

## International Code Council Government Relations Update – January 2017

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### **Group B Online Governmental Consensus Vote preliminary results are available**

The demand from more than 162,000 votes cast in the [Online Governmental Consensus Vote](#) (OGCV) to determine the Group B codes in the 2018 I-Codes extended the vote another week into a three-week voting period using cdpACCESS. Click [here to view the six pages](#) of unofficial results of the various code proposals. Results remain unofficial until certification by the Validation Committee and confirmation by the ICC Board of Directors in accordance with Section 10.1 of CP 28 Code Development (CP28). Vote tallies from the OGCV will be posted following certification in accordance with Section 10.4 of CP 28.

Voting was held Nov. 8-27 following the Public Comment Hearings in Kansas City, Missouri. **If you are interested in sharing your experience and opinions on using cdpACCESS** in the 2018 code development process, follow this link: <http://productionpullzone.umz7izwbxixtqs4tn8wkvgdcktq5y5tafr.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2016-MembersForum-Feedback.pdf>

### **Alliance for National & Community Resilience invites ICC Members to participate in Feb. 16 meeting**

International Code Council's newest subsidiary, the Alliance for National & Community Resilience (ANCR) (<http://resilientalliance.org/>), will host a General Advisory Meeting in Washington D.C. on February 16, 2017. This seven-hour workshop and update will bring attendees up to speed on ANCR's progress to date and its plans for 2017. ICC members (and members' jurisdictional colleagues) are welcome to participate in-person or by phone conference. Interested people should contact ICC's Director of Resilience Initiatives, Bryan Soukup (bsoukup@iccsafe.org), for details. Also, ANCR is now on Twitter. Follow ANCR at @ANCRresilience.

### **Information now available online to attend the ICC Summit in Arlington, Texas, May 22-24**

Held in conjunction with the 25th Building Professional Institute (BPI) educational program, ICC's [Training and Certification Summit](#) will provide four education tracks and opportunities to take select ICC Certification exams. All of the training and programs will be held May 22-26 at the University of Texas campus in Arlington. The Summit will offer four in-depth educational tracks led by ICC's national expert instructors. Tracks during Monday-Wednesday, May 22-24, include:

- Leadership Institute
- Principles of Building Safety Institute
- Residential Building Inspector Certification Academy (Optional Certification Exam available at a reduced rate)
- Multigenerational Communications in the Workplace Institute

On Thursday, May 25, the education program is an open study groups session for Residential Building Inspector Certification Academy in the morning and certification exams starting at 1:30 p.m. On May 26, certification exams are scheduled to start at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Click on the hyperlinks for more on [registration](#) and [hotel/travel](#) information. Further questions should go to Jessica Franklin, email [conference@iccsafe.org](mailto:conference@iccsafe.org) and phone 888 422-7233, extension 4333.

### **White House issues report on fiscal benefits of remaining resilient with updated building codes**

The December 2016 White House Report on Community Resilience acknowledged ICC's important role in fostering resilience (<http://tinyurl.com/z4lo3kd>). "Model building codes... are developed and updated triennially by an independent, nongovernmental organization, the International Code Council (ICC), through a consensus process with representation from various stakeholders... Broad adoption and

consistent enforcement of the most current model codes, without modification, can make our housing more efficient and resilient." Download the report to read it and share with others interested in the fiscal benefits of making your community safer and more resilient to natural and human-caused calamities.

### **ICC applauds Senate passage of water bill for safer, smarter water use and focus on built environment**

The International Code Council Family of Companies (ICC) is applauding the Senate's passage of a wide ranging bill that will include \$170 million to address lead in Flint, Michigan's drinking water and \$558 million to provide relief to drought-stricken California. The bill was signed into law by President Obama shortly after its approval. "The Senate's approval of this legislation is welcomed news for water safety and shortage issues," said ICC Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO. "The Code Council is continuing its decades-long work with our member jurisdictions and industry partners to provide a built environment that encourages safer and smarter water use through conservation and efficiency."

- The ICC's **2015 International Plumbing Code®** (IPC) incorporates innovative technologies including waterless urinals and detailed engineered designs that permit the installation of smaller, more precise water usage and water drainage systems, resulting in the savings of millions of gallons of water.
- The **2015 International Residential Code®** (IRC) and **International Green Construction Code®** (IgCC) both address water conservation and efficiency, as well, including provisions for collecting, storing, and using various types of non-potable water. The IgCC also contains provisions for the collection, treatment, and storage and use of non-potable water.

"With two-thirds of the world facing severe water shortages, our most valuable resource must be protected now and for future generations," said Georgia State Fire Marshal M. Dwayne Garriss, who serves as President of the ICC Board of Directors. "We applaud the Senate's action and will continuously advocate the built environment's critical role in providing safer and smarter water use in vibrant neighborhoods and communities."

### **International Accreditation Service recently achieves its 900th accreditation milestone**

The International Accreditation Service (IAS) reached an important milestone when it recently issued its 900<sup>th</sup> accreditation. IAS accreditations verify that businesses and organizations have demonstrated compliance with national and international standards to ensure acceptance in domestic and/or global markets. IAS also develops new accreditation programs for organizations seeking to demonstrate the highest level of competence and service in their respective industries. "It has been a very short time since IAS issued the 800th accreditation and now we have crossed the 900 mark," said IAS President Chuck Ramani. "On behalf of our board and management team, it is a pleasure to thank our staff, volunteer board, committee and council members, our contract staff and most importantly our loyal customers for helping us reach this important milestone."

IAS accredits a wide range of companies and organizations, including governmental entities, commercial businesses and professional associations. A recognized accreditation body since 1975, IAS is a nonprofit, public benefit corporation and part of the International Code Council Family of Companies. IAS is one of the leading accreditation bodies in the United States and a signatory to several international mutual recognition arrangements (MRAs). For more information about IAS accreditation programs, visit [www.iasonline.org/](http://www.iasonline.org/).

### **New Jersey Congressman Bill Pascrell Jr. named 2016 CFSI Legislator of the Year**

The Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) recently announced Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (NJ-9) was selected as the 2016 CFSI Legislator of the Year. Congressman Pascrell has been a leading advocate for the nation's fire and emergency services. The current chairman of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, Congressman Pascrell has been a staunch advocate for a number of federal fire service programs, including the Assistance to Firefighters (FIRE) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs, as well as the United States Fire Administration (USFA). Recently, he introduced H.R. 5123, the Honoring Emergency Response Officers Benefits Reform Act. The legislation is intended to improve the timeliness and transparency of Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) program's death, disability and education claims.

### **Early Bird price ends Feb. 20 for 2017 EduCode set for March 20-24 in Las Vegas**

Those looking forward to EduCode 2017 in Las Vegas don't want to overlook February 20. That's because February 20 is the deadline to get the early bird prices on this nationally-attended annual event sponsored by the Southern Nevada Chapter of ICC. Also, the best room rates block will end February 14. It will be held March 20-24 at the Orleans Hotel & Casino. Courses include architectural, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and structural, fire protection, code enforcement and leadership topics essential for building design, expanding skills, and earning and maintaining certifications and other credentials. Use this link: <http://www.iccsafe.org/educode/>.

### **WHAT'S YOUR PLAN FOR 2017 BSM? City of San Diego takes it to the public May 17**

**"What's your plan for 2017 BSM?"** will feature another city, state or ICC Chapter each month until May to share how we can celebrate the 2017 Building Safety Month in May. We at ICC Government Relations believe *it's never too early to plan for BSM*. Here is the plan for the City of San Diego, described by **Mehdi Shadyab**, Senior Structural Engineer, Development Services Department:

"We are well underway preparing for the 2017 Building Safety Week in the City of San Diego. Our Development Services Department received so much praise for our efforts in putting the Building Safety Week events in 2016, that we were encouraged to continue holding another event in 2017.

"So far, we have been holding several internal meetings to lay-out logistics and develop the kinds of events and presentations we would like to share with the public.

"We selected Wednesday, May 17, 2017, as the day we will hold our Building Safety Month event to emphasize and educate the public on the importance of compliance with building codes and regulations in the built environment to create a safe environment for them to live, work and play, as follows:

"Photo display of (non-code compliant and code compliant where applicable) the following: Fire safety, pool safety, earthquake safety, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms, fire sprinklers (actual mock-up display of various sprinkler systems), fire extinguishers (actual demonstration showing how it should be used), guards, accessibility and landslides.

"Development Services Department Staff in all review disciplines (Structural, Life-Safety, Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical) will be available to answer questions and distribute informational pamphlets.

"For the entire month of May 2017, we will also have similar displays in the lobby of our office where the general public come for submittal, review and permitting of their plans.

“We (Mr. Paul Brencick, City’s Public Information Officer /Communications Department) are also working on getting the proclamations scheduled on City Council’s docket and meeting, as well as contacting the Mayor’s office for appearance on the date of the event. Mr. Brencick will also send Press Releases to all local media outlets for media coverage of the events.

“We greatly appreciate and thank ICC for their support of our event for the Building Safety Month.”

**NOTE:** It doesn’t matter if your jurisdiction or ICC Chapter is a large one or a small one, what matters is using your imagination and your colleagues in public service to make Building Safety Month a useful, entertaining and educational asset that raises the profile of all professionals in code disciplines.

If you’d like to share what your Chapter or city is planning for 2017 Building Safety Month, please **contact your ICC Government Relations Liaison** today.