



1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

<u>Committee Members</u>	
Ed Zaucha – APG-International, Committee Chairman	Richard Mauro – Tower Glass, Inc.
Charlie Komoroski – Union County Plate Glass Co.	Jerry Haber – W&W Glass
Frank O’Donnell – Metro Glass, Inc.	Kevin Schloerb – County Glass and Metal
Bernie Gingras – NJ Glass & Metal Contractors Assoc.	Joe Clabbers – National Glass and Metal
Terry Webb – Eureka Metal and Glass	Ron Kudla – Innovative Glazing Systems
Gareth Reardon – DeGeorge Glass Co.	
<u>Guest Attendees</u>	
Joe Ashdale – Glazing #252, DC 21	Tom Pfundstein - FTI
<u>National FCA Staff</u>	
Stuart Binstock	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made and unanimously passed to accept minutes of November 16, 2009.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Trade Specific Training Requirements

Discussed glazing meetings in April and May and noted a few of the issues raised.

B. Solar and Low Voltage Glass Products.

There was extensive follow up discussion regarding the jurisdiction of the IUPAT with regard to solar panels. The general guideline that has been followed is that if the panels are integrated into a vertical curtain wall – this is the work of the glaziers. If the panels are on a “stand alone” or “roof top” system – this is the work of the electricians. There are a number of FCA members who feel the IUPAT is not aggressively challenging the electricians with regard to the installation of the solar (glass) panels in these other applications.

Overall, the electricians have been ahead of the glaziers in grabbing this work. There are a number of instances in various States where the electricians have been trying to get legislation passed that requires all glass that contains any electrical charge to be installed by the electricians.

The IUPAT needs to understand that these decisions could have other implications with regard to other new products like Electrochromic, Thermochromic, SPD and LED glass for example.

It was suggested that this is a combined management & labor issue and, therefore, might be a perfect fit for the LMCI. There is tension between getting the IUPAT involved, while the IUPAT is worried about contractors bidding the work.

In Philadelphia, there have been a couple of projects where glaziers have been involved with the electricians. In New York, glaziers get the work if curtain wall is included in the specs, but if it is not included, they are not getting the work. In some states, the electricians are prohibiting glaziers from the jurisdiction.

Tom Pfundstein, Director of Curriculum and Instruction with the FTI, provided many examples of the available programs. The FTI management trustees have done an informal survey to see whether or not glazing contractors will pursue electrically related work; they have seen enough intent.

Terry Webb commented that we need to do our own in-house certification immediately, which should specifically address rooftop and vertical panels.

The competencies include a much more detailed and reasonable approach that includes a written exam. Training centers will be held to these standards.

National FCA's goal is being met by this, to develop consistent training around the country, uniformity of training.

The Committee would like to ask LMCI to define vendor market, see if we can go back to the original change (go to manufacturers) and do this.

C. Labor Productivity Study

The committee requested another form be sent.

D. Local Labor-Management Issues

Regarding recent CBA negotiations, there have been local one-year freezes, modifications to some of the work rules, and Boston is currently negotiating.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Minimum Certification Requirements for Glaziers

The committee discussed the need for "minimum certification requirements" for our glaziers. Some jurisdictions have testing or certification requirement and others have none. Joe Ashdale mentioned that he will send some information regarding this matter.

B. Qualifications of LMCI Technical Representatives for the Glazing Industry

It was discussed that the LMCI is considering retaining the services of "Technical Representative" for each specific trade. The committee was asked if we could define the qualifications that we would recommend for the position. Since we don't have a clear understanding of the intended "Job Description" for these individuals, it's hard to comment; however, it was felt the individual should come from the manufacturers side related to curtain wall.

The training program for AC firms should relate to glazing. It was suggested that we work with spec writers on this.

C. Proposal to Partner with Glass Association of North America

The Glass Association of America is well-known in the architectural community; it is a well-respected organization – the Committee discussed the advisability of approaching GANA about a “Partnering Agreement”. National FCA tasked to touch base with Glass Association of North America.

D. Impact of EPA’s new Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule on Glazing Contractors

The EPA’s new rules were discussed - Glazing Contractors will be impacted when doing demolition. The committee asked for confirmation about when and where the RRP rule applies to glazing contractors.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.