OUR mission

To facilitate, organize and promote the interests, economic growth, and sustainability of the glass industry through education and cooperation in the areas of technology, productivity, innovation and the environment.

membership

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

As the trade association that represents the glass manufacturing industry, our membership is comprised of the industry participants. Membership categories include: glass melting companies, associated service and product suppliers, national laboratories and universities, glass users, industry consultants and individuals.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The foremost benefit enjoyed by our members is that GMIC performs all the functions that industry needs and would be difficult to do on their own. Every industry needs a strong and active trade association. Without the support of our members through their membership dues and volunteered time, GMIC would not exist. GMIC members also enjoy the usual association benefits, like member communications, discounts on registration fees for conferences, short courses and symposia, supplier and customer referrals, etc..

HOW TO JOIN GMIC

If you are a glass industry manufacturer, supplier, or research organization, and you are not presently a member, we encourage you to join GMIC now to ensure the vitality of the industry through your support of the industry’s trade association. Membership dues are based on company size and category. Contact GMIC’s Executive Director, Robert Weisenburger Lipetz, for full information.
The Glass Manufacturing Industry Council (GMIC) is a 501(c)(6) non-profit trade association representing the interests of the glass manufacturing industry. GMIC bridges all segments of glass manufacturing, including float glass, container, fiber and specialty glass. As the trade association bridging all segments, GMIC does for individual companies what they can’t do on their own, provide technical education, coordinate technical initiatives, advocate with law makers and promote the usage and image of glass products. Incorporated in 1998, the council is governed by a board of trustees with offices in Westerville Ohio.

Through extensive interviews with chief executive and technical managers of the glass manufacturing industry, the GMIC Board of Trustees created a set of strategic objectives. These objectives drive the annual operational objectives and serve as the road map for future development. They are:

1. Promote and facilitate the use of glass
2. Position the industry to better meet the sustainability demands
3. Represent the glass industry

what we do

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Conference on Glass Problems

The Conference on Glass Problems is the largest glass manufacturing conference in North America attracting glass manufacturers and suppliers worldwide to exchange innovations and solutions. The conference provides over 35 hours of technical education through expert lectures, panel discussions, and technical courses on topics, including glass melting, refractories, process control, emissions, and raw materials. The conference also provides significant exhibition and networking opportunities. Proceedings of the annual conference are published by Wiley Media. Information available at the conference website: http://glassproblemsconference.org

Technical Symposia

Industry benefits from specialized in-depth technical symposia offered by GMIC. Some of the recent topics covered in these popular symposia include:
- Current Topics in Glass Melting Air Emissions & Control Technologies
- Glass Recycling in America – Challenges and Opportunities
- The Shining Inferno – a Symposium on Glass Raw Materials
- Energy Productivity as a Competitive Edge in Glass Manufacturing
- Waste Heat Management in the Glass Industry

Short Courses

GMIC serves the need of the industry for technical training by offering courses designed for beginning and advanced engineers. Some of the courses offered:
- Introduction to Batch and Furnace Operations
- Phenomena in Industrial Glass Melting Processes
- Design of Experiments Simplified
- Glass Container Technology

COORDINATE TECHNICAL INITIATIVES FOR THE GLASS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

One of the chief areas that GMIC benefits its trade association members is by coordinating technical initiatives that individual companies find it difficult to organize on their own.

 usable glass strength coalition

Representing a milestone in industry collaboration, the Usable Glass Strength Coalition (UGSC) is a subsidiary of GMIC dedicated to providing industry funding for fundamental research in glass strength. Because glass fractures, the usable strength of glass is only a fraction of its intrinsic strength. Individual companies cannot support basic research. However, by forming this coalition, the costs and risks of research are shared. GMIC organized the formation of the UGSC and acts as legal parent and administrator.

Technical Committees

GMIC acts as the coordinator of a wide range of technical issues through technical committees and task forces. Some of those committees include:
- Environmental and Health
- Safety
- Recycling
- Waste Heat Management
- Batch and Raw Materials

ADVOCACY

GMIC acts as advocate for our members with federal and state governments. GMIC represents the interests of our members in a range of threats and opportunities, from petitioning the World Trade Organization on unfair trade practices by China, to policy statements to the US Environmental Protection Agency. GMIC maintains a Government Relations Committee to disseminate information and coordinate action among our members.

PROMOTE GLASS USAGE AND IMAGE

GMIC members benefit from having their trade association promote the use of glass products and communicate the benefits of glass as a material to consumers. GMIC publishes articles, interviews, editorials, and advertisements in major media. In collaboration with the US Department of Energy, GMIC published and distributes a brochure on glass. GMIC maintains an active schedule of exhibiting to represent our members at trade shows and conferences.