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Interactive Sessions at FGIA Annual Conference to Touch on Innovation, Installation, Aluminum Profiles

SCHAUMBURG, IL – Several sessions at the Fenestration and Glazing Industry Alliance (FGIA) 2025 Annual Conference will provide interactive conversations and demonstrations in the form of a hands-on workshop demonstrating the start-to-finish process of producing an aluminum profile, a panel focused on product innovation and a roundtable discussion focused on fenestration installation. Engage with these industry-focused sessions February 17-20 in Orlando, FL, by [registering now](https://fgiaonline.org/events/682/).

“FGIA is proud to host sessions that allow participants to further their industry knowledge and encourage ongoing education,” said Florica Vlad, FGIA Events Manager. “We know it is crucial for those in our industry to stay on top of the latest tools and methods in order to keep doing the best work possible.”

**Hands-on Workshop | Aluminum Profiles from the Ground Up**

Conference participants will have an opportunity to engage in an active workshop with five stations, including an anodizing finishing station, a cleaning station, a liquid and powder finishing station, a thermal break station and a billet and extruding station. Many actions are needed before aluminum used in fenestration applications can appear on a building. This session will explore several of the steps that take place from extracting the mineral from the ground to producing a profile ready for glazing. Workshop materials have been generously supplied by [Axalta Coating Systems](http://www.axaltacs.com), [Azon](http://www.azonintl.com), [BCI Surface Technologies](http://www.bulkchemicals.us), [Hydro](http://www.hydroextrusions.com), [PPG Industries](http://www.ppgmetalcoatings.com), [Quaker Houghton](https://home.quakerhoughton.com/), [Technoform](https://www.technoform.com/en) and [Winco Window Company](http://www.wincowindow.com).

**Panel Discussion | Ignite Innovation with Ray Garries (Global Fenestration Advisors)**

In line with the conference theme of “Ignite Innovation,” FGIA will host a panel discussion on innovation efforts in the industry. This is the fourth roundtable of its kind to be offered at an FGIA conference. Moderated by Ray Garries (Global Fenestration Advisors), panelists will include Dave Cooper ([VacuumGlass](http://www.vacuumglassllc.com)), Chris Giovanielli ([Kawneer](http://www.kawneer.com)) and Anthony Pigliacampo ([Joseph Machine Company](http://www.josephmachineco.com)). These three individuals will share an example of how their respective companies are spotlighting innovation and implementing new technologies and ways of doing business. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask their own questions about innovation.

**Roundtable | Installation Instructions, Needs, Methods with Aaron Blom (FGIA)**

The Wall Interface Council is hosting this discussion about the future development of fenestration installation standards. Here, participants will learn about the existing installation standards, their applications for both new and replacement applications, as well as potential code implications in Florida. A report will be given on the FGIA/Window and Door Manufacturers Association (WDMA) Installation Committee’s efforts to develop installation standards. Those who have considered getting involved in developing new installation standards and influencing the future of the fenestration industry should join FGIA Technical Training Specialist, Aaron Blom, for this collaborative discussion.

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