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AGMT and NACC Certification Programs Announce Updates During AGMCC Annual Meeting

Board role transitions and program updates coincide with growth of both glazing certification programs.

[17 November 2026 – Sackets Harbor, NY] The Architectural Glass and Metal Certification Council (AGMCC) hosted its annual meeting November 11-12, 2026, in Chicago. The event brought together representatives from the Architectural Glass and Metal Technician (AGMT) and North American Contractor Certification (NACC) programs. AGMCC sponsors both glazing certifications and hosts the annual event to conduct program business, discuss updates, and provide a forum for dialogue.

"The AGMCC Annual Meeting is open to all construction industry stakeholders," explained Program Director Scott Kennett. "It provides an opportunity to solicit feedback from certified contractors and glaziers, hear issues facing the construction community, and identify ways to make both programs more robust and resilient. Our goal has always been to promote quality and safety in glazing, ensuring owners and general contractors have a means to reduce the risk associated with glazing installation."

The AGMCC Annual Meeting spanned two days and included a participants' meeting, certification meeting, and marketing meeting open to all parties interested in certifications, along with a closed-door board meeting. 51 individuals attended in person or virtually. ArentFox Schiff hosted the meeting in its Willis Tower conference suite.

AGMCC Board Transitions

The AGMCC board includes 18 members, divided equally between the glazing industry and general interest members from the supplier, construction, end-user, and public interest categories. Five new board members were elected to their first three-year terms: Chandler Architectural Products, Inc. Senior Project Manager and Director of Safety Andrew J. Mele and Glass & Metal Alliance and International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) Organizer Pat O'Connor, AGMT, will represent the glazing industry; Dow Research Scientist Jeffrey P. Quast will represent the supplier perspective; DPR Construction Manager Building Envelope Thilo Wilhelmsen will represent the construction perspective; and retired glazing executive Bill Sullivan will represent the public interest perspective. District Council 77 Director of Training Frank E. Jones, Jr., AGMT, was reelected.

Departing the AGMCC board are former secretary/treasurer Jon Kimberlain of Dow Performance Silicones and David Stutzman, AIA, FCSI, CCS, SCIP, of Conspectus, Inc. who served since 2018; Mike Laughlin of the N.J. Building Trades Council, Jeremy Mclain of Chandler Architectural Products, Inc., and Tina Donnelly of Turner Construction, who served since 2022; and John Merkert of Clark Construction, who served since 2023. AGMCC thanks them for their service.

NACC Program Milestones

- Curtainwall Design Consulting (CDC) Senior Associate Consultant and Field Services Manager Nicolás Esquivel Guzmán, a board member since 2025, was elected to chair the NACC Committee.
- 113 companies have earned NACC; the program anticipates reaching 120 certified contractors by year's end.
- 28 states and 1 Canadian province have NACC certified contractors; they perform work in 43 states.
- NACC contractors are safer, demonstrating 0.188 better than industry average insurance Experience Modification Rate (EMR is the numerical rating used by insurance companies to measure an organization's safety record).
- Certification assessment cycle updates include in-person (office and jobsite) assessments for initial application and in years 1, 4, and 7, with remote assessments in between.
- NACC Procedural Guide updates to better clarify contractor compliance expectations will be rolled out in early 2027.

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AGMT Program Milestones

- 2,169 individuals hold AGMT certification.
- AGMT-certified glazing installers are based in 28 states and 3 Canadian provinces.
- AGMT will host public testing events in 2027 in Dallas, Texas; Washington, D.C.; Providence, R.I.; Seattle, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Ponder, Texas; Chicago, Ill.; Orlando, Fla.; Teterboro, N.J.; and Houston, Texas.
- Ongoing AGMT testing is available at AMS, Inc. in Sackets Harbor, N.Y., and by arrangement with program organizers.

"AGMT and NACC are practical applications to real-life experiences that are formalized into a standardization," said newly elected board member Quast. "They are as much about adding value today as they are also about teaching the next generation how to do things right."

About Architectural Glass and Metal Certification Council (AGMCC)

AGMCC is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, public benefit organization that sponsors and governs the NACC and AGMT programs for the contract glazing industry to assure that services to the public are performed in a manner that will tend to minimize defects and failures and to promote high standards, levels of competence, and performance requirements. The 18-member AGMCC board provides a balanced voice from the glazing industry and design and construction project stakeholders. The AGMT and NACC programs were developed by a cross-section of glazing installers, glazing contractors, industry manufacturers and suppliers, architects, specification writers, consultants, and general contractors.

About the Architectural Glass & Metal Technician (AGMT) Program

AGMT is North America's only ANAB-accredited, third-party personnel credential for architectural glass and metal technicians (glaziers). The certification program validates and recognizes world-class glazing knowledge, skills, and abilities through written and hands-on assessments.

About the North American Contractor Certification (NACC) Program

NACC is North America's only ANAB-accredited, third-party credential for glazing contractors. The certification program establishes a baseline for competency, business practices, and industry-accepted guidelines, requiring contractors demonstrate – through independent review and documented evidence – that they have taken the right steps to deliver the best possible quality and safety to their clients.

For additional information about both programs and their administration, visit https://www.GlazingCertification.com.

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