As we say goodbye to 2014 and look to 2015, we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you—a wonderful and dedicated group of leaders who cares about our membership and our industry. Thank you for all you do to support DHI and your chapter membership!

**DHI NEWS:**
**DHI Staff Update**
DHI welcomes Jackie Bessette to the Membership Department as the new Membership Development Manager. Jackie comes to DHI with membership experience in several other associations, building corporate membership programs and services, as she will be doing here at DHI. As a chapter leader, she will work closely with you to strengthen our chapter programming and structure. Jackie can be reached at jbessette@dhi.org or by phone at 703/766-7021.

**Door Security & Safety Foundation**
Your Foundation has had a busy year and it’s almost time to wrap up our annual fundraising efforts. Thank you to the following chapters for their generous contributions this year of up to $2,000 each:

Buckeye Chapter  
Georgia Chapter  
Iowa Chapter  
Ontario Chapter  
Puget Sound Chapter  
Roadrunner Chapter

For those who have not yet contributed this year, there’s still time! The Foundation will be mailing you a packet about our upcoming initiatives in hopes that you are willing to extend your chapter’s financial support to bring these programs to fruition. These new initiatives include a goal of 70 awareness presentations to the healthcare sector next year and well-funded public relations campaign that will highlight the expertise of our industry.

We hope you are encouraged by the work of your Foundation and will offer your support. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the benefits of making a large contribution, including a possible program for your chapter, please contact Jerry Heppes, jheppes@dhi.org. You can pledge, donate, read testimonials and learn more about our programs and publications at www.doorsecuritysafety.org. Thank you in advance!

**President Barry T. Shovlin**
President Shovlin began his presidency on Nov. 1. Please take a moment to read his address to the membership and industry in the November issue of *Doors & Hardware* magazine. This annual presidential article highlights the vision and direction of each President. He references DHI’s strategic plan, which can be found on our website. Keep these handy throughout the year—it’s a good reference!

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**Save the Date!**  
DHI 2015 CoNEXTions  
April 29 – May 1, 2015  
Baltimore, Maryland

*Registration opening in February 2015!*
**DHI EDUCATION:**

**Local Education Program**

DHI continues to offer chapters the opportunity to bring our technical education to them through the local education program. The delivery of DHI’s curriculum provides great value for our members and the industry. In thinking “outside of the box,” consider conducting a course in bite-size segments that could be taught over time! Our education can be customized to fit the needs of your local membership.

By conducting our technical education at a local level, you are helping members gain access to important DHI education, while saving money on travel and tuition and increasing the value of your chapter.

Interested in bringing a program or class to your chapter? Contact **Amees Patel**.

**DHI Technical Education**

DHI is already busy planning 2015 and you don’t want to miss a thing! Help spread the word by announcing these upcoming events at your chapter meetings, on your chapter website, and in your chapter newsletter. Event details are available on our **website**.

- **New Webinar Series**
  - *Decoded*, is a 4-part webinar series taught by Lori Greene, AHC/CDC, FDAI, FDHI. We know your time is valuable and you will see more of this type of education in the future—education that can be experienced right at your desk! Registration is complimentary for DHI members and $25 for non-members. As a **member exclusive** benefit, the webinars can be viewed at **DHIInteractive**. Members will need to log in using their ID and password.

- **2015 Online Instructor-led Courses**
  - **AHC215** – *Writing Hardware Specifications*
    - August 20 – December 3, 2015

  - **AHC207** – *Advanced Detailing Hardware*
    - January 15 – April 9, 2015

- **DHI Spring Technical School**
  - April 12-19, 2015, Lansdowne, VA – *Registration and Course offerings coming soon.*

- **DHI Fall Technical Schools**
  - October 5 -10, 2015, Scottsdale, AZ
  - October 26 – 30, 2015, Calgary, AB

**DHI MEMBERSHIP:**

**2014 - 15 Membership Year:**

Thank you to all the chapter leaders who responded to our recent email with updates for your local membership. This support is helpful in our efforts to keep up with the membership, not only for membership renewal but for better communication of DHI products and programs.

**CHAPTER NEWS:**

**Last Call for 2015 Mary Roth Award**

If you missed the deadline to nominate your chapter for a **Mary Roth Award**, there is still time! DHI has extended the deadline to Dec. 15. Do not delay in contacting **Catherine Cohen** to submit a chapter program for consideration. **Be nationally recognized for the local programming that your chapter brings to its membership!**

**Chapter Scholarship Opportunity – Your Chance to Help**

The Door Security & Safety Foundation awards six national scholarships each year. This year the Foundation had the honor of selecting the six winners from a very worthy pool of nearly 100 industry professionals—all looking at the prospect of gaining more technical experience through education. Some of the applicants might be in your chapter!

We have contacted chapter leaders and offered to forward the applications of those who were not awarded in the hopes that they could be incorporated into your chapter’s scholarship program. Applications will not include
the identity of the applicant, unless or until a scholarship is awarded. If you are interested in including these worthy applicants in scholarship selection, please contact Paige Horton.

**Chapter Assessment Survey**
This month, DHI will send our chapter leaders the 2014 Chapter Assessment Survey. Please take a moment to participate in the brief survey. We hear from many of our chapters over the course of the year, but this survey provides DHI with an overall representation of the health of the chapter system and keeps us up-to-date on the annual activities and events within each chapter.

The survey will be conducted via Survey Monkey and will be sent to the member in the position of President or highest ranking leader. Please watch your email for the survey!

**Particip-ACTION**
Particip-ACTION is designed to get your chapter involved and show off what it can do for its members. Particip-ACTION gives your chapter the opportunity to earn points for chapter-related events, education, meetings, etc., and enables your chapter to compete with other DHI chapters for national recognition and bragging rights! **Make sure your chapter is submitting its points!** If you need help submitting points or would like to learn more about this program, please contact DHI Member Services at 703/222-2010—don’t miss those hidden points that your chapter deserves!

**CHAPTER ADMINISTRATIVE TOPICS:**

**Does Your Chapter Have Insurance?  Protect Yourself and Your Chapter!**
We have processed the chapter insurance for those chapters that elected to participate in the policies offered to the local leadership for the 2014 membership year. If your chapter did not respond to the current chapter insurance offerings, there is still time. Please do not delay in contacting DHI to renew or enroll in general liability and D&O insurance. Contact Paige Horton for the enrollment forms.

**Chapter Dues Checks**
We have a number of checks that have not been deposited. **Please do not delay in depositing these checks. Checks will be void after 60 days.** If you have a check that is void, please contact Paige Horton immediately.

**Chapter Member Rosters**
If you would like an updated roster of your current membership, please contact Paige Horton at phorton@dhi.org. You can also view your roster online 24/7 by going to the "Locate Your Chapter" section of the DHI website and clicking your chapter name.

**Need Assistance?**
Contact Paige Horton at 703/766-7019 or e-mail Paige Horton. DHI can assist you in sending out meeting notices, surveying your local membership, and contacting your members. Just let us know what you need and we will be glad to help in any way we can.

If you have received this bulletin and are no longer a chapter leader, please call Member Services at 703/222-2010 to provide new leadership contacts or fax new information to 703/222-2410.