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John Dwyer Promoted to President of Syracuse Glass



Syracuse Glass Co., a 96-year old manufacturer of tempered and insulating glass, all-glass entrances, shower enclosures, aluminum doors and curtainwalls sold in the Upstate New York area, has announced that John Dwyer has been promoted as president of the company.

Dwyer has been with the company for 20 years, and has a bachelor's degree from LeMoyne College and a master's degree from Boston College.

He is a member of the Construction Specifications Institute and served previously as the president of the Glass Association of North America (GANA) and the New York State Glass Association.

"I am proud to learn of John's promotion to president," said Stanley Smith, executive vice president of GANA. "His leadership during his tenure as president of GANA was truly outstanding. I am confident that the qualities he brings to his new position are the perfect recipe for success."

obituaries

Renato Meiohas, of AGM Machinery

Renato Meiohas, who was involved in sales and marketing for Italian fabrication machinery in the United States and Canada for the past two decades, died July 30 at the age of 56 from Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease, a rare brain disease, at a hospital in Turin, Italy.

Director of sales for AGM, he had recently moved to Tenafly, N. J., to open a new office for the company. He had joined AGM in Toronto in 1987, after a stint as North American sales manager for Bottero SpA. He became the driving force behind AGM's expansion by opening an office in Charlotte, N.C. He was also instrumental in establishing the present AGM subsidiary structure with five locations throughout the United States and Canada, and had been active in the stone industry as well as the flat glass industry.

"Renato was well known to customers, suppliers and competitors. He has touched hundreds of people with his humor and stories of adventures. Renato was always brimming with new ideas, and was constantly looking for the next new challenge. He was energetic and passionate and lived life to the fullest without any regrets," stated Bernard Micalizzi, one of the owners of AGM.

He is survived by his wife Yoko Kurobe Meiohas, his daughter Chiara, his son Davide, mother Renata Meiohas, his brothers Daniele and Moreno and his sisters Manuela and Jardena. He was born in Turin on August 20, 1949 and his interests included traveling, skiing, running, parachuting, rally car racing and motorcycling.

The funeral was held August 4 in Turin.

Paul Brooks, Sr., Dynamic Glass Co.

Paul Brooks, Sr., shop foreman for Dynamic Glass Co. Inc. in Houston, passed away in early August after a

short illness. He was a well-known and well-liked glazier in the Houston area, according to the Texas Glass Association, and is survived by his wife and children.

Services were held at Brookside Memorial Cemetery on August 10.

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Tony Hobart Leaves Guardian

Tony Hobart, who had been group vice president for North America for Guardian Industries Corp., left the company in July after more than 12 years.

The move was made for personal reasons, and he is consulting on an interim basis under the name KLH Consulting.

“I intend to remain in the glass industry long term, as I have 26 years of experience in a variety of areas of the business including sales and marketing, product planning, market development and strategic development,” said Hobart.

Hobart said that he left the company with a certain regret but thought it was time for a new direction.

“I would like to thank Bill Davidson and Russ Ebeid for the incredible experience I gained and support that was given to me at Guardian Industries. It is a company composed of amazingly talented people who are poised for great success in the future. In addition, I want to thank all of the customers in the glass industry who I met over the years and have come to know personally. The glass industry is like one big family that has touched my life in a deep and meaningful way. I look forward to helping this industry with its challenges in the future.”

In other personnel news at Guardian, Jim Gresehover, previously of Gentex Corp. in Holland, Mich., has been named director of international development. Gresehover will be in charge of exploring the company’s overseas expansion opportunities of the glass, automotive and building products division, particularly in Asia.

Amy Hennes has been named the new manager of corporate communications. She will be responsible for overseeing the company’s public relations and communications activities.

Ken Recko Named Vice President, U.S. Manufacturing for Tremco

Tremco Sealant/Weatherproofing division has announced that Ken Recko has been promoted as the vice president, U.S. manufacturing.



Recko has been with the company since 2004, previously serving 24 years with PolyOne Corp., most recently as the director of operations. He has a managerial/technical background in manufacturing operations, engineering and business management.

Recko has bachelors’ degrees in chemical engineering and natural science chemistry from Akron University.

Solvay Chemicals Names Senior Vice President of Sodium Products

Solvay Chemicals Inc., headquartered in Houston, has announced Marc Nuchelmans has been named senior vice president, sodium products.

Nuchelmans joined Solvay S.A. in Brussels, Belgium, in 1987 as an internal consultant in the logistics department. While with Solvay S.A. he served as head of the PVC compounds production unit and head of the logistics department, before moving to Solvay Polyolefins Europe S.A. as supply chain and information systems manager in 1996. In 2000, Nuchelmans returned to Solvay S.A. as European logistics operations manager for the soda ash, hydrogen peroxide, detergents and electrochemistry and derivatives business unit. He holds a

“Grande Distinction” degree in civil engineering/mining from the Ecole Polytechnique de l’Universite Libre de Bruxelles, and a “La Plus Grande Distinction” management degree from the Insitut d’Administration et de Gestion de l’Universite Catholique de Louvain.

Three Promoted to Vice President Status at IBA Consultants

David Beecher, Wayne Offerman and Anthony Porcello have all been promoted as vice presidents at IBA Consultants.

Beecher, who now serves as vice president of West Coast operations, has been with the company for eight years and was promoted from project manager.

Offerman, who works from the Sarasota, Fla., office was promoted to vice president, consulting services from senior consultant.

Porcello previously served as vice president of sales and marketing. He is now the vice president of operations and works from the company’s Boca Raton office.

NFRC Approves Bi-Lingual Label

The National Fenestration Rating Council’s (NFRC) board of directors approved two new bi-lingual labels (English/Spanish and English/French) during its summer meeting, held July 25 - 28 in Quebec City, Quebec.

“The new label allows both English and either French or Spanish to appear simultaneously and should increase understanding and usage of the label,” said Jim Benney, NFRC executive director.

The new provisions are now permitted for use and will become mandatory for newly-printed multilingual labels on or after October 1, 2005 and mandatory for all labels affixed after July 1, 2006. The changes will be reflected in Appendix B of the product certification program.

The board also announced that six board positions will open at the end of the year. Available positions include:

- A one-year slot for a not-for-profit consumer, environmental, energy efficiency or other public interest organization;
- A one-year slot for a representative employed or affiliated with a member who is a test or simulation laboratory;
- A three-year slot for a manufacturer that sells the majority of its fenestration products for use in residential construction;
- A three-year slot for a representative of a state or local government, energy or building code office;
- A three-year slot for a representative who is employed or affiliated with members who purchase or specify fenestration products, is involved in the regulation of the use of fenestration products and/or has a significant interest in promoting building energy efficiency; and
- A three-year slot for a representative who is employed or affiliated with members involved in manufacturing fenestration products or components or with members who are trade associations or other organizations formed to represent such manufacturers.

The NFRC has also announced that the next meeting of its non-residential products task group will be held on October 5, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Airport North in Atlanta.

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