

DASMA 22ND ANNUAL FALL FORUM

Technical experts reconvene



On Sept. 21-23, DASMA hosted its 22nd Technical Fall Forum at the Hilton Garden Inn in Dallas, Texas, where DASMA members from 25 different companies attended the first in-person forum since 2019.

The agenda included nine top-notch presentations, the usual slate of active committee and division meetings, and several excellent meals. The luncheons and dinners served as a great opportunity for attendees to interact in a fun and casual setting.

Powerful lineup

Nine presentations on relevant topics were provided by recognized experts in the industry. Attendees found the wide-ranging topics covered valuable. Bill Coulbourn, author and co-author of several FEMA and ASCE manuals and standards, kicked off the presentations with a seminar on ASCE 7-22 Wind Hazards.

Coulbourn has been to, or managed teams that have been to, every major hurricane and flood disaster in the United States and its territories since 1995. "Bill is recognized as one of the top experts in protection against hurricanes. He spoke directly to matters DASMA members deal with every day," said Dave Monsour, DASMA technical director.

Ethical challenges

Karl Arunski, vice president of education for IEEE-TEMS, advised the group on how to navigate ethical challenges. Arunski has over 25 years of experience practicing systems engineering in the defense industry and years teaching systems engineering, leading, and engineering management at South Methodist University.

Building solutions for air leakage requirements

Next, architectural engineer and business owner Meghan McDermott examined ASTM E779 testing. McDermott conducts building enclosure

assessments, whole building energy modeling, and energy savings calculations and building diagnostics, and is a contributing author to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers protocol.

Codes

John Taecker of UL Solutions delivered a presentation on "Code Impact: Power supply cords, hazardous areas, and more." Taecker is a nationally recognized speaker and California-registered PE in safety engineering, and actively participates on code committees for building, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical sectors.

ASO Safety Solutions Executive Vice President Simon Rockel then offered attendees an overview of European codes and uncontrolled door movements. Rockel has five years of experience in the pedestrian door industry in Germany and 10 years working in the industrial manufacturing sector of ASO.

Understanding the Thermal Performance Program

The DASMA Thermal Performance Program (TPP) was a major topic of discussion throughout the forum. Michael Beaton of Intertek, the program administrator, provided a detailed presentation of the TPP, which offered attendees a greater understanding of the requirements and benefits of the program.

Beaton has 35 years of industry experience in testing, inspection, and certification. "A lengthy discussion with Michael Beaton was exactly what the Thermal Program needed right now. Many decisions fell into place quickly with Michael present to provide guidance," said Monsour.

Can I get a witness?

John Scates, veteran mechanical engineer with over 20 years of industry experience, presented "Lessons learned as an expert witness." He shared detailed, firsthand accounts of his work as a resource and expert witness in product liability and injury claims related to vehicular doors. The content-heavy presentation was very highly rated by attendees.

TDI requirements

Attendees were offered important information about TDI requirements for doors from Dr. Paul Bove of the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI). Dr. Bove specializes in the advancement of windstorm-resistant structures located

along the Texas Gulf Coast, and he develops and conducts educational programs on windstorm-resistant construction and building specifications adopted by the TDI.

Monsour said, "DASMA members who had worked with

Dr. Bove for years, and even decades, were delighted to finally meet him in person."

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DASMA legal counsel Nathan Breen gave the last presentation: "Products that last for generations: Is liability forever?" which included statutes of limitations and statutes of repose.

Breen is a partner for Howe & Hutton and serves trade associations, providing legal counsel on governance, antitrust, intellectual property, certification and accreditation, ANSI standards, information technology, employment law, and risk management.

Earning PDH

The forum served as a perfect venue for attendees to gain necessary Professional Development Hours (PDH). They received PDH for attending the speaker presentations offered throughout the forum. Each hour goes toward continuing education credits required to maintain engineering licenses.



Committee and Division meetings

The Fall Forum is also an ideal opportunity for the DASMA committees and divisions to discuss the specific technical

issues and topics affecting their associated products. For this year, the High-Performance Door Division, Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee, Rolling Door Division, and Thermal Performance Program Certification Committee held meetings that lasted two to three hours each.

"The Fall Forum was productive as always, and the Dallas venue was a nice change. We covered several important points of interest, including the development of a Technical Data Sheet outline for TDS development," said David Dawdy of Clopay Corporation. "This will help to provide uniformity and consistency to

future TDS Sheets, which have become a valuable resource for everyone from architects to technicians."

Not all business

While the presentations and meetings were extremely valuable, the interactions and discussions held during the group meals may have been the highlight of the entire event. The forum included three breakfasts, three luncheons, and one group dinner.

Mark your calendars!

The Technical Forum is an annual event that all DASMA member companies are eligible to attend. Each year, the agenda features different speakers to present on relevant topics that are affecting the industry at that time. Look for announcements in the coming months on the 2023 forum which will once again be held in September. ■

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