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NGA and GANA: Creating the Unified Voice for the Glass and Glazing Industry

Association leaders share outline of the combination.

October 3, 2017—The National Glass Association (NGA), Vienna, VA, and the Glass Association of North America (GANA), Topeka, KS, announced unanimous board approval for the combination of the two associations during GlassBuild America’s Opening Session in Atlanta last month.

Members of both associations had the opportunity to ask questions about what their new, combined association would look like. Doug Schilling, Schilling Graphics and GANA’s Volunteer President and Nicole Harris, NGA Staff President & CEO also addressed the members during GANA’s Fall Conference held in conjunction with GlassBuild, sharing these details:

The combination will result in one, unified voice to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of:

- Advocacy
- Technical resources
- Industry standards
- Data gathering
- Education and training
- Industry events
- Information sharing across our industry

The new Board of Directors of the combined Associations will consist of 13 voting Board members:

- 3 glazing contractors
- 3 full-service glass companies
- 2 WDDA dealers
- 2 glass fabricators
- 1 primary glass manufacturer (company changes yearly or biennially at board direction)
- 2 glass industry suppliers
- NGA President/CEO as a non-voting *ex officio* member

Effective on the Closing Date of the Combination, two voting positions of the initial combined Board of Directors will be filled by the current GANA President (currently, Doug Schilling) and current GANA Immediate Past President (currently, Stanley Yee) by special designation in a resolution of the NGA Board, for multi-year terms on the Board.

The combination will positively impact Association activities, including reducing meeting and operational redundancies, and trimming time and expense for our members and volunteers so they can better focus on their companies' growth and objectives, and the long-term health and welfare of the glass and glazing industry.

A new Joint Implementation Task Force consisting of three members each from NGA and GANA will create a roadmap for the integration, picking up where the original Joint Task Force—which created the new organization's governance structure—left off. An announcement of the six representatives of this body will be made soon.

Long-time member of both NGA and GANA, Rod Van Buskirk, President, Bacon & Van Buskirk, Champaign, IL expressed the views of many saying, "Congratulations to the GANA and NGA Boards for making the decision to unify our industry's two great associations. This move fulfills the hope of Roy Van Buskirk, a past President of GANA and a past Chairman of NGA, and many other long-time members of both GANA and NGA. Unifying our two great associations should help our industry speak with one voice and offer cost-effectiveness and greater service for our members and for the entire industry."

Please [click here](#) for previous releases covering news of the combination.

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ABOUT NGA: Founded in 1948, the National Glass Association (NGA), www.glass.org, is the largest trade association serving the architectural glass and metals industry, and represents the interests of glazing contractors, glass retailers and glass fabricators. The NGA provides education and training programs for its member companies through its online training site MyGlassClass.com, and keeps them informed through the [Glass Magazine's](#) print and electronic publications. The NGA also produces the industry's largest annual trade show in the Americas, [GlassBuild America](#), and hosts the [Glazing Executives Forum](#) bringing together thousands of industry professionals to help them build more profitable businesses.

ABOUT GANA: The Glass Association of North America (GANA), www.glasswebsite.com, is a progressive, innovative association where pride and enthusiasm for a career in architectural glass and glazing is fostered through educational events, technical resource development and relationship-building opportunities. GANA provides a forum for exchanging information that is relevant in the constantly changing glass and glazing industry. It is a technical powerhouse that brings some of the best minds to the table to promote and advocate for glass in buildings.