



For many CAB members, nominating staff to join our main technical committee is the starting point for each individual to gain active hands-on involvement in CAB. Each member can nominate a main contact and a stand-in contact for the CAB technical committee, which currently meets three times a year, in the spring, early summer and autumn, writes Phil Slinger

The spring and autumn meetings usually take place on the morning of the CAB spring and autumn members' meeting and at the same location as the members' meeting, making it easier for members to attend both meetings. The third meeting usually takes place in the early summer. The calling notice and draft agenda for each meeting are sent to main contact members of the technical committee (see below) several weeks in advance. For our first CAB technical committee meeting of 2024 it is planned as a stand alone event.

For the individual joining the CAB technical committee, it can be a great way to gain valuable experience, and knowledge, and to contribute to the development of industry standards. CAB technical committee members discuss with other CAB members the practical implementation of the latest relevant standards and regulations. Members have the opportunity to shape future standards and regulations and UK government consultations. Also members have the ability to guide the future direction of the technical committee and to propose agenda items and topics for new publications

From the technical menu of our website members of the technical committee can also access, technical committee information and papers, standards for comment, consultations, special working group information and position papers. By participating in the technical committee, you can help shape the direction of the sector and put forward your company's concerns and views.

The next CAB technical committee meeting is a hybrid meeting, hosted by AluK at Chepstow and online on Thursday 7th March.

With construction output expected to decrease by 2.1% in 2024, according to the latest report from the Construction Products Association, how will aluminium fenestration fare in the year ahead?

It is fair to say that 2024 will be a challenge for some, but for many it will be business as usual and the companies who remain nimble and can change quickly to capitalise on new technology and opportunities will be the winners. The recession in our industry, forecast by some at the beginning of 2023, did not materialise but there were some noticeable business failures that we can all learn from.

CAB has been supporting the aluminium fenestration

market for 30 years this year and we have seen many changes. One thing we have learnt is that as one door closes, another opens. In the residential market we have seen new build cut by one-third in 2023, but this has gone hand in hand with homeowners staying in existing properties and refurbishing and extending what they have, often utilising new thermal efficient windows and doors. A similar trend occurs in commercial offices. Rather than moving or demolishing, building refurbishment occurs when faced with a market downturn.



Phil Slinger

CAB will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2024 with an AGM and dinner at the Carden Park hotel, near Chester on Thursday 20th June 2024. The hotel, which is located in a beautiful 900-acre site, is easily accessible from the M6, M56 and M53. Its facilities include an outstanding and newly refurbished spa, with private garden, hot tubs and outdoor pools.

The AGM and annual dinner is the highlight of the CAB calendar and always proves a popular event. CAB's after-dinner entertainment will include, back by popular demand, comedian Ian Stone. Ian is known to CAB having entertained us, and been well received, at a previous event. He is a stand-up comedian, broadcaster and writer notable for appearing as a guest on shows such as Mock the Week.

Finally, a musical extravaganza awaits at the end of the evening with the rock/pop band The Capricorns taking the stage. The 8-piece London based band continue to tour the country to rave reviews. □

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