

James R. Houghton

James R. Houghton is Chairman Emeritus of the board of Corning Incorporated.

Mr. Houghton joined the company in 1962 and served in production, financial and sales positions until 1965. He then was named vice president and European area manager, Corning Glass International, S.A., residing in both Zurich and Brussels.

In 1968, Mr. Houghton returned to the United States and was appointed general manager of the Consumer Products Division and elected a vice president of Corning. He was elected a director of the company in 1969, vice chairman with responsibilities for the company's International operations in 1971 and chairman in 1983. Mr. Houghton retired as chairman and chief executive officer on April 25, 1996. In June 2001, Mr. Houghton was elected non-executive chairman of the board. In April 2002, he resumed his role as chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

He graduated from Harvard College and received a master's degree from Harvard Business School.

Mr. Houghton is a director of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and Exxon Mobil Corporation. He serves as a trustee of the Corning Museum of Glass, Corning Incorporated Foundation, The Pierpont Morgan Library and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He is past chairman of the Business Council of New York State and is a member of the Business Council. He is a member of the Harvard Corporation and the Trilateral Commission.