

ANNUAL MEETING TAKES OVER DALLAS

AAADM held its annual meeting in Dallas May 14-15, bringing together members from across the industry to discuss key initiatives and share insights that are shaping the future of automatic doors.

The two days included engaging discussions and updates from various AAADM committees, including Certification, Government Affairs, Technical Code, and Marketing. AAADM's legal counsel delivered an insightful presentation on "AI in Automatic Doors: Distinguishing Liability for Manufacturers vs. Installers." This presentation addressed the emerging implications of artificial intelligence in door systems and outlined where liability may rest in cases of malfunction or failure.

This year's meeting served as a powerful reminder of the strength of collaboration. It was inspiring to see competitors united by a shared commitment to safety, innovation, and industry growth. Together, AAADM members continue to advance the interests of the automatic door systems industry and promote the safe and effective use of automatic doors.

We thank all attendees for their contributions and look forward to continued progress throughout the year. Stay tuned for the announcement of the location for next year's annual meeting, which will be revealed later this year.



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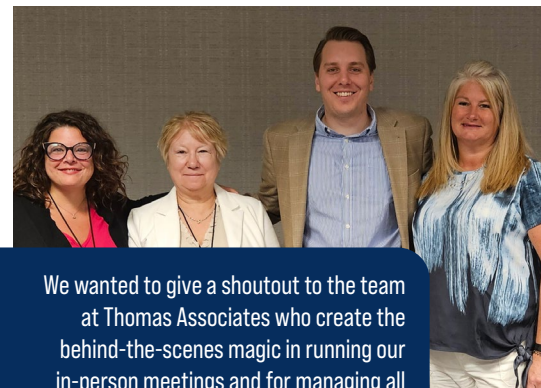
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We wanted to give a shoutout to the team at Thomas Associates who create the behind-the-scenes magic in running our in-person meetings and for managing all things AAADM. They have been with us from the formation of AAADM and we are eternally grateful for all their help and support.



LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Timmerman Retires, Durgin Takes the Helm

After decades of dedicated service to the automatic door industry and to the American Association of Automatic Door Manufacturers (AAADM), Dave Timmerman is officially retiring. In addition to stepping down as AAADM President, Dave will be concluding a remarkable career that has helped shape the standards, safety practices, and technical excellence that define our industry today.

Dave has been a fixture in the automatic door community for more than 30 years, recognized not only for his deep technical expertise but also for his unwavering commitment to industry safety and education. His ability to build consensus, mentor professionals, and always keep the end user in mind has left a lasting impact on both AAADM and the wider community of door professionals.

"As many of you know, I am retiring this year, and I can truly state my term as president of AAADM has been the most rewarding of my forty-year career in the automatic door industry," said Timmerman. "Thank you to the entire membership for your participation, cooperation, and support during my tenure. It was a pleasure to work with professionals from many manufacturers working for a common goal. Together we have improved the AAADM training program and the knowledge and competency of all our inspectors."

Under Dave's leadership, AAADM expanded its certification and training programs, strengthened its influence on ANSI standards development, and deepened its role as an advocate for accessible and automated building entry systems.

"To all AAADM inspectors," Dave offered, "thank you for your continued professionalism. Through the annual renewal program, we have seen your knowledge and understanding of the ANSI standards and AAADM inspection process greatly improve. I look forward to seeing what advances the new executive committee make in the coming years. I know you will all continue the work of making this industry safer and better."

At the AAADM Spring Meeting, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Paul Durgin as the new President of the Association. Paul currently serves as a Senior Technical Specialist in Automatics at dormakaba USA, Inc., and has been a longtime leader within AAADM, most recently serving as Vice President.

With over two decades in the industry, Paul brings both hands-on experience and strategic vision to the role. He is well known for his work in promoting compliance, advancing automated door technologies, and representing AAADM in forums such as the U.S. Access Board's educational initiatives. Paul is a vocal advocate for certification renewal and technician training, and his technical leadership on products like the DORMA ED900 Low Energy Operator has helped raise the bar for performance and safety.

"Dave's contributions have helped elevate the professionalism and visibility of our industry," said Paul. "I'm honored to follow in his footsteps and continue the important work of AAADM — ensuring our standards remain strong, our technicians well trained, and our industry focused on safety and innovation."

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— Paul Durgin,
new AAADM president*

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Marketing Committee

CHAIR: KAREN MASLOW

March 19 saw our industry observe the fifth annual National Automatic Door Day. Hard to believe we've been doing this for five years already!

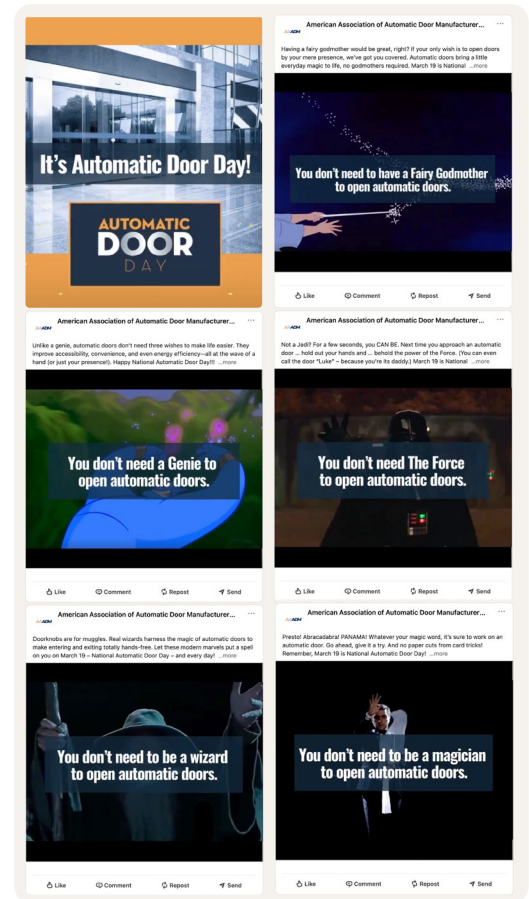
This year's theme was "Everyday Magic." We chose it as an acknowledgment of that mystical power everyone has pretended to have at least once, in which they "magically" open an automatic door with a simple wave of their hand. We seized on that relatable occurrence to craft a social media campaign that focused on the brief escape from reality afforded by automatic doors, while also encouraging exploration and the more serious work they can do.

We've always hoped National Automatic Door Day would raise awareness about how we positively impact the world, but we've also placed humor at the forefront. One day can't do it all, of course. But year after year, National Automatic Door Day helps to remind people – and even ourselves – of the truly magical work we do.

This day aside, we continue to actively engage on social media with a full schedule of posts on Facebook and LinkedIn. An easy way to help out our association is to like and share our posts. Be sure to follow us, too. Social media is a numbers game, and the more engagement we get from you, the more our content will get in front of other people.

We also regularly post new press releases and blogs on our website, which are easily shareable on your own social channels.

Your Marketing Committee has some great things on the horizon, so stay tuned to our social media channels for updates.



Like and share content as it amplifies our message and raises awareness about the industry, which helps all of us.

SAYING FAREWELL TO DAVE TIMMERMAN

A Note from Karen Maslow, Marketing Chair

It's hard to imagine our industry without Dave Timmerman, AAADM's outgoing president, who is retiring. During an evening reception at the annual meeting, we presented him with a plaque and words of appreciation for his 40-year dedication to the automatic door industry and AAADM. Members in attendance also expressed their gratitude and appreciation for Dave's contributions.

But it's hard to put Dave's accomplishment and impact into words.

I've had the good fortune of knowing Dave for 35 years. Our paths collided long ago as legacy ASSA ABLOY employees from back in the Besam days. Over the years, he's been a trusted colleague and a dear friend.

Getting to serve alongside Dave on AAADM has been



a great privilege. I'm so impressed with the fine work he has done for this association, and I'm proud of what he's achieved as AAADM president. He has devoted much care and attention to this challenging role and deserves to be celebrated.

Dave is a decent and kind soul. I am profoundly grateful for his friendship and for having the opportunity to work with him. His unwavering dedication and genuine kindness have left an indelible mark on all who have had the pleasure of knowing him. Now, it's time for him to devote time to his own pursuits, enjoying his family, putting down new roots in the American Southwest, and furthering his diverse and eclectic hobbies.

We thank him and wish him well. Our door will always open, automatically.

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Certification Committee

CHAIR:
MARCUS KEENAN

I was honored to be named the new chairman

of AAADM's Technical Committee. A special thank you to our outgoing chair, Vaughn McDaniel, for his leadership and stewardship.

I've been in the automatic door industry for more than 30 years and am currently codes and product compliance manager for STANLEY Access Technologies.

I understand the importance of the post, which oversees all aspects of our certification and safety training for automatic door installers, technicians, and inspectors. It's critical that we keep safety at the forefront of everyone's mind.

Our annual re-certification process enabled us to get any changes in front of our Inspectors on more than just ANSI's typical five-year rotation for updates.

The Certification Committee's first order of business was putting together the training and tests for this annual renewal cycle. This year, they were presented in multiple languages (English, Spanish, and French). We also prepared curriculum for our Train the Trainers events. Trainers are the people who actually teach the updated standards and administer the tests. They must attend at least one of these sessions every three years.

As always, throughout the year we'll update the roles of eligible Inspectors and field any questions AAADM members might have related to ANSI/BHMA standards.

When you look at the big picture of AAADM, safety is at our core. I'm happy to serve as our Certification Committee chair.

Government Affairs Committee



CONSULTANT:
KATHLEEN CARROLL

We've added an IBC (International Building Code) Adoption Tracker to the AAADM website. It maintains a complete list of states that have adopted IBC 1105.1.1, the mandate we championed for a decade that recommends public

entrances have at least one door that is either a full or low-energy power-operated door.

Even though IBC began including 1105.1.1 in 2021, it did not automatically become the law of the land. Each state must individually adopt the code and which version to implement. Many people are surprised that here, four years later, only 18 of 50 states have adopted 1105.1.1.

The purpose of the Tracker is to provide an easy way for members (and the public) to see where their states stand. And if your state is NOT on the list, hopefully you will take action. Reach out to your state representatives and tell them how important IBC 1105.1.1 is to you. Use your own social media channels to encourage your followers to get involved, too.

It is widely accepted that automatic doors enhance overall building accessibility and accommodate a wide array of physical conditions that might make using standard doors difficult or impossible. IBC 1105.1.1 addresses a public need and AAADM believes it is important to see this effort through to its adoption in all 50 states U.S. states.

Check out the IBC Adoption Tracker [here](#).



LEGAL NEWS

By Christina Pannos, Esq., AAADM Legal Counsel

THE CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY ACT – TO COMPLY OR NOT TO COMPLY?

Have you received numerous notifications recently about your company needing to file an information report only to receive a notice the next day that claims there is no need to file? What is this?

It is the Corporate Transparency Act (“CTA”), which requires a range of entities, from corporations to homeowners’ associations, to file a report with the Treasury’s Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (“FinCEN”) identifying the entities’ beneficial owners—the persons who ultimately own or control the company—and to provide similar identifying information about the persons who formed the entity. The CTA also authorizes FinCEN to disclose this information to authorized government authorities and to financial institutions in certain circumstances.

Over the past several months, the CTA has been subject to a number of injunctions against enforcement, the last of which was lifted on Feb. 18, 2025. This means (as of the date this article was written) **the CTA will be in full force and effect**. This technically includes the requirement for most reporting companies to file their beneficial ownership information reports. However, after a flurry of recent lawsuits and announcements by government agencies, the previously announced deadline to file by March 21, 2025, for many reporting companies will actually NOT be enforced.



On Feb. 27, 2025, FinCEN announced that it would not issue any fines or penalties or take other enforcement actions for a failure to comply with the current deadlines under the CTA. On March 2, 2025, the U.S. Department of the Treasury also announced that it would not enforce any penalties or fines or take other enforcement actions against U.S. citizens or domestic reporting companies or their beneficial owners regarding compliance with the CTA, even after forthcoming rule changes take effect. So, the CTA is currently an enforceable law that **will not be enforced**.

FinCEN indicated that its non-enforcement position would remain in effect until a forthcoming interim final rule with new deadlines becomes effective. FinCEN stated that it expects to issue an interim final rule no later than March 21, 2025. The Department of the Treasury stated that it will

propose a rule to limit the applicability of the CTA to foreign reporting companies only. Under the CTA's current reporting rule, a “foreign reporting company” is any entity that is formed under the law of a foreign country and is registered to do business in any U.S. state or tribal jurisdiction by the filing of a document with a secretary of state or similar office. Limiting the applicability of the CTA's reporting rule solely to foreign reporting companies as currently defined in the reporting rule would drastically reduce the number of potential reporting companies. In 2022, FinCEN estimated that out of over 36 million existing entities that may be subject to reporting requirements, only about 71,000 were foreign entities.

Finally, legislation is pending in the Senate which, if it becomes law, would extend the CTA reporting deadline to Jan. 1, 2026, for entities formed prior to Jan. 1, 2024, and there are still many cases challenging enforcement of the CTA pending in the court system.

To comply or not to comply? There is so much uncertainty regarding when—and if—enforcement of CTA deadlines will resume; we suggest reporting companies be prepared to file on short notice if a new deadline is announced. Pay attention to the notices and consult your legal counsel for the most current guidance.



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