

BLRBAC MEETING NOTICE

October 5, 6, 7th



BLRBAC Meeting will be held at
Hilton Atlanta Airport
1031 Virginia Avenue
Hapeville, Georgia
(404) 767-9000



Spring Meeting Notices are posted by mid-February
Fall Meeting Notices are posted by mid-August

Pass this information on to all your company employees and/or guests who are authorized to attend BLRBAC.

FUTURE BLRBAC MEETINGS

Spring	April	5, 6, 7 th *	2027
Fall	October	4, 5, 6 th *	2027

"Bring Operator(s). Give them a chance to hear firsthand!"

■ Past Chairman Lon Schroeder



* BLRBAC's Executive Committee maintains authority to reschedule any of the posted future meetings due to conflicts with various holidays or other business activities.

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BLRBAC FALL MEETING

HOTEL AND SHUTTLE INFORMATION

HOTEL/ATLANTA AIRPORT

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

October 5, 6, 7th 2026

Hotel Reservations

Attendees are responsible for booking their own hotel rooms. A primary block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Hotel/Atlanta Airport for BLRBAC attendees and will expire on September 03, 2026. When booking, please request a room within the BLRBAC reserved block. A valid credit card is required to confirm your reservation.



Hilton Reservation Link:

[2026 Fall Meeting](#)

There is parking available at the hotel and there is an airport shuttle that runs on the half-hour to and from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

The Executive Committee strongly encourages all attendees to use the official BLRBAC Hilton reservation link. As part of our contract with the Hilton, BLRBAC has guaranteed that we will fill this room block, so we ask that all attendees book their accommodation through the designated link.

PLEASE NOTE: Making a hotel room reservation does not register you for the BLRBAC meeting, nor does it ensure that you will be permitted to attend the BLRBAC meeting. To attend you must register with MetroConnections by following the link on the following page, pay the appropriate fees, and receive a registration packet from the Registrar at the Hilton Hotel. The BLRBAC nametag must be worn for admittance to all scheduled meetings.



Black Liquor Recovery Boiler Advisory Committee BLRBAC FALL 2026 MEETING

NOTE: Only those who have a confirmed Advance Registration are guaranteed a meeting packet.

Meeting Registration

We are also pleased to announce that the early conference registration fee has been set at \$400 per person, available through September 11, 2026. After this date, on-site registration will be \$425 per person.

The Executive Committee reduced the registration fee from \$500 to \$400 in the Spring. BLRBAC has reached the reserve level necessary to fund one full conference, thanks to strong attendance at recent meetings. To avoid collecting more funds than needed, the Committee determined that lowering the fee is both appropriate and fiscally responsible.

BLRBAC remains committed to responsible financial management to ensure we can continue offering two conferences annually. We also reaffirm our mission to share knowledge and develop guidelines supporting the safe and reliable operation of Black Liquor Recovery Boilers.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming conference.

Here is the link for registering for the Fall Meeting. You can also go to the blrbac.net website to register for the Fall Meeting. This link will expire on September 11th after which you will need to register at the door for an additional \$25.

[2026 Fall Meeting](#)

BLRBAC MEETING SCHEDULE

Fall 2027

SUNDAY, October 4th (P.M.)

5:00 pm--8:00 pm

Note: There will be registration on Sunday night from 5PM to 8PM. Registration will start at 7:00 am Monday morning and end at noon on Tuesday. There will be no registration open on Wednesday.

MONDAY, October 5th (A.M.)

7:00 am-- 6:00 pm

At Door Registrations and Distribution of Registration Packets

8:00 am—Noon

ESP Subcommittee - (CLOSED)

8:00 am – Noon

Auxiliary Fuel Subcommittee - (No Meeting)

8:00 am – Noon

Instrumentation Subcommittee - (OPEN)

- Review BLRBAC anti-trust statement.
- Introductions and committee roll call
- Review:
 - Spring 2026 Minutes / Approve.
 - Review status of posted documents.
- New Business. Open discussions on what subject / systems we need to add /clarify / weigh in on:
 - Rapid drain valves, indicators. SSOs?
 - Address IT/OT, separation? Cameras, Process book, remote HMIs. Should we reference other code / guidance?
 - Add clarification concerning refract adjustments (2%)
 - Robot spout cleaner's guidance?
 - Dissolving tanks: Level, Baume, density, TA, TTA?

MONDAY, October 5th (A.M.) Continued**8:00 am—Noon****Materials & Welding Subcommittee - (OPEN)**

- BLRBAC Anti-Trust Statement
- Introductions
- Read and approve Spring 2026 minutes
- Update Subcommittee Membership
- Review updated Materials & Welding Guidelines
 - National Boiler photographs (Nicol)
 - Weld Ring/Backing Ring (Simard)
- Presentation from members
 - Base Material Repair (Legacy)
 - Composite Tube Butt Weld Caps (Legacy)
 - Welding Qualification Variables (Rayco)
 - Repair versus Replacement (GPAC)
 - Drum Material Presentation (B&W)

8:00 am -- Noon**Personnel Safety Subcommittee - (OPEN)**

- BLRBAC Anti-Trust Statement / Introduce members
- Discuss if the Guideline should recommend permanent H₂S monitors and personal H₂S monitors
- Training Presentations:
 - Lundberg Jansen: This presentation provides an in-depth look at the entire process of developing a customized operator training program, from the initial optimization tuning activities to the final in-person training seminars. This step-by-step walkthrough is intended to provide a template for mills to develop and implement their own training regimens and includes examples of past programs to demonstrate the effectiveness of these activities.
 - FORNAX: Recovery Boiler Emergency Shutdown (ESP) Training
- Open the discussion for personnel safety topics

8:30 am-- Noon**Safe Firing of Black Liquor Subcommittee – (CLOSED)**

- BLRBAC Anti-Trust Statement
- Introduce members
- Review and approve Spring 2026 minutes
- Review any open items brought up to the subcommittee before the Spring 2026 meeting
- Review large tube leak logic
- Review changes from safe firing of Aux fuels
- Continue discussions from Spring 2026 meeting (Refer to minutes).

MONDAY, October 5th (A.M.) Continued**9:00 am - Noon****Waste Streams Subcommittee - (No Meeting)****8:30 am - Noon****Fire Protection in Direct Contact Evaporators –
(No Meeting – Scheduled every 18 months)****MONDAY, October 5th (P.M.)****1:00 pm -- 3:30 pm****Auxiliary Fuel Subcommittee - (OPEN)**

- BLRBAC Anti-Trust Statement
- Call to Order, Minutes, Membership Changes
- Topics from the Spring 2026 meeting
- Topics TBD
- Planning for future meetings, Adjournment

1:00 pm-- 3:30 pm**ESP Subcommittee - (CLOSED)****1:00 pm-- 3:30 pm****Materials & Welding Subcommittee – (OPEN)**

- Call to Order
- BLRBAC Anti-Trust Statement
- Introductions
- Continue presentations from morning session
 - Base Material Repair (Legacy)
 - Composite Tube Butt Weld Caps (Legacy)
 - Welding Qualification Variables (Rayco)
 - Repair versus Replacement (GPAC)
 - Drum Material Presentation (B&W)
- Solicit topics, issues from members and guests for Spring 2027
 - Master Hand Hole Caps or Blind Nipples
 - Inspection/Repair of composite interface transition line (Haraga)
 - Creep findings and inspection methods
 - Neutral Axis Fatigue Cracking
 - 304L Historical Cracking Issues
 - Economizer Lower Header Failures
 - Weld Overlay vs Co-Extruded Tube Material

MONDAY, October 5th (P.M.) Continued**1:00 pm -- 3:30 pm****Water Treatment Subcommittee - (OPEN)**

- Open Meeting to Member / Guest Questions.
- Continue Production of Deionization Water Section
- Discuss Framework for Clarification/Filtration Section (time permitting)
- Close meeting

1:00 pm-- 4:00 pm**Instrumentation Subcommittee - (OPEN)**

- Continue with any document review from the morning
- Open discussion / questions from committee and guests
- Close meeting

1:00 pm-- 4:00 pm**Safe Firing of Black Liquor Subcommittee – (OPEN)**

- Review BLRBAC Anti-Trust statement.
- Introduce members and guests.
- Review any open items brought up to the subcommittee before the Spring 2026 Meeting.
- Continue discussions from Spring 2026 meeting (Refer to minutes).
- Review changes submitted to EC for approval Spring 2026.
- Presentation on air cooling of the DT agitators in lieu of water.
- Open item discussion from members and guests.
- Any new items will be discussed.

1:00 pm-- 4:00 pm**Personnel Safety Subcommittee - (CLOSED)**

- BLRBAC Anti-Trust Statement / Introduce members
- Update membership and contact info
- Develop Guideline review process that will happen between BLRBAC meetings
- Any ideas for additions/changes to the Guideline before the review starts

1:00 pm-- 4:00 pm**Waste Streams Subcommittee – (No Meeting)****4:00 pm -- 6:00 pm****Executive Committee Meeting with Subcommittee Chairmen - (CLOSED)**

TUESDAY, October 6th (A.M.)**7:00 am -- 1:00 pm****At Door Registrations and Distribution of Registration Packets****8:00 am -- Noon****ESP Subcommittee - (OPEN)**

- ESP Incident Reviews

9:30 am -- 9:45 am**Coffee Break****Noon -- 1:00 pm****Buffet Luncheon (Registration badge required)****TUESDAY, October 6th (P.M.)****1:00 pm -- 3:00 pm****Operating Problems Session - (OPEN)**

- Answer questions submitted by the membership.
- Please submit your questions using the attached form or you can email them to ahead of time to dave.tjaarda@smurfitwestrock.com
- Forms can be turned in where you pick up your registration packets or on the front side table in main meeting room.

4:00 pm --**Executive Committee - (CLOSED)****4:30 pm -- 6:30pm****Casino Fun Night. Dinner served. Come try your luck!****WEDNESDAY, October 7th (A.M.)****7:00 am -- 8:00 am****Note: There will be no Door Registrations on Wednesday****8:00 am -- Noon****Main Committee Meeting (per Agenda)****10:00 am --****Adjournment****10:00 am -- 11:30 am****Technical Presentations:****10:00 – 10:30**

- On-Site Recovery Boiler ESP Training and DCS Readiness Assessment – Rudy Haraga – Fornax Services

10:30 – 11:00

- Reliable Dissolving Tank Density Measurement
C.A. Vossberg – Electron Machine

11:00 – 11:30

- TBD

Main Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 7th, 2026

INTRODUCTION – Gregory Burns – Chairman

OLD BUSINESS -- Acceptance of Minutes for the Spring 2026 meeting – **Gregory Burns**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. New Members/Representative Changes Report** – **Daniel Franco**
- 2. Executive Committee Report** – **Gregory Burns**
- 3. Treasurer's Report** – **Brad Osborne**
- 4. Secretary's Report and/or Secretarial Services Report** – **Daniel Franco**
- 5. Subcommittee Reports**
 - 5.1 Auxiliary Fuel Report – **Adam Marickovich**
 - 5.2 Black Liquor Report – **Sarah Henke**
 - 5.3 Emergency Shutdown Procedures Report – **Frank Navojosky**
 - 5.4 Instrumentation Report – **John Browning**
 - 5.5 Materials & Welding Report – **Laura Nichol**
 - 5.6 Personnel Safety Report – **Steve Morrison**
 - 5.7 Publicity & News Release – **Nicholas Quigley**
 - 5.8 Water Treatment Report – **Tom Przybylski**
- 6. Member Vote on Guideline Changes**
 - 5.9 Emergency Shutdown Procedures – **Frank Navojosky**
 - 5.10 Instrumentation Report – **John Browning**
 - 5.11 Waste Streams Report – **Paul Seefeld**
- 7. American Forest & Paper Association Recovery Boiler Report** – Wayne Grilliot
- 8. TAPPI Report** – ERC Chairperson or designee
- 8. Western Canada BLRBAC Report** – Angelo Porchetta
- 9. Activity Outside North America Reports**
- 10. Operating Problems Session Report** – Dave Tjaarda

NEXT MEETING – April 4, 5, 6th 2027

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OPERATING PROBLEMS SESSION

SUGGESTION SHEET

Bring your questions and problems to the operating problems session. This is your opportunity to share and learn.

SUCSESSES

CHALLENGES

QUESTIONS

ISSUES

POSSIBLE TOPICS: Precipitators, carbon steel, sootblowers, steam outs, instrumentation, ID fan, green liquor, FD fan, burner management, hoppers, superheater, water wash, cyclone evaporator, egress, insurance, spout cooling, qualification, plugging, generating bank, density, lagging, corrosion, combustibles, ESP, blowdown, pumps, capacity, agitators, metal spray, NDE, scaffolding, refractory temperature, agitators, drum level, air heater, emergency, personnel, atomizing steam, nozzles, sarco strainer, safety shut/off valves, smelt, near drum corrosion, double valve and tell tale, refractory temperature, metal spray, flame detector, studs, fire protection, sprayer plates.

Completed forms can be submitted ahead of the meeting by e-mail or by regular postal service:

Mr. Dave Tjaarda

Dave.tjaarda@smurfitwestrock.com

Forms completed during the conference may be turned in at the BLRBAC Registration Room or directly to Dave prior to lunch on Tuesday. We will do our best to ensure that your questions and/or comments are shared during the Operating Problems Session on Tuesday.