

**2026 PEI Technical Forum, Suppliers' Mart and "Back-to-Basics" Workshop
Program**

All times listed are Eastern Time (US)

Monday March 9th, 2026 Early Registration & Arrivals

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Early arrivals & registration

Tuesday March 10th, 2026 41st Back-to-Basics Workshop and 35th Suppliers' Mart

Chairman: David Mitchell – Whirlpool Corporation

Faculty: Charles Baldwin (Vibrantz), Warren Norton (SRJ Steel), Cliff Bynum (Worldwide) Brian List (Atotech) Jason Butz (Pemco), Jeff Hoffmann (Paul O. Abbe), Scott Burrows (Worldwide), Ian Toupin (Vibrantz)

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Registration

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM Welcome and Introductions

8:45 AM – 12:30 PM B2B Session One
Introduction to Porcelain Enamel
Steel (metal) selection
Design and fabrication
Cleaning and metal preparation
Wet P/E coating and Mill Additions

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 PM – 5:00 PM B2B Session Two
Ball Milling
Electrostatic powder coating
Drying and firing
Defect analysis, inspection, and troubleshooting

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Suppliers' Mart Reception
Our exhibition will take place in the hotel after the completion of the presentations. We will provide you with appetizers and drinks at this wonderful networking opportunity.

Wednesday March 11th, 2026 88th PEI Technical Forum and 35th Suppliers' Mart

8:15 AM - 8:30 AM Welcome and Introductions
Frank Mohar – PEI President

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	<u>A. J. Andrews Memorial Lecture</u> “Economic Update,” Chris Kuehl, Armada Corporate Intelligence
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	<u>Laboratory Investigations</u> “Additional Topics on Wet Enamels,” Jason Pelliccione, PEMCO International “Correlation Study of Global Water Solubility Standards,” Ian Toupin, Vibrantz Technologies “Antimicrobial Effects of Enamel and Silica,” Shruti Sanas, Rheem Manufacturing
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<u>Break</u>
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	“Type 1 vs Type 4 Steel,” Pete Kullen, US Steel “AI-Driven Predictive Maintenance for Porcelain Enamel Lines,” Joey Farha, Tractian “Vit Steel Myth Busting,” Warren Norton, SRJ Steel
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	<u>Lunch</u>
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<u>Drying and Firing</u> “Toward Transient Thermal Modeling and Real-Time Cure Prediction for Porcelain Enamel Furnaces,” Ryan Limpus, Worldwide Finishing & Supply “Process Line Heating: The Science of Heat,” Marty Sawyer, Trimac Industrial Systems “Drying and Dehydration in Porcelain Enamel,” Paolo Colombo, Trasmetal
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	<u>Break</u>
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	“Empowering Factories to Achieve Peak Visibility into Their Production Processes,” Serra Tuzcuoğlu, Cosmodot “Ball Milling Optimization,” Jeff Hoffmann, Paul O. Abbe
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM	<u>Break</u>
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	“Non-contact Coating Thickness Measurement,” David Schneider, Coatmaster

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM PEI Team Meetings (the two groups below will meet concurrently)
Marketing Team – PEI Social Media and Marketing Plan– Room TBA
Technical Committee – Porcelain Enamel for mobile nuclear reactors – Room TBA

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5:30 PM – 6:00 PM ASTM B08.12 Committee Meeting

Thursday March 12th, 2026 **88th PEI Technical Forum**

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM Welcome and Introductions

8:45 AM – 10:15 AM Porcelain Enamel Systems
“Managing your Powder Enameling Capabilities,” Frank Mohar, Nordson Corporation

“Spray Happens: The Engineering of Atomization,” Wayne Albergotti, Worldwide Finishing & Supply

“Best Practices for Porcelain Enamel,” Suresh Patel, BASF-Chemetall

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM Break

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM “Environmental Regulations Update,” Tom Lee, Latham & Watkins LLP

11:15 AM – 11:45 AM “From Legacy to Leading-Edge: A Phased Strategy for Industrial Control Upgrades,” Scott Burrows, Worldwide Finishing & Supply

11:45 AM – 12:15 PM “High Efficiency Burners for Porcelain Enameling,” Steve Mickey, WS Thermal Process Technology

12:15 PM – 12:30 PM PEI Committees and Programs
“ASTM B08.12,” Charles Baldwin, Vibrantz Technologies

“PEI Tech Forum Proceedings,” Stewart Hackler

“2026 IEI Congress,” Cullen Hackler

“The State of the Institute,” Stewart Hackler