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AAMA Ratifies 2017 Board, Welcomes New Chair Mike DeSoto, New Vice Chair Donnie Hunter

*Carl Troiano Named New Architectural Representative*

SCHAUMBURG, IL – At the American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) 80th Annual Conference, the association’s membership ratified the 2017 Board of Directors. Mike DeSoto ([MI Windows and Doors](https://miwindows.com/)) is the new Chairman of the Board, and Donnie Hunter ([Kawneer](http://www.kawneer.com/kawneer/north_america/en/info_page/home.asp)) took on the role of Vice Chairman. Carl Troiano ([Trojan Powder Coatings](http://www.trojanpowder.com/)) accepted Hunter’s previous Board position as an architectural representative.

“As Chairman of the AAMA Board of Directors, I will focus on three key areas to better serve our members,” said DeSoto. “First, refining the national conference schedule to guarantee a balance of professional education, networking, and maintenance of the consensus-based standards and certification programs; Second, further development of the InstallationMasters and FenestrationMasters courses, which help our member companies capitalize on a growing market. Third, building alliances with other industry organizations to ensure we are always communicating with a science-based message.”

Members of the 2017 AAMA Board of Directors include:

**Officers**

* Mike DeSoto, Chairman of the Board, [MI Windows and Doors](https://miwindows.com/)
* Donnie Hunter, Vice Chairman of the Board, [Kawneer](http://www.kawneer.com/kawneer/north_america/en/info_page/home.asp)
* Steve Strawn, Treasurer, [JELD-WEN](http://www.jeld-wen.com/en-us/)
* Georges Thiret, Immediate Past Chairman of the Board, [Graham Architectural Products](http://www.grahamwindows.com/)

**Architectural Representatives**

* Mark Silverberg, [Technoform](http://www.technoform.com/us/)
* Carl Troiano, [Trojan Powder Coating](http://www.trojanpowder.com/)
* Mike Turner, [YKK AP](https://www.ykkap.com/commercial/)

**Residential Representatives**

* Cristen Baca, [Simonton](https://www.simonton.com/)
* Kevin Gaul, [Pella](http://www.pella.com/)
* Rob Luter, [Lippert Components, Inc. (LCI)](http://www.lci1.com/)

**Supplier Representative**

* Jeff Graby, [AmesburyTruth](http://www.amesburytruth.com/)
* Kevin Seiling, [VEKA](http://vekainc.com/)

**Affiliated Association Representative**

* Margaret Webb, [IGMA](http://www.igmaonline.org/)

**Ex-Officio Board Members**

* John Brunett, [Paradigm Window Solutions](http://capitalworks.net/paradigm-window-solutions/)
* Kim Flanary, [Milgard](https://www.milgard.com/)
* Steve Fronek, [Apogee Enterprises](http://apog.com/)
* Chuck Gilderman, [Vision Extrusions](http://www.visionproducts.ca/index8bcf.html?id=30)
* Rod Hershberger, [PGT Innovations](http://pgtinnovations.com/)
* Chris Magnuson, [Wasco](https://www.wascoskylights.com/)
* Gantt Miller, [Winco](http://www.wincowindow.com/)

More information about AAMA and its activities can be found on the AAMA website, [www.aamanet.org](http://www.aamanet.org/).

AAMA is the source of performance standards, product certification,   
and educational programs for the fenestration industry.SM