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Hyatt Regency Selected for Deco '27

The Hyatt Regency Columbus has been chosen to host Deco '27. Located in the red hot Arena district, the Hyatt has played host to countless events and conferences, including The Arnold Sports Festival, the largest event of its kind.

Nationwide Arena, home to the NHL Columbus Blue Jackets, is just steps away assuring an abundance of eateries from casual to high end. The room rate for attendees remains under \$200 (\$189 for single or double occupancy) and all events will be situated in the hotel which adjoins the Columbus Convention Center.

Last year, the Board decided to alternate the Deco meeting between the cities of Pittsburgh and Columbus, both conveniently located for members who drive. These cities also feature world class international airport facilities and excellent ground transportation.

Plan now to attend Deco '26, April 13-15, in Pittsburgh; and Deco '27, April 27-29, 2027 in Columbus.

Exhibit Spaces Available for Deco '26

Exhibit spaces are available for Deco '26 which will be held April 13-15 at the Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh. Cost is \$2250 for a 10 x 10 space or \$3500 for a 10 x 20. Don't miss this opportunity to meet your customers in an intimate setting with ample networking opportunities right inside the exhibit hall.

Follow Us on LinkedIn

The Society has increased its social media presence and activity, posting

interesting information and reposting member items. As a result, our pages are gaining views and followers. If you aren't currently following us on LinkedIn and Facebook, take a moment and do so to boost our exposure. Like and share our posts for maximum visibility.

Invite Your Customers and Suppliers to Join SGCDpro

If you know a customer or supplier who is not currently a member of SGCDpro, invite them to join. SGCDpro's network of industry experts, and library of resources connect members with solutions to their problems. Direct prospects to sgcd.org where they can download complementary copies of Deco News and the membership directory. Prospective members can also contact Myra Warne at info@sgcd.org or call 740-588-9882.

Call for Presentations for Deco '26

SGCDpro is seeking presentations for Deco '26, April 13-15, in Pittsburgh. Presentations will be held on Wednesday, April 15th, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Deco '26 offers the perfect opportunity to showcase your company's latest technology. Contact Myra Warne at 740-588-0828 for details or visit www.sgcd.org.

IndustryNews

Anchor Glass Secures Funding

Anchor Glass announced it has reached an agreement reducing the company's debt by 60% and securing \$100 million in new capital for continued investment. Holders of the first and second liens will become majority owners and the company's revolving credit facility will

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be refinanced. This link will connect you to the company's press release:

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/anchor-glass-announces-comprehensive-recapitalization-to-transform-balance-sheet-and-fuel-strategic-growth-302543784.html>

CMOG Publishes New Glass Review

Corning Museum of Glass (CMOG) released its annual New Glass Review (vol.45) featuring 100 of the most innovative glass art designs of the past year. A total of 778 entries from 52 countries were received and those not selected for publication are archived in the Corning Rakow Museum's digital collection. Visit www.cmog.org for complete details.

Glass Problems Conference

The Glass Problems Conference returns to Toledo next month for four days of presentations, exhibits, and networking opportunities. Sponsored by the Glass Manufacturing Industry Council, the conference is celebrating its 86th year. Visit <https://gmic.org/glass-problems-conferenc/> for complete details.

President's Perspective



Dear Members and Friends,

Change is at the heart of progress, and as an organization, SGCDpro continues to evolve in ways that strengthen our community and better serve our members. At our recent board meeting, we discussed several updates that reflect this spirit of adaptation and growth.

The first is a change you'll see with **DECO '26**, which will be held **during the week, April 13–15, 2026, at the Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh**. We believe this move from a weekend format will make it easier for members and industry partners to attend, fully engage in sessions, and take advantage of valuable networking opportunities.

We are also actively working on the **program for DECO '26**, which will feature **new speakers and fresh topics** alongside the sessions you've come to rely on. Our goal is to provide timely insights, practical knowledge, and inspiration that reflect the opportunities and challenges facing our industry today.

Looking further ahead, we're excited to announce that **DECO '27 will take place at a new venue—the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio**. Columbus has always been a strong location for our community, and the Hyatt offers expanded space and

modern amenities that will create an even more dynamic experience for exhibitors and attendees.

These changes are possible thanks to the dedication and vision of our **current board of directors**, whose collective strength is one of SGCDpro's greatest assets. Their leadership, ideas, and commitment to serving our members ensure that we continue building on our proud history while embracing the needs of a changing industry.

As we move forward, I encourage you to stay engaged, share your ideas, and invite colleagues to join SGCDpro. The strength of our organization comes from the energy and commitment of its members, and with your support, the future is bright.

Thank you for being part of this journey of growth and transformation. I look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh for DECO '26 and in Columbus for DECO '27.

Warm regards,
Paul Bolduc
President, 2025-26

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IndustryNews *(continued)*

Ardagh Wins Clear Choice Award

Ardagh Group won the 2025 Clear Choice Award in the food category for its 140th anniversary Ball glass jar featuring an embossed design. The Clear Choice Awards are presented annually by the Glass Packaging Institute. Visit www.gpi.org for complete details.

Legislation and Policy

Appeals Court Rules Tariffs Illegal

In a 7-4 decision, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled President Trump's tariffs illegal, setting the stage for a Supreme Court ruling on the issue. The court issued a stay of its decision until October 14th to allow the Supreme Court to accept the pending appeal or allow the lower court's decision to stand. If the current ruling stands, it is unclear whether the United States government would be required to issue refunds to businesses who have paid the tariffs.

De Minimis Exemption Revoked

President Trump's elimination of the de minimis exemption on imports took effect on August 29th, leaving millions of small

businesses in limbo as they assess the overall impact. The rule, in place for nearly a century, waived duties on goods under \$800. SGCDpro will follow its impact on the industry.

NAM Urges DOT to Act

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) is urging the Department of Transportation (DOT) to prioritize manufacturing concerns when its spending package comes up for reauthorization. NAM seeks strong investment in federal infrastructure, strengthening supply chains, and reform of onerous regulations and permitting. Funding is typically renewed every five years, and Congress can include policy changes in its action.

Mexico Eyes Chinese Tariffs

According to *American Shipper* (8/30/25), the Mexican government is planning to implement 50% tariffs on Chinese imports. Chinese goods represent 20% of all imports into Mexico. In a separate action, Mexico immediately banned all imports of footwear from China, claiming it harms the domestic industry.

Administration Pauses CDL Visas

President Trump has ordered an immediate pause on worker visas for non-domiciled commercial driver license (CDL) visas. Trump issued the order following an incident in Florida where a driver holding such a visa completed an illegal u-turn on Florida's Turnpike, resulting in the deaths of three individuals in another vehicle. Both the American Trucking Associations

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Legislation and Policy *(continued)*

and the independent owner/operator's association applauded the decision, emphasizing the importance of safety.

Proposition 65 Notices

An additional fourteen 60-day notices were filed for glass and ceramic products in the month of August. The majority were for products sold by TJX (TYJ. Maxx) while Barnes & Noble also received an additional notice in August. Chewy received a notice for ceramic pet bowls.

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SGCDpro Did That!

The Society of Glass and Ceramic Decorated Products (SGCDpro) has been at forefront of industry representation for decades. The Society's engagement with agencies and policymakers has paved the way for responsible and productive relationships at the state and federal levels. From state packaging legislation to special rules for children's products, SGCDpro has you covered. Here are a few examples:

2010

When a California Congresswoman sparked the recall of some 20 million promotional glasses from a major fast-food chain, SGCDpro sprang into action, representing two corporate members named in the incident. Letters sent to Congressional Representatives from Society headquarters led to a series of meetings on Capitol Hill and at the Consumer Product Safety Commission where the SGCD team met with not only staffers, but the commissioners themselves. Our technical experts, complete with examples of raw materials and finished products, were able to convince the agency the glass was safe and should not have been recalled, resulting in a retraction letter from the agency—the first of its kind.

Proposition 65

The passage of California's Proposition 65 in 1986 launched a "compliance industry" in that state by which individual consumers, known as bounty hunters, can file notices of intent to sue against companies. Any product containing one or more of the nearly 1000 listed compounds or chemicals can be cited in a 60-day notice of intent to sue. While most companies elect to sign consent agreements, Proposition 65 notices are costly and act as an impediment to production. When member companies began receiving these notices on a regular basis, SGCDpro formed a relationship with noted Proposition 65 attorney Carol Brophy and her associate Dennis Raglin. Both have been regular speakers at the annual Deco conference, regularly updating members about changes in listed chemicals and labeling laws.

SGCDpro members enjoy access to, via our website www.sgcd.org, SGCDpro's complete legislative portfolio of information,, newsletter archives, interactive member directory, and technical assistance. From breaking news to the annual Deco conference, SGCDpro is the Decorator's Resource, providing resources for decorators and manufacturers of glass, ceramics, and allied products.

Annual Membership:

Corporate Member (includes 4 company delegates)	\$1500
Individual Member	\$425
Small Decorator (decorator with 10 or fewer employees)	\$195

1990s

In the early 1990s, a team of SGCD corporate members and technical experts engaged the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to create a voluntary limit for lead and cadmium in the lip and rim area of drinkware, launching the voluntary compliance movement across many industries. The limit, still in effect today, was revised throughout the decade to account for improvements in products and technology. SGCD sought and received an exemption for shot glasses. Countless other industries have copied this model to develop voluntary standards for their products.

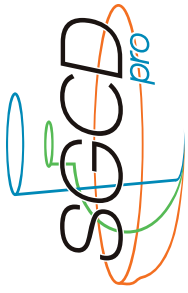
Tariff Policy

The recent barrage of executive orders related to tariffs has been confusing and disruptive to member companies. SGCDpro responded at Deco '25 with a presentation from a prominent DC attorney specializing in tariffs. The Society continues to provide monthly updates through breaking news emails and *Deco News*, including information related to compliance with complex "Made in USA" rules.

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Member Name _____ Title _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Company Website _____

Number of Employees _____

Description of Company's Primary Business _____

☐ **Corporate Membership** (*includes 4 delegates*) \$1500

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Company Website _____

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3. Name _____ E-mail _____ Phone _____

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Description of Company's Primary Business _____

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Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Company Website _____

Number of Employees _____

Description of Company's Primary Business _____

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Signature _____