

Giarratana to Retire at Marantec; Successor Named

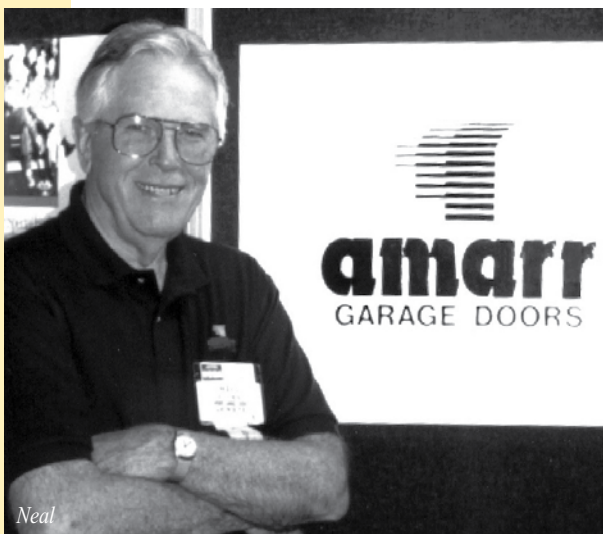
In July, Neil Giarratana, Marantec America's president and CEO, announced his intention to retire at the end of 2009 and named Meikel Nagel as his successor.

After almost 45 years in business, Giarratana plans to complete a book he is writing and do some consulting. Giarratana holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from Stanford University and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. He came to the Marantec helm in 2001.

Nagel, who is currently the chief operating officer, will become CEO on Jan. 1, 2010. With Marantec America since 2000, Nagel has also served as training manager and technical product manager. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and holds degrees in international relations and economics. ■



Bill Neal, Former Amarr President, Dies



On July 5, 2009, Bill Neal, Amarr president from 1977 to 1990, died at age 85 after a long illness.

"Bill was a great friend and major force in the growth of Amarr," says Richard Brenner, Amarr CEO. "He was a great leader and teacher who instilled customer service and leadership skills in those around him."

Neal started his career in sales at Amarr in 1952. After 38 years of service and his retirement in 1990, he served as a member of Amarr's board of directors until March 2008. ■

Martin Appointed to Standards Technical Committee

Ken Martin, Martin Door president, has been selected as a member of the UL 325 Standards Technical Panel Committee, which has authority to regulate garage door opener standards for the United States.

The committee works under the American National Standards Institute, charged by Congress to oversee all revisions to garage door opener laws and regulations.

A graduate of the University of Utah, Martin is active in the Door & Access Systems Manufacturers Association (DASMA) and is a former president of the National Association of Garage Door Manufacturers (NAGDM). ■

U.S. Door Hires Commercial Sales Manager

In July, U.S. Door & Building Components announced the hiring of Ken Aycock as director of dealer development.

Aycock focuses on developing the commercial door dealer network throughout the United States. He has worked in the door industry for 25 years and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Mobile. ■



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