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NGA and GANA Joint Task Force Report Progress

Industry volunteers explore combining the two associations into one stronger, unified voice.

March 13, 2017--The National Glass Association (NGA), Vienna, VA, and the Glass Association of North America (GANA), Topeka, KS, held its first joint task force meeting in late February to discuss a possible combination of the two industry trade associations.

The NGA task force is represented by:	
Michael Albert, S. Albert Glass	Angelo Rivera, Faour Glass Technologies
Nicole Harris, NGA President & CEO	Jerry Jacobs, NGA General Counsel
The GANA task force is represented by:	
Stanley Yee, Dow Corning Corp.	Doug Schilling, Schilling Graphics
Gus Trupiano, AGC Glass Company North America	Steve Marino, Vitro Architectural Glass
Kim Mann, GANA General Counsel	

Discussion focused on combining the unique elements from both associations that would create a new organization re-invigorated with the strongest and most effective attributes of each. “The meeting was positive and productive,” said Michael Albert, NGA Chairman.

“There is considerable common ground in our approach for the betterment of the glass and glazing industry,” said Stanley Yee, GANA President. The joint task force emerged with a “better together” viewpoint and agreed to share preliminary information to inform the next steps which would include the development and exchange of a draft “letter of intent” to capture the key elements around which this new joint organizational structure might be built.

The joint task force group meets again before the end of March and is on target to meet its 90-day deadline for a joint recommendation to the NGA and GANA boards of directors.



ABOUT NGA: Founded in 1948, the National Glass Association (NGA), 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 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, provides a forum for exchanging information and ideas to stay relevant in the constantly changing glass and glazing industry. GANA 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.

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