



Greetings from the Board

Mr. Russ Snow

Well, it's been a few months since I was elected as the ABAA Chair and it has been an exciting time within the Association. As you may know, we have a significant number of committees and sub-committees within the Association, all consisting of dedicated individuals working to continually improve ABAA's position as the recognized voice for air barrier knowledge. I would sincerely like to thank the Chairs of each of these committees, along with every committee member involved, for all of your hard work. Sometimes it gets forgotten that everyone is a volunteer...[Read More](#)

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APRIL 18-20
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RESTON, VA

**EDUCATION AT THE HIGHEST
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AIR BARRIER EDUCATION TRACKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

The 2017 ABAA Conference & Trade show will be taking place in Reston, Virginia on April 18-20, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency.

Sessions & Workshops:

Three comprehensive learning tracks geared towards general contractors, design professionals, air barrier contractors, consultants, and testing labs will be offered. The speakers for the program have been finalized and we are pleased to be able to bring to you such a fine lineup of knowledgeable individuals. We are very excited to have **Dr. Joseph Lstiburek**, a principal of Building Science Corporation, as one of our All-Star Speakers for the event this year. A building science pioneer, particularly in the areas of air barriers, vapor barriers, and vented and unvented assemblies, he has had a lasting impact on building codes and practices throughout the world.

The full conference program and schedule can be viewed here: www.abaaconference.com/schedule/

- Exhibit Hall: The trade show portion of the event will be held over two days and will feature 40 booths. Exhibitor booths are now available and are selling quickly. There are approximately only 20 booths remaining. If you are interested in exhibiting this year, please fill out the form [here](#).
- Sponsorship: There are many new and different sponsorship levels for the conference this year. We have had a few companies already commit to sponsor parts of the event and we are really looking forward to partnering with more. If you are interested in the opportunity of sponsoring this great event, please [click](#) here for more sponsorship information.

Please visit the [conference website](#) for more information. Registration for attendees is open. We look forward to seeing you there!

Significant Discount for Architects and Specification Writers!

This year and for the first time ever, the association is providing a significant discount for individuals that work for architectural firms or are independent specification writers. **This discount results in savings of 40-50% depending on your pass purchase.** Currently our conference passes are \$295 for 1 day, \$495 for 2 days and \$695 for 3 days. With this discount, your passes will be reduced to \$149 for 1 day, \$281.50 for 2 days and \$425 for 3 days. This discount will be applied during the registration process.

ABAA enjoys and partners with various groups and associations to work on common goals and offer joint educational sessions. This year, ABAA is also offering a significant discount for members of the American Institute of Architects, Building Enclosure Councils and Construction Specification Institute members. Contact the ABAA office at 1-866-956-5888 and speak to **Keenan** for the special discount code or you may receive an email directly from your chapter with the information.

We want to thank our sponsors that are helping to support this event

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Technical Article: Is Astm E283 Interchangeable With Astm E2178?

by Mr. Laverne Dalglish

The short answer is no. The results you get from ASTM E283 will be different than from ASTM E2178. They are not the same test method. ASTM E283 is simply the procedure to determine air leakage rate across a specimen while ASTM E2178 is to determine the air leakage rate across a building material.

That may seem to be the same thing, but ASTM E283 was developed to determine the air leakage rate through exterior windows, curtain walls, and doors. In the standard, it defines the specimen as being full size, the height of full story building or the height of the unit, whichever is greater [...Read More](#)

New ABAA Standard Published For Building Airtightness

The Air Barrier Association of America (ABAA) published a new standard for whole building air tightness testing. The standard is called "Standard Method for Building Enclosure Air tightness Compliance Testing".

This standard is the result of years of work by a dedicated group of professionals and industry experts that numbered over 50 people. The baseline for this document was the previously published joint test protocol put together by ABAA and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) developed back in May 2012.

Work is now underway to present this to ASTM and develop an ASTM standard. A work item (WK35913) has been created under the E06 Committee on Performance of Buildings. For a copy of this standard, [click here](#).

Special thanks to Mr. Terry Brennan who chairs the ABAA Whole Building Airtightness Committee and all committee members for their support and input.



ABAA Quick Updates

The Air Barrier Association of America is very active in education and outreach, along with a lot of technical work through its committees. Here is a snap shot of some of the things we have been working on over the past few months...[read more](#)

Upcoming Events

ABAA is an association sponsor for an upcoming conference, **Facades+**

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Earn up to 16 AIA CEU credits at
Facades+ in Miami!



Facades+ in Miami:

Facades+ is the leading conference on high performance and high design building skins. This two-day event stands out as an exception to the rule of generic meet-and-greets with targeted information and dialogue about specific, location-based issues in the fields of facade design, engineering, and fabrication.

The first day is a symposium with opening keynote speaker Shohei Shigematsu of OMA, afternoon keynote Z Smith and Jose Alvarez of Eskew+Dumez+Ripple, and panels featuring other prominent and local architects. Day Two of the conference offers the opportunity to earn extra credits with workshops and architectural tours! Find out more about the days' lineup at facadesplus.com

Recent Publications

ABAA has published a number of articles over the last couple of months.

What is a Perm?

By Mr. Laverne Dalglish

A perm is simply a unit of measure for the amount of water that will pass through a given area of a material over a period of time when there is a static vapor pressure difference between the two atmospheres on each side of the material...[read more](#)

Coating Pro Magazine July Issue- Page 66: The Present and Future of Air Barriers

By Ryan Dalglish

Article discussing the significant changes over the past 15 years with products and processes addressing air leakage rates in the world of air barriers. With changes in latitudes and increased pressure to adopt green building systems, more opportunities are being presented to current air barrier applicators. [Click here for a copy](#)

Masonry Magazine: An Interview with Russ Snow

By Karen D. Hickey

Article on Russ Snow as the new chair of the ABAA and the value of the ABAA QAP for Masonry Contractors. How can Masonry Contractors increase their potential scope of work on ABAA specified projects and "own the wall"? Why is it important for Masonry Contractors to understand the importance of the air barrier continuity? [Click here for a copy](#)

Upcoming Presentations [see all](#)

January 10-12, 2017 - Presentation at the NAHB International Builders Show (IBS) - Orlando, FL

Presentation: Achieving a High Performance Air Barrier System: Proper Design, Installation & Field Quality by Laverne Dalglish

Website: <http://www.buildersshow.com/Home/>

Upcoming Tradeshows and Conferences [see all](#)

January 9-12, 2017- National Institute of Building Sciences - A Building Innovation Conference- Mandarin Oriental Hotel Washington, DC

Visit us at Booth 16

Website: <http://www.nibs.org/?conference2017>

Upcoming Installer Training

January 29-30th, 2017 at the SPFA Expo in Palm Springs, CA

Self-Adhered and SPF Training

Registration must be done online at: www.sprayfoam.org/expo

April 18-20th, 2017 at the ABAA Conference and Tradeshow in Reston, VA

Self-Adhered and Fluid Applied / Self-Adhered and SPF / Auditor / QAP

Administrator Training

Registration can be done online here: <http://abaaconference.com/installer-training/>



Please check our [training calendar](#) frequently as we will be posting additional 2017 classes soon!



What is the ABAA Quality Assurance Program?

[Click here](#) to find out more about our on-site Quality Assurance program, the benefits of specifying the ABAA QAP and what is expected from all parties involved.



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