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New Association Technical Process
Charting the course for greater impact

January 4, 2018—The Integration Task Force established by the Glass Association of North America (GANA), Topeka, KS and the National Glass Association (NGA), Vienna, VA, identified its guiding principles to ensure continuance of the important work by the Glass Association of North America (GANA) committee volunteers once the combination becomes effective early in 2018.

- Preserve the integrity of the technical process and outputs, observing fundamental due process.
- Eliminate duplication across committees to more efficiently execute member priorities.
- Align processes to carry out the new Association’s strategic goals consistent with budget/staff capacity.
- Maximize the impact and end use of the documents produced in committee.
- Encourage and engage new volunteer participation.

Per the Agreement, GANA’s legacy Divisions will be restructured into a separate section or department, to be named “GANA Technical Services,” to reflect the full supply chain now represented by the new Association. The Integration Task Force is working to define the structure to maintain continuity of projects and publications.

The Glazing Industry Code Committee (GICC) retains its separate identity and processes in the new structure and is the governing body for developing industry positions regarding building and energy codes, and advocating those positions before code bodies.

The Integration Task Force is an *ad hoc* transition group with equal representation by NGA and legacy GANA representatives charged with advising the new Association Board on transition and integration matters. GANA’s representatives are: Ren Bartoe, Vesuvius USA, Julia Schimmelpenningh, Eastman Chemical Co. and Stanley Yee, Dow Corning. NGA’s representatives are: Michael Albert, S. Albert Glass Co., Angelo Rivera, Faour Glass Technologies and Nicole Harris, NGA President & CEO.

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

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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.

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.