

**Glass Manufacturing Industry Council
Q1 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting
March 13, 2025**

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Board of Trustees: Ken Bratton, Bucher Emhart Glass; Ryan Bockbrader, Ardagh; Scott Cooper, CelSian; Ardagh; Aaron Huber, Johns Manville; Daniel Johnson, Libbey; Marie Kistler, Air Products; Brian Naveken, TECO; Glenn Neff, Glass Service; Richard Hulme, Guardian; Greg Rogers, RoviSys; Stanley Rutkowski, RoMan; Adam Schrader, Cobia; Eric Smith, Gallo; Dave Ulmer, SORG; **Staff:** Donna Banks, Kerry Ward.

President Stanley Rutkowski welcomed the Board to the first meeting of the year.

Rutkowski reviewed key topics from the recent Executive Committee winter planning meeting in Toledo, including the development of new committees and additional awards promotion. He also said that the Committee is recommending to the Board that a fifth position be added to the Executive Committee – director at large. The new director would have a year to onboard before becoming treasurer, vice president, etc. The commitment would be five years. Rutkowski also said that the new position would mean an odd number of members on the Committee, important for voting.

The Board agreed with the concept, and Executive Director Kerry Ward said he would make the new position part of the bylaws and policy guide updates that he is drafting.

Rutkowski and Past President Marie Kistler discussed updates to the current strategic plan, including suggested priority projects for 2025. **The Board agreed** with the proposed updates.

Scott Cooper, lead investigator on the GMIC Department of Energy furnace electrification grant, provided an update on research and the upcoming project Steering Committee meeting.

Due to timing constraints, the meeting was suspended for one week, until March 20, 2025.

Rutkowski welcomed members back to the meeting and thanked them for making additional time for GMIC.

Treasurer Adam Schrader provided a financial update, including the final 2024 GPC report, the final 2024 financial report, and the 2025 draft budget.

Board Action: It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the proposed 2025 budget.

Ward and Membership Manager Donna Banks provided operational updates on membership, the website, and development of new committees. Rutkowski said there would be additional discussion of new committees at the next meeting. Banks reviewed planning for the 2025 Glass Problems Conference and said the program was mostly in place, based on the work of the GPC Advisory Board that took place in February. Ward reviewed the 2025 Board meeting schedule and initial planning for the annual retreat, this year at Gallo in Modesto, CA.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.