

International Code Council Government Relations Update – September 2016

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Annual Conference Early Bird Registration Closes September 9!

With just over a month to go before the ICC Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, deadlines are approaching! In addition to the registration early bird price ending on September 9, hotel reservations will have to be made by September 19 in order to get the ICC discount lodging rate. Don't delay! Help us ensure that all ICC Chapter Members and Industry friends know about this year's Conference. Visit our Promotional Resource Page: <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/periodicals-and-newsroom/annual-meetings/promo-tool-kit/> for tools to help spread the word about conference to your Chapter members and colleagues. And don't forget to register here: http://media.iccsafe.org/2016_ICC_PCH/index.html

Have You Validated Your Voting Representative? The Deadline Is This Month!

You don't want to miss your chance to vote! Validate your Governmental Member Voting Representatives to ensure you can vote online after the Public Comment Hearings (PCH). Primary Representatives: visit www.iccsafe.org/EVDS to log in and complete the process no later than Sept. 15. Here are FAQs on the process: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/voter-validation-process-faqs/>

Membership Council Governing Committee – Applications Due September 9

ICC is now accepting applications for various openings in the Governing Committees for each of six Membership Councils. Each Membership Council Governing Committee acts as a liaison between its Council and the ICC Board of Directors, provides feedback and recommendations to the Board regarding various ICC services, helps build and improve relationships with stakeholders, and acts as an advocate for areas of professional or technical interest important to the Council Members. Each Council will have vacant positions open at the end of this year. Click here for an application: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/councils-committees/icc-committee-application/>

Call for Committees – Applications Due October 3

It takes the time and expertise of many individuals working through the numerous ICC committees to shape the Code Council into the world-class membership organization that exists today, and there's no better time to get involved. Listed below are the specific Calls for Committee for the following councils and committees:

- Codes and Standards Council
- Four current Code Action Committees:
 - Building (BCAC)
 - Fire (FCAC)
 - Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas (PMGCAC)
 - Sustainability, Energy & High Performance (SEHPCAC)
- New Code Action Committee: Compliance Code Action Committee (CCAC)
- Ad Hoc Committee on Healthcare
- Membership Council Governing Committees

Find out more and download the application here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/councils-committees/call-for-councils-and-committees/>

Contribute to the Development of ICC Certification Exams

Share your expertise and help ensure the credibility and validity of International Code Council Certifications by serving on an Exam Development Committee. These committees oversee the development of various exams; however, no testing experience is required. Committee members typically meet for one in-person meeting that runs two to three days and multiple Web conferences throughout the year. Earn CEUs, promote building and fire safety, and add to your professional credentials! Click here for a complete list of committees with seats available for three-year terms to begin on Jan. 1: http://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/EDC_Applicant_Snapshot.pdf Applications are due October 31.

Is Your Community Eligible for FEMA Grant Funds for Enforcing Building Codes?

The Additional 5 percent Initiative is funding that has been set aside under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (HMGP) to help communities enhance disaster resilience related to building codes, such as adopting the current International Building Code® and improving a community's Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) score.

The Additional 5 percent Initiative Fact Sheet: (<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/122217>) provides Recipients and subrecipients of HMGP funds with additional information on how to implement the Additional 5 percent Initiative as changed by the Fiscal Year 2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance. FEMA's intention in supporting the adoption and enforcement of building codes is to promote resilience by using disaster-resistant practices. A building is considered disaster resistant when it not only protects its occupants but can also be quickly repaired and re-occupied because damage from natural disasters is minimized.

Renew Your ICC Membership Before the End of the Year and Receive an Extra Member Benefit!

For a limited time, your renewal of your ICC Membership automatically qualifies you for a special offer of a 6-month trial of the new *International Codes*® premiumACCESS online subscription service. You'll be able to choose from the 2015 *International Building Code*® or the 2015 *International Residential Code*®.

Through a premiumACCESS subscription, users can access ICC's state, local or individual codes, or a combination thereof, to create customized online code libraries and annotations based on your specific and evolving requirements.

As soon as you renew, you'll receive an email with an easy-to-apply online coupon. You'll be able to try the subscription—no charge, no obligation—for 6 months. Click here to renew now:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/renewreinstate-membership/>

Special Call for Brand-New Membership Council

In support of President Olszowy's Safety 2.0 initiative, the ICC Board of Directors has approved the formation of a new Emerging Leaders Membership Council. This Council will serve as a forum for Members new to the code enforcement profession. Topics of concern will focus on new ways in which ICC Members can communicate and interact, particularly social media vehicles. Council Members will

provide feedback regarding ways to best serve the needs of the next generation of professionals. If this piques your interest, keep an eye out for the official Call for Committees will be posted shortly for the Emerging Leaders Membership Council.