

Glass Manufacturing Industry Council
Q2 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting
June 5, 2025

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Present:

Board of Trustees: Ken Bratton, Bucher Emhart Glass; Ryan Bockbrader, Ardagh; Aaron Huber, Johns Manville; Daniel Johnson, Libbey; Marie Kistler, Air Products; Andrew Richardson, Messer North America; Greg Rogers, RoviSys; Stanley Rutowski, RoMan; Adam Schrader, Covia; Eric Smith, Gallo; Jan Schep O-I **Staff:** Donna Banks, Kerry Ward.

President Stanley Rutkowski welcomed members to the online meeting and reviewed the agenda.

Rutkowski and Executive Director Kerry Ward discussed the reimbursement process for the Department of Energy furnace electrification process. Ward said that the required DOE process is for GMIC to pay subrecipients and then submit a monthly invoice for reimbursement. Previously, he had been doing the opposite. He said that in order to fund the initial reimbursements, GMIC would need to move money from the reserve fund to the DOE checking account. He also said GMIC would be in a financially vulnerable position if subrecipient invoices are paid, but then a subrecipient expense is rejected by DOE. Ward said that, nonetheless, the initial seed money is necessary to continue the project within DOE guidelines and that he had transferred \$100,000 from the reserve to the DOE, as authorized by the Executive Committee. He said that at the end of the three-year project, the entire amount will be transferred back to reserve.

Ward also said that all DOE projects remain under review by the Administration and that projects could get a stop work order at any time.

Rutkowski asked for input on the 2025 Board retreat being held later in the month at Gallo in California and said we were working on a speaker for a legislative update.

Ward and Membership Manager Donna Banks provided operational updates. Ward presented drafts of new bylaws and a new policy guide. The Board agreed to further review the drafts and vote on them at the retreat. Ward said he would submit the bylaws for legal review.

Banks said she is working with CelSian on the Symposium program for GPC. For 2026 GPC, she said proposals had been received from Toledo, Pittsburgh, Louisville, Sharonville (OH) and Detroit, though all proposals are not complete. She said Indianapolis and Cincinnati did not respond to our RFP. She also said that in the future we may want to look at secondary cities that may provide more value for attendees. Ward said that if Toledo is selected, the Renaissance will be the HQ hotel and host evening hospitality.

Ward said much work had been completed on the member only part of the website and that the new member newsletter would also launch this month.

Banks reported that approximately 60% of members had paid their 2025 dues. There will be another update at the retreat.

Ward said that additional projects include the ongoing financial review, education program development, and a new industry report, which will be a major focus in the Fall.

Banks said the application for GMIC awards would open on be July 1. Rutkowski asked members to promote the awards and to encourage potential nominees both within and outside their companies.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.