

# Press Information

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## AAMA Southeast Region Director Retires

SCHAUMBURG, Ill. – Effective at the end of March 2008, Sigi Valentin will retire as executive director of AAMA Southeast Region, according to Rich Walker, AAMA president and CEO.

Since he started as executive director of the region in July of 2002, Valentin has been a tireless advocate of both AAMA national and regional member interests in the southeastern states. He built strong relationships with key staff and officials in the International Building Code, Florida Building Commission, as well as state and local building and energy code organizations. Valentin helped protect Southeastern fenestration markets and paved the way for higher performing products through the development of consensus code change proposals and testimony in support of these proposals on the code floor. In addition, he planned and organized AAMA Southeast Region meetings, securing key speakers that kept the membership abreast of all the latest code developments, threats and opportunities.

“[Valentin’s] leadership of the window industry, especially in motivating the hurricane response initiatives, are admired and appreciated. Given the pace at which this government staff must work these days, we would not have had time to move that mountain without [his] great assistance,” according to Rick Dixon, executive director of the Florida Building Commission.

On the national level, Valentin was president of AAMA’s national Board of Directors in 1994, and guided the association through many organizational advancements. Valentin has been active on the Board since his term as president, often adding historical perspective to strategic discussions.

In addition to his national codes and industry affairs responsibilities, Chuck Anderson will replace Valentin as southeast region director. Anderson established valuable contacts in this region’s code community during his tenure with AAMA member Simonton and understands the territory and issues well.

“Our members and staff alike wish Sigi nothing but the best as he has certainly earned and deserves the opportunity to spend more time with his wife Ingrid, son Volker and his grandchildren,” says Walker.

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