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Speakers for 2023 FGIA Annual Conference to Cover Commercial Glazing, Window Innovation, Glass Safety, More

SCHAUMBURG, IL – During the 2023 Fenestration and Glazing Industry Alliance (FGIA) Annual Conference, several expert speakers will discuss quality systems in commercial glazing, innovation in the windows industry, safe glass handling and processing and more. Register now for the [in-person experience](https://fgiaonline.org/events/307/2023-fgia-hybrid-annual-conference-in-person) or [virtual access](https://fgiaonline.org/events/313/2023-fgia-hybrid-annual-conference-virtual) to the FGIA Annual Conference, to be held in Coronado, CA, February 13-16.

“This conference’s speakers will cover topics from all facets of the industry,” said Florica Vlad, FGIA Meetings Manager. “FGIA continues to listen to member feedback to recruit speakers qualified to speak on the matters most important to our conference participants.”

**A Quality Systems Approach to Excellence in Commercial Glazing**

From water intrusion to occupant comfort, thermal controls to acoustics, building performance begins with the envelope. Problems at material interfaces, curtain wall complexities and struggles with installer competency, along with a lack of quality systems, increase opportunities for failures and defects in glazing projects. This panel discussion will provide insight from the perspective of glazing contractors and stakeholders to address how a well-planned and implemented quality systems approach can raise the glazing industry to a higher standard of performance. Panelists will include Terry Schaefer ([Administrative Management Systems](https://amscert.com/)), Jeff Dalaba ([Administrative Management Systems](https://amscert.com/)), Chris Giovannielli ([Kawneer](https://www.kawneer.com/kawneer/north_america/en/info_page/home.asp)) and Helen Sanders ([Technoform](https://www.technoform.com/en)).

**Embracing Innovation in the Windows Industry**

This roundtable of FGIA members from several fenestration companies will be moderated by Ray Garries of [Global Fenestration Advisors](https://www.linkedin.com/in/raygarries/). This will be the second installment of the Innovation for Industry roundtable discussion designed to advance innovation as a core com­petency in the fenestration industry and will cover multiple award-winning innovations and how they were created. Participants will be equipped with action items that can be implemented in their own companies. Those seeking recertification of FenestrationMaster® Professional Certification (FMPC) credentials can earn one industry engagement credit by attending this session.

**Glass Handling and Processing Safety**

Participants will learn hazard recognition, such as lacerations and crushing force, and their associations with various glass types in this session sponsored by the FGIA Fenestration Safety Committee. Bill Davis, Intercept® IG Technical Product Manager at [Vitro Architectural Glass](https://www.vitroglazings.com/), will lead this one-hour discussion. Davis will also cover glass handling and processing personal protective equipment (PPE), manual glass handling and processing safety, glass equipment moving and processing safety and more.

**Registration**

Member pricing is $975 to register for the in-person event. Non-members can register for $1,600. Individual FGIA member registration for virtual access is $350. FGIA member companies may register up to five virtual participants for $875, or an entire company for $1,750. Non-member companies can register up to five virtual participants for $1,150. [Register](https://fgiaonline.org/events) for the 2023 FGIA Annual Conference now.

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