



# Glass & Architectural Metals Association

C/O Calgary Construction Association

2725-12 Street N.E. Calgary, Alberta Canada T2E 7J2

## General Meeting Minutes Sept. 14, 2006

Location: Royal Executive Inn, Calgary, Alberta.

### 1.1 Call to order

Brent Harder called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

### 1.2 Introductions

Randy Brock	Desa Glass
Greg West	Ferguson Glass
Marg Townsend	Oldcastle Glass
Dave Mackay	Cascade Aqua-Tech
Art Deviat	Griffin Glass (1981) Ltd.
Ron Walder	Glass guild
Bruce Voudb	Ferguson Glass
Richard Munro	Alberta Glass
Keith Pynoo	Kawneer
Glenda Dewar	Alberta Glass Company
Doug Klumpp	Spectra Light Window Films
Brent Harder	Ferguson Glass
Richard Neal	Ferguson Glass
Stacy Gallant	A1 Power Door
Jerome Malenfant	A1 Power Door
Dan Taylor	Desa Glass
John Reitmijer	Grant Metal Products
Christine Jaynes	Ryerson
Brian Allan	Heritage Glass
Larry Phillips	Heritage Glass
Steve Petersen	Automated Entrances
Moritz Schmidt	Merit Contractors Assoc.
Rob Pedersen	AFG Glass

### 1.3 Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting

Christine Jaynes motioned to accept the minutes from the April, 2006 General Meeting, Rob Pedersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

### 1.4 50/50 Draw

Winner of the 50/50 draw was won by Christine Jaynes & Brian Allan split a pot of \$ 44.00.

### 1.5 Committee Reports

**1.5.1 CCA/Glenda Dewar**

Report Attached.

**1.5.2 Treasurer/Membership/Ron Walder**

Report Attached.

By a show of hands, Alumicor & Aztech Architectural firms' application to rejoin GAMA was accepted.

**1.5.3 Newsletter/Dan Taylor**

With a full box of newsletters remaining, it was suggested that we drop some off at SAIT and the CCA planroom.

**1.5.4 Guest Speaker/Steve Petersen**

No Report.

**1.5.5 ABEC/Brent Harder**

Brent will try again to contact ABEC to inquire on the possibility of having a GAMA Expo along with their National Meeting in March of 2007 in Banff.

**1.5.6 Social Events/Jeff Vitale**

No Report.

**1.5.7 Safety/Ray Greenland**

No Report.

**1.5.8 LAC/PAC Update**

No Report

**1.5.9 Education/George Formos**

Report Attached.

**1.5.10 Certificate of Leadership/Marg Townsend**

Report Attached.

**1.5.11 Past President/Richard Neal**

Richard will be contacting members via E-mail regarding GAMA elections. Our AGM has been booked with SAIT for Nov. 16, more information to follow.

**1.5.12 Web Master/ Brent Harder**

Brent is currently working on the PGAA website – [www.pgaa.ca](http://www.pgaa.ca)

**1.6 Guest Speaker**

Mr. Moritz Schimdt from Merit Contractors Association gave a presentation on the benefits of Merit.

**1.7 New Business/ Additional Reports****1.7.1 Rob Pedersen advised us of an offshore glass scam; see attached.****1.7.2 CGA Report/ Keith Pynoo**

Report Attached

**1.8 Motion to Adjourn**

Steve Petersen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Christine Jaynes, all in favor.

Report to GAMA General Meeting – September 14, 2006

Items discussed at the June 15, 2006 Calgary Construction Association Meeting:

Gold Seal designation is being promoted across Canada for construction management personnel and is being required as a condition of some contracts especially Government projects. The Gold Seal requirement has been for both project managers and superintendents. Provinces have different levels of requirements ranging from who requires the Seal, to what type of project mandates a Gold Seal, to requirements depending on dollar value of projects.

While millions of dollars and man hours have been spent since the mid 80s putting together the Gold Seal Program, if the construction industry does not endorse and support this program Gold Seal will lose its status to other organizations such as PMI (Project Management Institute) with its PMP (Project Management Professional) designation course.

The Canadian and the Calgary Construction Associations both support the Gold Seal program. The incoming Chair of the Canadian Construction Association's Gold Seal Committee, Bob Noseworthy, recommends that Gold Seal committees be established at different associations. We need to back the Gold Seal program so that construction buyers don't call for other management schemes in their contract documents. The Gold Seal program has to be sold to the owners and the public. Having one acceptable program for project management certification will keep contractors at all levels understanding and working toward the same goal.

The on going shortage of labour was discussed and resulted in the announcement of construction career expo for today's youth. This event is scheduled for Calgary in the spring of 2007, and the initiative has been called "Hiring You To "Build" Your Future". This event is in the preliminary planning stages but the Calgary Construction Association is calling on all the subtrade associations to participate. The intent is to have employers hire 500 youth at this event for summer employment.

Those of us who have attended school fairs with the idea of promoting the Glazing trade know some the difficulties we will encounter during an expo such as this, most notably the fact that no one has ever heard the word glazier or the fact that we also work with aluminum. I am confident however, that we will represent the glazing trade at the expo. We will have to be innovative in our approach.

The Youth Employment Program has been running well however, the coordinator has resigned. The CCA has hired a new person but we not had a meeting yet.

Since the CCA Board of Directors conference in Banff it appears that the differences between the Edmonton Construction Association and the Alberta Construction Association will be resolved with the ECA once again being part of the provincial ACA Team.

Respectfully submitted

Glenda Dewar  
Alberta Glass

**GAMA monthly financial statement**

**September 7, 2006**

**Balance forward:** \$ **10,702.89**

	Expenses	Revenue	
<b>Income</b>			
Lynx Ridge Golf Tournament		\$ 14,545.00	
North South Tournament		\$ 2,090.00	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Dan Taylor Newsletter Stamps/envelopes	\$ 162.79		
Ferguson - Salvation Army Jim Brady	\$ 100.00		
Golf Tournament	\$ 3,800.00		
Lynx Ridge	\$ 9,773.79		
Golf Tournament North South	\$ 2,090.00		
Bank Charges Uncounted Batch fee	\$ 5.00		
Cash Deposit Fee	\$ 2.51		
Terms Deposit Fee	\$ 4.00		
Service charges	\$ 15.39		
	\$ 15,953.48	\$ 16,635.00	\$ 681.52
			\$ 11,384.21
<b>Assets</b>			
Petty cash			\$ 100.00
GIC			\$ 5,260.76
Total assets			\$ 16,744.97
<b>Outstanding expenses</b>			
SAIT Lou Thomas Award	\$ 2,500.00		
Silent Auction funds to be transferred to charities (SAIT)	\$ 1,327.00		
Trade show display	\$ 3,300.00		-\$ 7,127.00
<b>Total cash assets</b>			\$ 9,617.97



**GAMA Report / September 7, 2006**

**11 – 1<sup>st</sup> Year Students are registering on 11<sup>th</sup> of September**

**Following courses offered for this Academic Year**

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year &gt; October 23</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>December 1, 2006</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year &gt; January 2</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>February 9, 2007</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year &gt; January 2</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>February 9, 2007</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year &gt; February 12</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>March 23, 2007</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> year &gt; February 12</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>March 23, 2007</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year &gt; March 26</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>May 4, 2007</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year &gt; May 7</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>June 15, 2007</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year &gt; May 7</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>June 15, 2007</b>

**SAIT has hired a full time instructor, Mr. Brian Risbey. Brian comes to us with a wealth of knowledge, a very good disposition and great work ethics, with over 20 years in the trade. Welcome Brian.**

**I would like to thank all of the applicants who applied for and were interested in the instructor position.**

**As requested by the LAC our shop renovations are moving along and will be complete in a week or two. The six new upright belt machines, a new sandblaster and new metal hardware cabinets are now installed. SAIT has been very generous to our program over this past year. As well as hiring Brian, it will give George Formos the opportunity to continue to update curriculum and exams until January when he will return to the classroom.**

**Thanks to GAMA and the GTA we have approximately \$2,800.00 in reserve to purchase specialty items for the program. Let's continue to work as a team.**

**Construction Department /SAIT Glazing Section**



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## Certificate of Leadership Report

To review:

The Certificate of Leadership program is made up of 4 key areas. These include Apprentice, Safety, Technical and GAMA commitment. Your company can be accredited with any one or all of the 4 areas and will receive a certificate each year showing the achievement.

The questionnaires for 2006 were sent to all of the members at the end of August, and we've requested that they be completed and returned by September 15<sup>th</sup>. If you don't have a copy, I have some with me or I can email or fax it to your office tomorrow.

Last year we had less than 40% of the members reply and this year our goal is to have 100%. It takes 5 - 10 minutes and we feel this is a stepping stone in the process to bring our industry to a higher level of recognition in the construction industry.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Townsend  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice GAMA

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48 sent.  
So far we've got 10 back.

Glass Shops Beware of Ordering Scams



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USGNN has learned that Indiana glass shops have been the target of a recent ordering and shipping scam. According to Sherry Allender with Bedford Glass in Bedford, Ind., a man calling himself the Rev. Able Frank is calling shops to order 100-200 lbs of glass, paying with stolen credit cards and then asking that the glass be shipped to Ghana, Africa. He asks the shop to contact an international shipping company and to provide them with the weight and dimensions of the glass. The shipping company then provides the cost to ship the glass to Africa.

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Allender told USGNN that the freight company is part of the scam; it asks for pre-payment of \$1300 by a Western Union money order.

She told USGNN she learned it was a scam when she called her glass supplier to place the order. Her supplier informed her that she was the fourth person to place this same order for shipment to Africa.

"I called my local police," said Allender. "The police said to fax the man back and let him know we knew it was a scam."

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More Glass Companies Reporting Telephone Scam



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Last week, USGNN reported that glass companies in the Midwest were reporting a scam involving the use of stolen credit cards and large orders of glass to be shipped to Africa (see Glass Shops Beware of Ordering Scams). As it turns out, it's not a local scheme.

Glass shops on the East Coast reported the same activity: companies receive telephone calls via relay devices such as text telephone devices (TTD), which are used to help members of the deaf community make and receive phone calls, and the person placing the call requests to order a substantial amount of glass-both windshields and double-strength glass has been requested-to be shipped to a country in Africa. Though each shop has reported being contacted by a different person, the call pattern has remained the same. So far, the calls have also evolved into e-mail correspondence.

One glass shop employee reports that when she informed the person making the call that she knew it was a scam, the person hung up on her.

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## Canadian Glass Association report to PGAA & GAMA Sept 6-06 Keith Pynoo

The Canadian Glass Association (CGA) held an executive board meeting in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on May 5, 2006. This was hosted by the Glass Dealers Association of Saskatchewan (GDAS) in conjunction with its Annual General Meeting, Trade Show and Banquet. I would like to thank Ken Kassian, the employees at Dynamic Glass & Door and the directors of the GDAS for their hospitality and for holding such a well organized event.

There were a few items on the CGA's meeting agenda that addressed some current issues which will affect many people in the glass industry. They included registering the glazing trade with provincial or federal governments, attracting students to the glazing trades, increasing our contact with the auto glass sector, investigation into energy surcharges for flat glass products and updates to the Glazing Systems Specification Manual as it is currently being adopted in Ontario. We also discussed setting up a Lifetime Membership Award on a national level. Watch for more details in upcoming CGA newsletter published in Glass Canada magazine.

My term as Past-President Canadian Glass Association will come to an end of December 2006 therefore I will be resigning my position as PGAA & GAMA director to the CGA.

In light of this, I had discussions with Stephen Hargrove of Wescom Glass & Aluminum Ltd about the responsibilities associated with the position and the length of term required. With Stephen being a president of both associations in the past, this would be of great benefit for all the associations involved. Stephen said would volunteer as representative for both the PGAA & GAMA.

The PGAA & GAMA will need to appoint a CGA director to represent both associations on the executive board of directors of the CGA. Having one representative from both associations would be of benefit.

I would like to thank all the executive and members of PGAA, GAMA and GTA for their support during my term in office.

Keith Pynoo  
Past-President  
Canadian Glass Association