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NGA Provides Update on Combination with Glass Association of North America

Vienna, Va. (Nov. 14, 2018)—National Glass Association (NGA) President & CEO Nicole Harris has provided a timeline of important activities since the historic combination of the NGA and Glass Association of North America (GANA) on February 1, 2018.

February 2018

- NGA [announced](#) that the combination with GANA was finalized.
- An [Integration Task Force](#) (ITF) of equal representation from NGA and GANA was formed to oversee and advise the Board of Directors on transition and integration matters.

March 2018

- The now combined association held the 2018 BEC Conference for the glazing contractor community, which [exceeded expectations](#) drawing over 500 attendees to Las Vegas for the event.

April 2018

- At the [2018 Annual Conference](#), Julie Schimmelpenningh and Stanley Yee, both of the ITF, introduced a new committee structure for the combined NGA and GANA. (See July for more details.)
- Glass Magazine published the article [One, Unified Voice](#) on why the NGA - GANA combination is important to the glass industry and its companies.

June 2018

- NGA [welcomed three new board members](#) to fulfill its new governance directive—made effective upon the combination with GANA—to have 13 board members representing the entire supply chain.

July 2018

- NGA launched the [Glass and Glazing Estimating Essentials](#) courses and manual available on [MyGlassClass.com](#) (an updated version of the former GANA Blueprint Reading and Labor Estimating Course).
- Leaders for the Advocacy, Forming, Fabricating and Installing committees were named. The full committee and leadership structure can be seen [here](#).

September 2018

- NGA held the [2018 Fall Conference](#) in conjunction with GlassBuild America, and the important work done at the committee meetings was amplified during a [special education session](#) open to all GlassBuild attendees.

October 2018

- NGA's technical services staff attended the ASHRAE 90.1 meeting in Atlanta and [reported three items of good news](#) to members.

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November 2018

- The NGA Board of Directors and other industry stakeholders held a strategic planning session to set the vision and upcoming goals for the Association. (More information will be reported from the strategic planning session in the coming weeks.)
- Three updated Glass Informational Bulletins (GIB) and one new GIB are now available: Heat-Treated Glass Surfaces are Different; Skylights and Sloped Glazing are Not Walking Surfaces; Suggested Procedures for Dealing with Broken Glass; Understanding Reflected Solar Energy of Glazing Systems in Buildings, and will be available to all members by the end of the month.
- The Project Managers Reference Manual was updated and will be available for sale by the end of the month.
- This Thursday, Nov. 15, NGA president & CEO Nicole Harris will present November's Thirsty Thursday webinar giving an update on NGA's activities. There is no cost, but participants must [register here](#).

Available in December

- New AIA CES Course: Fire-Rated Glazing Today
- Laminated Glazing Reference Manual

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ABOUT NGA

Founded in 1948, the National Glass Association (NGA), www.glass.org, combined with the Glass Association of North America (GANA), www.glasswebsite.com on February 1, 2018 to form the largest trade association serving the architectural glass and metals industry supply chain, including glazing contractors, full-service glass companies, glass fabricators, primary glass manufacturers and suppliers to the industry. It is a technical powerhouse that brings some of the best minds to the table to create technical resources and promote and advocate for glass in buildings. NGA's education and training programs—both online at MyGlassClass.com and in-person at association-sponsored events—and its official publication *Glass Magazine*, keep the industry knowledgeable and well-informed. NGA also produces the industry's largest annual trade show in the Americas, *GlassBuild America*, and hosts the Annual and Fall Conferences, the Building Envelope Contractors Conference, the Glazing Executives Forum and other educational and networking events, bringing together thousands of industry professionals to help them build more profitable businesses.