

Highlights of the Cordage Institute 2025 Annual Conference

On May 20-22, the Cordage Institute held its Annual Conference at the Hotel Place d'Armes in Montreal, Quebec. The full conference program included a Technical Seminar, Business Meeting, Technical Subcommittee and Task Group meetings, as well as a meeting of the full Technical Committee. During the full Technical Committee Meeting, reports from each Subcommittee and Task Group were provided.

The Business Session included a keynote presentation by Jeremy Bess and Patrick Luce titled "Navigate the Economy: Prepare for Takeoffs and Landings."

The busy program for the Technical Seminar included the following presentations:

The Influence of Bending Ratio on the Strength of HMPE Slings

Presented by Loet Hoppe with I-Coats N.V. on behalf of Hou Bingbing and Chiate Chou with Zhejiang Four Brothers Rope

Considerations For Total Mooring System Energy and Testing Opportunities

Presented by John Hughson with Samson Rope Technologies

Dynamic Behavior of Aramids: Implications for Rope and Cable Applications

Presented by Ben Rolink with Teijin Aramid B.V.

Tanker Mooring Line Failure Trends and Analysis

Presented by Elizabeth Huntley with Whitehill Manufacturing

Sustainable Rope

Presented by John Flory with Tension Technology International

Additionally, new member presentations were given by Innovarte Pte Ltd and Galan Textile Machinery.

On Wednesday night, at the President's Night Dinner, the music was provided by Jazz Instead and set the upbeat mood for the evening. The presentation of The Richards Technical Contribution Award to Amy Jenkins at Teijin Aramid was met with great applause.

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Cordage Institute President, Beth Huntley, greeting attendees at the Welcome Reception and Dinner



First-Time Attendees at the Welcome Reception and Dinner



Forrest Sloan, right, passing the role of Technical Committee Chair to Loet Hoppe, left



Josh Walls giving a technical presentation during the Cordage Institute's Technical Seminar



Patrick Luce and Jeremey Bess presenting the keynote presentation, "Navigate the Economy: Prepare for Takeoffs and Landings"



Xavier Galan from Galan Textile Machinery, left, and Olivier Boubeaud from Innovarte, right, share their company profiles as the newest members of the Cordage Institute



Sarah Padilla, far left, thanks the 2025 Technical Seminar Presenters (left to right): John Flory, Beth Huntley, Loet Hoppe, John Hughson, Ben Rolink



Attendees listening to presentations during the Cordage Institute's Technical Seminar



Beth Huntley, left, presenting The Richards Technical Contribution Award to Amy Jenkins, right



Beth Huntley thanking Forrest Sloan for his years of service as Technical Committee Chair



Beth Huntley thanking Kandi Stirman for gifting pink cord bracelets to the women in attendance



Cordage Institute tourists posing for a picture at the Canadian Royal Bank



Koen Van Goethem, far right, congratulating the winning golf teams for the 2025 Sim Whitehill Golf Tournament



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