DASMA elects new leaders

At the 2017 DASMA Annual Meeting in January, four industry leaders were elected to positions on the DASMA board of directors. The 17-member board is the governing body of the association.

- Michel Gendreau, president of Garaga, now serves as second vice president.
- Dave Bangert, CEO of C.H.I., has been elected to the board.
- Dan Nixa, vice president of marketing at LiftMaster, has replaced Ken Roehl of LiftMaster as a member-at-large on the DASMA board. Roehl had served on the board since its founding in 1996.
- Milt Prosperi, director of engineering at CornellCookson, has replaced Steve Hahn of Lawrence Roll-up Doors as chair of the Rolling Door Division.

Bearge Miller, president of Miller Edge, serves as DASMA president. Steve Lynch, president of Clopay Building Products, is first vice president, and Rick Sedivy, director of marketing at DoorKing, is treasurer. ■


Gendreau


Bangert


Nixa


Prosperi

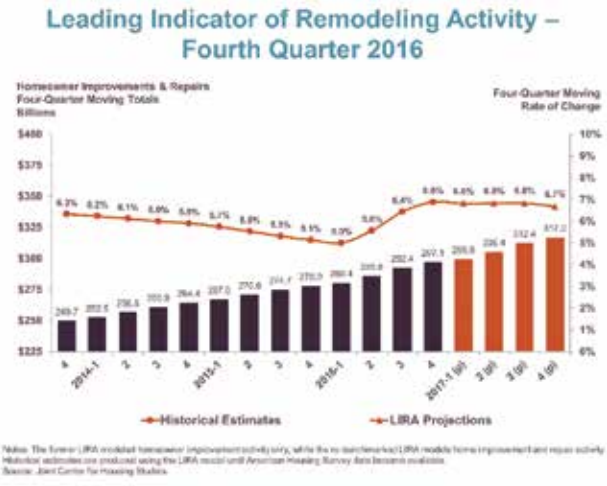
Harvard predicts growth for home improvement

The year 2017 is expected to see sustained momentum in home remodeling and repair spending, according to the Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity (LIRA) released in January by the Remodeling Futures Program at the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University.

The LIRA projects that annual growth in home improvement and repair expenditures will remain elevated throughout 2017, with spending levels ending the year up 6.7 percent at $317 billion, on par with the 6.9 percent growth estimated for 2016.

"Growth in home prices is continuing at a healthy pace and encouraging homeowners to make remodeling investments," said Chris Herbert, managing director of the Joint Center.

Home sales are continuing upward, and remodeling permits are growing. He said this suggests another strong year for home improvements. ■



LiftMaster wins Ad of the Year

In January, LiftMaster's "H-app-iness" ad won the 17th annual Door + Access Systems Advertisement of the Year award. Dan Nixa of LiftMaster received the top trophy on behalf of his company at the DASMA Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"This ad simply sold me," said one of the judges. "It had lots to say, but they said it quickly and efficiently and lent a personal perspective to the sales moment."

A panel of 13 judges selected the ad after reviewing more than 100 ads and narrowing down the list to 10 semifinalists and five finalists. The other four ads in the top five were DoorKing's "Finding a way into trouble" ad, FlexiForce's "Harmony" ad, LiftMaster's "The key to bigger sales" ad, and Service Spring's "Training since 1962" ad. ■

DASMA advances migration from R-values to U-factors

In February, DASMA completed U-factor testing at three different laboratories on sectional garage doors with EPS and polyurethane insulations to measure consistency of results. The testing was one of multiple phases of work undertaken by DASMA toward eventually promoting garage door U-factors.

The three laboratories were CLEB (Quebec, Canada), Intertek/ATI (York, Pa.), and Fenestration Testing Laboratory (Miami, Fla.). A new 2015 version of DASMA 105, currently undergoing national standards canvassing, was used in the testing.

To protect the confidentiality of tested values and the identity of manufacturers donating products, only the ranges in values will be shared with DASMA members. Joe Hetzel, DASMA technical director, said that the testing sought to establish the reliability of the test procedures and to help manufacturers choose the products to be rated for U-factor. ■

Canada: DASMA submits code proposal for high-speed doors

In January, DASMA submitted another code change to Canada's National Research Council, seeking to obtain recognition of high-speed doors in the 2021 National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings. A previous effort to include certain performance values for such doors was not acted upon for the code's 2015 edition.

The proposal, intended for an administrative chapter of the code, is "objective" based. This means that the doors should achieve a certain outcome as determined by an annualized energy analysis. This includes important parameters such as U-factor, air leakage, door open time, opening and closing speeds, and power usage.

"The code should recognize operation-based means of saving energy, since high-speed doors effectively limit air passage through openings," said Nick Marando of TNR Doors and an officer of the DASMA High Performance Door Division.

The proposal, designated as CCR 1119, should be processed this year. ■

New TDS: Rolling steel fire door FAQs

In December, DASMA released new Technical Data Sheet 295 to respond to frequently asked questions regarding rolling steel fire doors. The document was developed from questions posed to rolling steel fire door manufacturers and to DASMA.

Several questions deal with drop testing. The TDS notes that all fire doors must first be visually inspected and operationally tested per NFPA 80 requirements by a trained door systems technician.

Milt Prosperi, DASMA Rolling Door Division chair, said that the questions will be part of a seminar at the IDA Expo in April in Atlanta. "Our TDS helps add clarity to an often misunderstood topic. Expo is a perfect opportunity to present this information at a place where our industry benefits from this type of dialogue," he added.

The TDS can be found at www.dasma.com. Check the Expo schedule for the seminar time and location. ■

DASMA documents to recognize four-fold/bi-fold doors

In early 2017, DASMA began a comprehensive review of its published Garage Door Division documents to see whether the scope of each document could be expanded to include four-fold and bi-fold doors. The division's Technical Data Sheets, Technical Research Documents, and standards will be included in the review.

The review is not expected to involve technical changes. Instead, how the DASMA documents discuss four-fold and bi-fold doors is expected to be clarified.

Gary Wedekind of Raynor said that DASMA's work should reflect the diversity of garage door types. He added that the recognition of the technical aspects of these products should help to ease regulatory issues and to strengthen product performance documentation. DASMA hopes to complete its review later this year. ■

The most-used Technical Data Sheets

Page Views*	DASMA Technical Data Sheet
119	TDS 155 Residential and Commercial Wind Load Guides
68	TDS 190 Factors Affecting Spring Cycle Life
65	TDS 151 General Code Inspection Guidelines for Garage Doors
41	TDS 171 Official Color Codes for Torsion and Extension Springs
40	TDS 154 DASMA Metal Gauge Chart

*Nov. 15, 2016-Feb. 15, 2017

More than 120 Technical Data Sheets are freely available at www.dasma.com under Publications. These documents have been prepared by and are continually reviewed and updated by the DASMA Technical Committees and staff. ■