



## **The Door and Hardware Institute (DHI) Welcomes New Director of Technical Activities**

*Thomas Seidel joins DHI as Director of Technical Activities.*

**August 1, 2024** – DHI is pleased to announce Thomas Seidel as the association’s new Director of Technical Activities. Tom is an experienced professional with over 30 years in the door, frame and hardware industry and holds several certifications including AHC, CDT, CSI and LSFDI.

Tom began his career as an estimator and project manager for a Western Pennsylvania distributor before becoming the Manager of two of its regional offices. Tom was most recently a Training Manager with ASSA ABLOY Academy. He has been engaged in the openings industry for over 33 years, having spent the last 22 years with ASSA ABLOY affiliated companies. Tom has explored multiple roles with the organization, including Training Specialist, Distribution Representative, Architectural Consultant and Specification Writer.

Tom is an Architectural Hardware Consultant member of DHI, having served twice as President of the Allegheny Chapter. He is also a member of Construction Specifications Institute and Associated Locksmiths of America, as well as a Certified Fire Door Inspector.

As the Director of Technical Activities, Tom will be responsible for assessing DHI’s existing education program and developing plans that will enhance and expand it with revitalized offerings in the future.

“The DHI Board of Governors and staff are looking forward to welcoming Tom and are excited to see his 33 years of experience in action in this critical role,” said DHI President Lewis Smith, CFDAI. “I know DHI programming will be in good hands with his expertise.”

DHI CEO James Gammon, CFDAI reflected this excitement, stating, “I am excited to see Tom’s insights and experience lead to elevated education and programming for DHI. With Tom’s guidance, DHI will continue to offer thoughtful, relevant and actionable content to benefit our members and the door and hardware industry at large. Great things are ahead for DHI.”

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