



It would be an understatement to say that there's been some significant change, growth and development in the flat glass industry since our predecessors founded the National Association of Glass Dealers in 1948. The post-war years saw huge increase in demand for glass and glass products, and our founders saw the need for a trade association to move our industry forward in a positive direction.

It is with this same intent today that the NGA strives to be a relevant trade association that serves our industry.

Greetings, my name is Bryan Bush. I am humbled as well as honored to be serving you and our industry as the Chairman of the Board for the NGA during 2015. Since being elected to the Board of Directors in 2010, I've had the privilege of serving next to some of the finest men and women in our industry whose sole intent is to represent the glass and glazing industry, whatever form it takes. Following in the footsteps of some fine leaders, my intent is to increase the momentum that has already been established.

Our Mission Statement can be summed up in 3 words: Provide, Promote, and Protect.

More importantly than introducing myself, I'm reaching out to our members to find out how we can fulfill these three key points of our mission statement. The NGA strives to be an association that **SERVES** its members, but in order to be relevant, we need to know how we can serve your needs better. Times change, needs change, and this past year, the leadership of the NGA changed.

In June of 2014, the baton of president & CEO of the NGA was handed from Phil James to Nicole Harris. The NGA benefitted greatly from the service of Phil James, who began his tenure in August, 1982. Finding his successor seemed like a daunting task to say the least; however, the recommendation of Nicole Harris to take the helm made it quite a simple decision.

Nicole, having served as editor in chief since 1990, has been a key person on the senior staff, working closely with the board of directors in their efforts to guide this association in the right direction. The direction that Nicole has laid out for the NGA is both exciting and innovative. As chairman of the board, I am very enthusiastic about where this association is heading with her vision.

The objective of your board of directors is to continue to advance on those things that we've excelled at and improve in the areas where we've fallen short. That being said, we would like to know from you what it is that you believe does/would make the NGA significant as your trade association.

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Some areas of discussion might be:

- Training & Education
- Executive Forums
- Cultivation & Development of Peer Groups
- Networking Opportunities
- Member Involvement within the Association
- Chapter Associations

We know that we've got an excellent resource pool within our membership and we're striving to tap into those resources to make this association as great as it can be. You know, the old "Best Practices" efforts. There is a wealth of knowledge, talent and expertise among us, and we want your involvement!

Sincerely,
Bryan Bush
Chairman of the Board
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