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Stanton to Receive Child Award



Past President David Stanton (1998-99 and 2016-17) will receive the Frank S. Child Award immediately following the Society's Annual Meeting of Members on April

15th. David retired from Fusion Ceramics Prior to Fusion Ceramics, he worked for Ferro Corporation (formerly known as dmc2, and Drakenfeld Colors). He and his wife Wendy will be available to greet friends and colleagues at the welcome reception sponsored by Fusion Ceramics on Monday, April 13th.

New Officers to be Elected During Annual Meeting

Officers and directors for 2026-27 will be elected at the Society's annual meeting which will be held at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 15th, in the Admiral's room at the Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh. The following individuals have been nominated:

President: Wesley King, *Fusion Ceramics*

Vice President: Cam Simmons, *Stanpac*

Treasurer: Jonathan Weiner, *Maryland China*

Secretary: Nathan Ruetz, *Custom Deco*

Directors: Ryan Reed, *ByQuest*
Ryan Burgoon, *Sahm*

Additional Speakers Added to Deco Program

Two new speakers have been added to the Deco '26 technical program. Olivier Tessier of DeCoSystem will present

on developments in glass inspection systems while Thomas Ripplinger of Northern Coatings will discuss spray coatings for glass and ceramic decoration. Both speakers will present after lunch on Wednesday, April 15th. DeCoSystem will also be exhibiting on Tuesday, April 14th.

Coating Systems Group to Exhibit

Coating Systems Group will exhibit at Deco '26 in Pittsburgh. A first time exhibitor, the company serves North America with spray coating automation solutions for glass containers. The company designs and builds turnkey systems and/or modular systems for the process.

Fusion to Sponsor Welcome Reception

Fusion Ceramics has agreed to sponsor this year's welcome reception honoring the company's retired general manager, David Stanton, 2026 recipient of the Society's Frank S. Child Award.

Directory Updates Due May 15

Updates for the 2026-27 SGCDpro Member Directory are due May 15th. Submit any changes to Executive Director Myra Warne at info@sgcd.org. A current copy of the directory featuring your information is available at www.sgcd.org.

Thanks to Deco Sponsors

SGCDpro wishes to thank the following companies for sponsoring networking events at Deco '26:

Fusion Ceramics: Welcome Reception

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Strutz International: Exhibitor Reception

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Ruetz Assumes Ownership of Custom Deco

Custom Deco Operations Manager Nathan Ruetz has assumed ownership of the company from Boelter Branding Solutions, with operations continuing at the Toledo, OH facility. Boelter will continue to partner with Custom Deco as a strategic customer. "This transition creates an opportunity for Custom Deco to return to its roots as an independent operation dedicated to serving the glass decorating industry," said Ruetz. Approximately 22 members of the current team are expected to join the new company. Customers and vendor partners can expect continuity in equipment, capabilities, and leadership as the business moves forward under its new structure. "Our focus now is on maintaining stability for our customers, supporting our team, and building the next phase of the Custom Deco operation here in Toledo," Ruetz said.

President's Perspective



Dear Members and Friends,

As I conclude my tenure as President, I do so with a deep sense of appreciation and confidence. One of the accomplishments I am most proud of is the strength and engagement of our Board. This organization is in exceptionally capable hands, with thoughtful, dedicated leaders who are well-positioned to guide it forward.

Over the past year, we have operated in a world defined by both uncertainty and resilience. The broader landscape around us—politically, economically, and socially—has continued to shift in meaningful ways.

We've seen ongoing global instability, including the continued impact of war and tensions in multiple regions, reminding us how interconnected markets and communities have become. At the same time, renewed focus on trade policy—including the use and threat of tariffs—has added another layer of complexity for businesses, affecting costs, supply chains, and long-term planning.

Economically, while inflation has moderated, the effects of higher interest rates and persistent cost pressures are still being felt across industries. Organizations have had to adapt quickly—managing tighter margins while continuing to invest in their people, infrastructure, and future growth.

And yet, despite these headwinds, what stands out most is resilience. Across our community at SGCDpro, we've seen a continued willingness to adjust, innovate, and move forward. Whether

navigating labor challenges, embracing new technologies, or maintaining a high standard of service, the ability to adapt has proven to be our greatest strength.

This past year has reinforced an important truth: while we cannot control the broader forces shaping our environment, we can control how we respond. Strong local leadership, collaboration, and a commitment to continuous improvement have never been more important.

As I reflect on my time in this role, I am not only confident in the direction we are heading, but also deeply grateful—for the opportunity to serve, for the support of this community, and for the relationships built along the way. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a committed and capable group of professionals. While my role may be changing, my belief in this organization and its future remains as strong as ever.

I look forward to seeing many of you at DECO '26, April 13–15, 2025, at the Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh. Download program here: <https://bit.ly/Deco26-Program>

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Steelworkers/Libbey Reach Agreement

The United Steelworkers (Locals 59M and 700T) reached an agreement with Libbey in the months long strike. The agreement included pay increases, premium pay for weekends and holidays, and other concessions sought by the workers. The strike began on August 22nd and all workers were scheduled to return to work in early February.

Whiskey Market Trends

Kurt Maitland examines whiskey market trends for 2026 in the latest edition of the online publication Distiller published by the American Whiskey Institute. Maitland examines the impact Covid 19 had on the spirits market, alongside the behavior of younger consumers. Maitland contends younger consumers are seeking product knowledge and are not necessarily swayed by advertising. He also suggests there is still a market for collector and special offerings. Read the entire article here: [Whiskey Market Trends 2026: What Consumers Want Now | Distiller Magazine](https://bit.ly/DistillerMag) <https://bit.ly/DistillerMag>

Vanderbilt Files Chapter 11

Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC headquartered in Norwalk, CT, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on February 16th. The

filing follows a \$12.25 million asbestos related judgement and talc related injury claims. Gene Romero is listed as Chief Restructuring Officer in the filing.

Craft Brewers Meet in April

The annual convention of the Craft Brewers Association will be held April 20-22 in Philadelphia. The conference offers three days of education, exhibits, and networking. The show concludes with the presentation of the World Beer Cup awards. Visit www.brewersassociation.org for more information.

Ceramics Expo Returns to Cleveland

Ceramics Expo will be held May 5-6 at Huntington Convention Center in Cleveland, OH. After several years in Cleveland, the show was held in Novi, MI in 2025. This year's event will be held in the heart of downtown Cleveland, featuring technical sessions and exhibits focused on the latest high-tech ceramic innovations. The event will be co-located with the Thermal Management Expo.

Glassman Latin America

Glassman Latin America will be held May 20-21 in Sante Fe, Mexico. The future of glass is the theme for the technical sessions. Exhibits will be open both days. Visit www.glassmanevents.com/latinamerica for complete details.

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O-I Glass reported quarterly and year-end results on February 10th. “O-I delivered strong results in 2025, demonstrating the effectiveness of our strategy,” said Gordon Hardie, CEO of O-I Glass. “Although reported results were lower due to planned restructuring actions, our adjusted earnings nearly doubled versus 2024 driven by disciplined execution of Fit to Win.”

Net sales were \$6.4 billion in 2025, compared to \$6.5 billion in the prior year reflecting fairly stable average selling prices, while favorable foreign currency translation mostly offset modestly lower sales volume (in tons).

Loss before income taxes was \$49 million in 2025, compared with earnings before income taxes of \$38 million in the prior year with margins decreasing 140 basis points. Both years included items not representative of ongoing operations, primarily related to restructuring actions. Excluding these items, results reflected higher segment operating profit, lower corporate retained and other costs, and stable interest expense.

Segment operating profit was \$846 million in 2025, up \$98 million (or 13 percent) from \$748 million in the previous year, and represented a 170 basis point improvement in segment margins. Retained corporate and other costs were \$107 million in 2025, down from \$134 million in the prior year, primarily due to Fit To Win benefits and a one-time benefit from the settlement of a previously reserved royalty receivable in the fourth quarter of 2025, partially offset by higher management

incentive expense. O-I reported a net loss attributable to the company of \$0.84 per share in 2025, compared to a net loss of \$0.69 per share in 2024.

UPS to Close Facilities

United Parcel Service (UPS) announced in February the closure of 22 facilities representing some 30,000 jobs. The closures are part of the company’s restructuring plan known internally as “Network of the Future.” UPS recently announced it will cut its Amazon volume in half, citing lack of profitability.

Legislation and Policy

Postmaster General Sounds Alarm

According to U.S. Postmaster General David Steiner, the United States Postal Service (USPS) will be out of money in less than a year. Steiner told members of the House Oversight and Government Reform committee the USPS can no longer fulfill its mandates of six day a week delivery and serving more than 30,000 post offices with 71% of delivery routes and nearly 60% of post offices losing money. Mail volume has dropped nearly 50% in 20 years with much communication going digital. The agency is also saddled with pension costs that exceed \$3 billion per year. Steiner urges Congress to act by increasing its debt limit, changing services and pension obligations, or any combination of these things.

Government Shutdown Lingers

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is limited to the Department of Homeland Security and has surpassed the duration of the fall government shutdown which lasted 41 days. Most notably, the shutdown impacts the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) affecting spring break travel for hundreds of thousands of travelers.

Iran War Impacts Shipping

The war in Iran continues to impact shipping in the Strait of Hormuz. Some 20% of oil, as well as liquified natural gas, passes through the Strait connecting the Persian Gulf to markets in the United States, Europe, and Asia. Iran's blocking of the Strait has led to soaring oil prices resulting in a surge in the price of gasoline and diesel fuel in the US market.

SCOTUS Rules Against Trump Tariffs

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) struck down President Trump's tariffs by a vote of 6-3. The tariffs were imposed under a 1977 law called the International Emergency Economic Powers Act which gives the President authority to impose tariffs during national emergencies or foreign threats. The court did not agree those circumstances applied to the Trump tariffs. The Court did not wade into the issue of refunds in its decision; however, Justice Kavanaugh, in his dissent, suggested the government might be required to issue billions of dollars in refunds to importers and/or consumers. Several refund cases have already been filed by interested parties with more than 1000 cases having been filed since March 1st.



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