



Newsletter

GDAS Inc Mission Statement

The purpose of the GDAS is to form a venue for people in the glass industry to share ideas and best practices in order to develop a stronger glass industry in the province of Saskatchewan. To create this venue GDAS hold various functions for people in the industry to get together such as Trade Shows, Golf Tournaments, regional meetings, training sessions, and promotion of the apprenticeship program. Members of the association are kept informed about their industry through quarterly newsletters. The GDAS is an unbiased and ethical organization representing interest of all members without discrimination.

Views on an Association

The following is a report that Dave Husson, President of the Canadian Glass Association prepared for the Canada Glass magazine. Many of the comments hold true for the GDAS.

As I complete my last few months of my tenure as president, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect upon my experience as a volunteer with the Canadian Glass Association (CGA), the Glazing Contractors Association of B.C. (GCABC) and as director of IGMAC.

Let me start by asking a question: *Why have an association at all?*

The answer to the question is that you get the opportunity to control your industry's destination instead of placing it in the hands of government which has no understanding of what we do.

If not for the work of a small group of industry volunteers having the vision to help make our industry better I don't believe we would be in the position that we are today.

Where do we go from here?

I have had the opportunity to meet people from all the associations across Canada. The one missing ingredient is youth. We need youth to provide the enthusiasm and drive to take our industry to the next level whatever it may be. I urge you all to introduce younger people into your associations Also to listen to what they have to say. Yes they don't have the experience but they may bring ideas forward for the future of our industry.

The other step we must take is to add professional help. I am truly amazed at the associations that work solely by volunteers.

By taking the step to add professional management, whether part-time or full-time, takes the stress from the volunteer and allows the association to meet deadlines faster and more organized. It also provides the organized planning for the future which is required.

Why should I volunteer?

Who else is going to provide the direction for our industry? If everyone takes their turn as a volunteer then there will be less burnout.

In closing, I want to leave you with one of my strongest beliefs. The head of any glazing association should be a glazing contractor not a supplier. A supplier may know our industry but has not experienced it the same way. Only the glazing contractor knows what direction the industry is heading.

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Message from the Executive Director

As I close a chapter in my life of being involved in the Glass Dealers Association of Saskatchewan I reflect on the many accomplishments that the association has had; The Annual General meeting that included training, seminars, trade shows, great fellowship and entertainment, The Auto Glass Technician competition which showcased the best in the auto glass industry, The glass apprenticeship bursaries encouraging our youth to seek a career in the glass industry, The networking opportunities that were offered at our AGM and our annual golf tournament, and finally an industry voice.

I am hopeful that the association will carry forward and blaze new horizons and offer opportunities for its members and the industry in general.

I would like to thank the members of the association for giving me the opportunity to serve. Through my position as executive director, I have had the pleasure to work along side dedicated individuals that have had the industry interests in mind.

In closing **THANK YOU**, and good fortune and prosperity to all!

Peter Galesloot



The Canadian Glass Association has partnered with ICBA Benefit Services Ltd in offering programs and products that will benefit employers, employees and the CGA.

By year end the CGA will have rolled out all three phases on the new program. Phase 1 will be an employee group health benefit program, Phase 2 will be bonding and liability insurance, and Phase 3 will be a homeowner's insurance package.

As a member of the GDAS you are also a member of the Canadian Glass

Association and are eligible to participate in the programs offered.

The CGA has also entered into partnership with Marks Work Wearhouse. This program gives members a 10% discount on work wear, industrial wear, safety footwear, rainwear, and other safety and related accessories. What is required is a CGA discount card which is available from the CGA by contacting Zana Gordon, executive director of the CGA at www.canadianglassassociation.com.



2009 Bill Knapman Memorial Golf Tournament



From left to right: Ken Kassian, George Coulling, Denise Winslow, and Ryan Cooper, winner of the 2009 Bill Knapman Memorial Golf Tournament at the Harbor Golf Club & Resort at Elbow Saskatchewan.

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The Auto Glass Committee has been hard at work in their negotiations with SGI. They need member support, give one of them a call to encourage them to carry on with their efforts.

Auto Glass Committee Members:

Bard Mc Rae – Chairman - Speedy
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