

Handbook Conference Objectives and Guidelines

Objective of Conference: The objective of the Handbook conference is to provide a forum for all industry sectors with an interest in tile or stone to contribute to the technical merits of the Handbook. All valid systems for setting tile and stone will be considered and excluded only if the Conferees believe the method lacks technical validity, field experience (minimum three years), or is proprietary.

TCNA Open Standards Process: The Handbook conference is part of the ongoing TCNA “open standards process” and as such, endeavors to represent all segments of the national tile industry.

Statement of Purpose: The Handbook serves as a guide to define valid systems for setting tile, and where possible, to provide multiple options for reliable ceramic tile installations.

Additionally, where relevant, the Handbook delineates the responsibilities of the project designer, the tile installer, and other trades. The Handbook is not designed as a marketing document – every effort will be made to detail systems generically.

Increased Clarity to End-User: Changes to the Handbook should be considered if the proposed change allows the end-user additional valid and reliable options for the installation of ceramic tile, clarifies or improves a method, removes or changes methods proven to be unreliable, or allows the end-user to better understand the content of the Handbook.