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Deco '26 Program Updates

Deco '26 planning is underway with updates weekly. The Heinz History Center will provide a keynote address on April 15th following the Annual Meeting and Frank S. Child Award presentation. The technical program will include speakers from Glasscoat in England, Grandstand, and Boelter. Visit www.sgcd.org or check out the event listing on LinkedIn for updates.

Deco '26 Marketing Opportunities

Exhibit spaces and sponsorship opportunities are still available for Deco '26 in Pittsburgh. Networking sponsorships are available for coffee breaks, breakfast, lunch, and receptions. Exhibits will be held April 14th from noon until 5:00 p.m. Contact Myra Warne at (740) 588-9882, or email info@sgcd.org for complete details.

2026 Member Invoices

Member invoices for 2026 will be mailed soon. Payments are accepted by ACH, check, or credit card. All memberships expire on December 31st (except new members in the last quarter of this year whose memberships extend through the end of 2026. To pay by phone, call Myra at 740-588-9882.

Directory Updates Accepted Year Round

Changes and corrections to the SGCDpro Annual Directory of Members may be made throughout the year. Simply send update requests to Myra Warne at info@sgcd.org. If you don't see a category that adequately describes your business, let us know and we can add it to the directory.

SGCDpro Welcomes New Members

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Company delegate is Margaux Goerlinger

See the SGCDpro membership directory for complete details about both companies.

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Libbey Strike Continues

The strike against Libbey's Toledo plant is now the longest in company history. Workers have rejected proposals that cut seniority rights and reduce benefits. The company is urging workers to vote to ratify

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the offer they currently have on the table. Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz recently joined the picket line. Kapszukiewicz suggested the company could lose tax breaks if a deal isn't reached soon. The company has subsequently posted listings for several temporary job openings.

Penn State/Bormioli Trial Deemed Success

The LionGlass line of soda lime glass developed at Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) has been deemed a success. The project, completed in conjunction with Bormioli Luigi provides a lower emission solution to traditional soda lime silicate glass. The pilot was conducted at Bormioli Luigi in Murano, Italy.

O-I To Close German Plant

According to *Glass International* (10/8/25), O-I will close its Bernsdorf plant in Saxony, Germany, resulting in the loss of approximately 100 jobs. The plant celebrated 150 years in 2022. The company has cited changing market conditions and increased competition as the reason for recent closures.

President's Perspective

Dear Members and Friends,

Mark your calendars for April 13–15, 2025, at the Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh. We're confident that this year's conference will uphold SGCDpro's tradition of bringing together the best in glass and ceramic decoration, packaging, and design. Our aim is to deliver a dynamic event filled with education, valuable networking, and fresh insights that you can take back to your businesses and teams.

As we move into the next stage of planning for DECO '26, excitement continues to grow. The SGCDpro Board has been working diligently to craft a program that will both inspire and inform. With a lineup of engaging speakers and timely topics, the event will highlight the innovation and opportunities shaping our industry today.

We're especially excited to announce that the **Heinz History Center** will present the keynote address, setting the tone for a conference rich in both inspiration and relevance. Several experienced decorators are also slated to speak, including at least one who will share insights on **decorating using digital printing**, a topic that reflects the forward-thinking spirit of DECO '26.

Behind the scenes, we continue to connect with speakers and industry partners to ensure this year's event is truly ex-

ceptional. The program will feature both familiar faces and new voices, offering a well-rounded mix of technical expertise, creative energy, and future-focused dialogue.

A few **exhibit spaces remain**, so if your organization is interested in showcasing products or services at DECO '26, we encourage you to act soon to secure your spot.

As always, we are deeply grateful for the dedication of our board of directors and the continued support of our members. Your involvement, ideas, and enthusiasm are what keep SGCDpro strong and relevant in a constantly evolving industry.

Stay tuned and stay connected—we'll be sharing updates and highlights on LinkedIn, so be sure to follow SGCDpro and engage with our posts as we count down to Pittsburgh.

Thank you again for your support. I look forward to seeing all of you in April for what promises to be an outstanding event.

Warm regards,
Paul Bolduc
President, 2025-26



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O-I Schedules Q3 Earnings Call

O-I Glass announced it will hold its third quarter earnings call at 8:00 a.m. on November 5th. Visit www.o-i.com for details on the webcast.

Glassman Events Scheduled for 2026

Several Glassman Events are planned for 2026. Glassman Italy will be held February 4-5 in Bologna; Glassman China is slated for April 7-10 in Shanghai; Glass Lyon is scheduled for April 13-17 in Lyon, France; and Glassman Mexico City will be held May 20-21. Glasstec will be held October 20-23 in Dusseldorf, Germany.

Libbey Shreveport Plant to be Razed

According to KTLA News, the mothballed Libbey Shreveport manufacturing plant will be demolished to pave the way for new development. The site has been acquired by Northwest Louisiana Economic Partnership (NLEP). Justyn Dixon, President and CEO of NLEP, stated "It's in an area that needs help. It is the gateway to Northwest Louisiana, and the last thing we want people seeing when they drive in from the west is a shuttered plant." He added NLEP hopes the project will add 200 jobs to the area.

NAM Urges Action on State Laws

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) is urging the Department of Justice to address the patchwork of state laws that impact the competitiveness of American Manufacturers. The DOJ requested public input on state laws that have "significant adverse effects on the national economy or interstate commerce," by either creating barriers for businesses operating nationwide or undermining federal authority. Complying with the patchwork of laws across the country increase costs and create noncompliance liabilities.

"Manufacturers need straightforward, standardized rules of the road that allow our industry to invest confidently, adopt new technologies swiftly and focus resources on productivity and jobs, ensuring America remains a leader in the global economy," NAM Vice President of Domestic Policy Jake Kuhns told the agency. It is unclear to SGCDpro whether or not the Department of Justice has standing to impact California Proposition 65 enforcement.

AI Whitepaper Available from NAM

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) offers a whitepaper titled "Working smarter: How manufacturers are using artificial intelligence." The report can be accessed through this link or on the Society's homepage. <https://nam.org/issues/research-innovation-and-technology/ai/>

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Legislation and Policy *(continued)*

Canadian Retailer Embraces Autonomous Trucking

According to *FreightWaves* (9/23/25), Canadian retailer Loblaw entered a multiyear agreement with Gatik to deploy 20 autonomous trucks by the end of 2025 with another 30 added during 2026. The trucks will operate 40-50 mile routes delivering dry and perishable goods.

"This is going to be the largest deployment of autonomous trucks ever seen in North America," Richard Steiner, vice president of government relations and public affairs at Gatik, told *FreightWaves* in an interview. "We're no longer talking about just single routes at Gatik. We're talking about networks."

Trump Expands Tariffs

The White House announced additional tariffs this month on lumber, cabinets, and pharmaceuticals. President Trump is threatening additional tariffs of up to 100% on China in response to that country's increased restrictions on rare earth exports.

States Halt Non-Domiciled CDLs

According to *FreightWaves* (10/4/2025), California and Oregon have stopped issuing non-domiciled commercial driver licenses (CDLs). Citing safety issues, transportation Secretary Sean Duffy issued an order on September 26th ordering states to stop issuing or renewing such licenses until federal guidelines are established.

FreightWaves Issues White Paper

FreightWaves has issued a white paper titled "How private wireless networks are driving efficiency and innovation in distribution and logistics" The paper discusses innovative technology solutions from Artificial Intelligence (AI) to the internet of things (IoT) to autonomous mobile robots (AMR), technology is transforming logistics and distribution. The white paper examines whether today's wireless connectivity networks can meet the information technology needs of tomorrow. For a copy of the paper visit [White Paper: How private wireless networks are driving efficiency and innovation in distribution and logistics - FreightWaves](#)



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