributions to IHEA and the industry will always be remembered. “Sláinte, Mike!”

Mark your calendar to attend the IHEA 2025 Industrial Heating

Decarbonization SUMMIT in Indianapolis September 29-October 1. Bookmark www.summit.ihea.org to keep up-to-date as the SUMMIT program unfolds later this spring.

IHEA 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Fundamentals of Industrial Process Heating Online Course
6-week online course | Register at www.ihea.org/events

SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

IHEA Industrial Heating Decarbonization SUMMIT

The SUMMIT is designed to be your gateway to the future of manufacturing heating processes, leveraging the energy and carbon connection, and sustainable environmental stewardship.

Industrial Heating Decarbonization SUMMIT Tabletops & Sponsorships

At IHEA’s 2nd SUMMIT this September, exhibitors and sponsors will once again be able to reach a wide range of decision makers involved in their company’s decarbonization efforts.

*93% of the attendees indicated the tabletop exhibits enhanced their experience.
86% indicated that they received valuable information at the tabletops.*

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