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**Association Integration Focus: Technical Services & Advocacy**  
*Imbedding GANA's strengths in NGA*

January 11, 2018—The National Glass Association (NGA), Vienna, VA, has formed a new Technical Services & Advocacy Department to ensure continuance of the important and ongoing work by the Glass Association of North America (GANA) committee volunteers and staff upon closing of the combination.

Committee volunteers will continue to work on documents in process before the combination close and will renew their collaborative focus on topics affecting more than one industry segment. Task groups will continue to be formed and charged with developing industry related guidelines and bulletins. Previously generated legacy GANA documents will be maintained and offered.

Per the combination Agreement, GANA's legacy divisions will form a new association structure, a separate department, reflecting the full supply chain. The Glazing Industry Code Committee (GICC) and Flat Glass Manufacturing Division (FGMD) retain their separate identities and processes in the new structure.

Code consultants Tom Culp, Birch Point Consulting, and Thom Zarembo, Roetzel & Andress, will continue their work on behalf of the Association, monitoring and representing the industry's interests at building code hearings, ASHRAE, NFPA and NFRC, etc.

The [Integration Task Force](#) is working on a technical document development plan, refining the voting and approval process for technical publications consistent with maintaining due process, and determining the process to advocate for formal positions before third-party groups outside the building and energy code arena when needed, among other tasks integral to the success of the combined associations. The end product of the Integration Task Force's work will come before the NGA Board of Directors as recommendations.

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](http://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](http://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](http://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.