

AAMA Updates Schedule of Events

SCHAUMBURG, ILL. -- American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) has updated its schedule of events to include 2010 dates. The upcoming 72nd Annual Conference for fenestration industry leaders and decision-makers will be held Feb. 22-25, at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort in Coronado, Calif. The conference will feature keynote speaker Dave Werner, a political satirist and musical comedian; luncheon speaker Michael Collins, an investment banker with Jordan, Knauff & Company in Chicago, and AAMA's Annual Awards Banquet.

Dave Werner originally worked as a lawyer in Washington, D.C., and joined the highly regarded musical group, The Capitol Steps. Werner has since developed a solo act and tours the country, offering his own humorous take on the political events in our country.

Michael Collins has conducted extensive research regarding the commercial and residential window and door industries. He will present an overview of and the future outlook for the window and door industry with special emphasis on how the housing crisis and economic downturn will affect the industry in the future. Collins will explore the likely shape of the industry in the future, given the number of plants that have closed and the ways in which companies are addressing the economic slowdown in the industry.

Also during the Annual Conference will be AAMA's Annual Awards Banquet – a chance to honor the leaders, chairmen and many members who are responsible for AAMA's continued success. This year, a new Chairman of the Board as well as Products Group Presidents will be installed.

"At AAMA, not only are member voices heard within the association, but the members' concerns are also shared with leaders from Washington to regional and local government organizations," says Rich Walker, AAMA president and CEO. "These conferences and meetings are vital in sharing experience and knowledge and participating in efforts that will shape the future of the industry."

Two additional national conferences and one regional meeting are also planned for 2009.

AAMA's complete 2009 schedule of events includes:

- * Feb. 22-25, 72nd Annual Conference at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort in Coronado, Calif.
- * Mar. 25-26, Western Region Spring Meeting (postponed until 2010)
- * Apr. 1-2, Southeast Region Spring Meeting (postponed until March 2010)
- * May 31-June 3, National Summer Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, Minn.
- * Aug. 12-13, Southeast Region Fall Meeting at Marriott Coral Springs Hotel in Coral Springs, Fla.
- * Sept. 20-23, National Fall Conference at the Loews Lake Las Vegas Resort in Henderson, Nev.

"The AAMA regional events were rescheduled from 2009 to 2010 to be considerate of the current economy and our members' necessary reactions to current industry trends. These events were postponed in the hopes that the economy will improve in 2010 allowing members to again participate in these industry events. Information critical to

regional members will continue to be communicated through newsletters, conference calls, GoToMeeting sessions and e-mail alerts," says Walker.

In addition to the 2009 dates listed above, 2010 events have been announced and include:

- * Feb. 14-17, 73rd Annual Conference at the JW Marriott Desert Springs in Palm Springs, Calif.
- * Mar. 23-24, Southeast Region Spring Meeting, Hyatt Regency San Antonio (Riverwalk), San Antonio, Texas
- * Dates to be announced, Western Region Spring Meeting, Waterfront Plaza Hotel, Oakland, Calif.
- * June 6-9, National Summer Conference, Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort, Chicago, Ill.
- * Oct. 10-13, National Fall Conference, Hyatt Regency Tamaya, Santa Ana Pueblo (Albuquerque), N.M.

For a full listing, please visit the AAMA Future Events page <http://www.aamanet.org/general.asp?sect=1&id=192>.

The conferences and regional meetings address issues of critical importance to AAMA's member companies, both large and small, domestic and international, that manufacture architectural and residential fenestration products such as windows, doors, skylights, curtain walls and storefronts. As a material-neutral organization, AAMA's councils and committees represent aluminum, fiberglass, glass, vinyl, and wood and cellulosic composite products.

For more information on AAMA's events, please visit www.aamanet.org, call 847-303-5664, or e-mail Florence Nicolici, AAMA meetings manager, at fnicolici@aamanet.org.

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