

ICC [Government Relations](#) Chapter Monthly Update – November 2019

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All six ICC Membership Councils and Major Jurisdiction Committee agree: **VOTE FOR YOUR CODES!**

The Governing Committee Chairs of the six [Code Council's Membership Councils](#) plus the Major Jurisdiction Committee (photo of Chairs below) each signed a proclamation in Las Vegas encouraging all validated ICC Members to vote on cdpACCESS later this month should vote [on the code proposals](#) coming from [October's Group Public Comment Hearings](#). The start of the Online Governmental Consensus Vote (OGCV) utilizing cdpACCESS will be announced soon. [Click here to see totals](#) of currently validated voters in each state. The objective of the proclamation and the VOTE FOR YOUR CODES! campaign is to get 100 percent of all validated members to vote on this year's Group B code proposals.



Board elections and ICC's top awards headline Code Council's 2019 Annual Conference in Las Vegas

Colorado's [Greg Wheeler](#) was elected President of the International Code Council's Board of Directors, taking the reins of leadership from Bill Bryant of Annapolis, Md. Moving up in chairs in last month's 2019 Annual Conference Business Meeting were Virginia's [Cindy Davis](#), Vice President, and Louisiana's [Michael Wich](#) as Secretary/Treasurer. [Five others were elected to Board positions](#). The Code Council's top awards were presented, including the **Bobby J. Fowler Award** to former ICC Board President Alex "Cash" Olszowy; the **Gerald H. Jones Code Official of the Year Award** to Judy Frydland, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Buildings; the **ICC Fire Service Award** to Jeff Shapiro, President of the International Code Consultants; the **Brent Snyder ICC Educator of the Year Award** to Bob Schutz, retired Building Code Official for the City of Columbus, Ohio; the **Excellence in Public Safety Award** to Bill McKinney, President of the New Hampshire Building Officials Association, and **ICC Chapter of the Year**, to the Code Administrators Association of Kentucky. [Click here for more award winners](#).

IPC STUDY: Counties using IPC saved \$38 billion in construction costs, saw an additional 166,000 jobs

The International Code Council released "The Economic Impact of the International Plumbing Code," a study by Hatch and Henderson Engineers that provides a comparative analysis of model plumbing codes. It showed that over 12 years, counties that used the IPC saved \$38 billion in construction costs and saw an additional 166,000 jobs. The IPC requires less pipe and fewer fixtures than the other plumbing codes without sacrificing safety. Less pipe equates to lower emissions, realized by lower transport requirements, lower installation requirements and fewer materials that need to be manufactured, processed and stored. From 2007 and 2018, counties that do not use the IPC emitted an additional 500,000 tons of CO2. That is equivalent to taking 100,000 passenger vehicles off the road for one year. "This report makes a strong case for the cost-saving benefits for municipalities that adopt the IPC," said Code Council Chief Executive Dominic Sims, CBO. "For counties and states that do not use the IPC, the cost of using another model code was equal to almost \$1 billion in additional labor, materials and

overhead from 2007 to 2018. Not only does the IPC make buildings safer and more energy efficient, it saves money for home and building owners.” [Click to read more.](#)

Issued by Alliance for National and Community Resilience, benchmarks help prepare for disasters

The Alliance for National and Community Resilience (ANCR) recently announced the release of its housing benchmark, developed to evaluate a community’s resiliency and help local leaders assess and improve resilience across all aspects of the community. The housing benchmark addresses the availability of affordable housing, the quality of housing, the availability of shelter, and continuity planning in the event of a disaster. All residential structures including single family and multifamily are included in the benchmark. The housing benchmark was developed by a diverse committee of subject matter experts led by co-chairs Laurie Schoeman of Enterprise Community Partners and Adam Gordon of Fair Share Housing Center. “The availability and affordability of housing has become a considerable challenge for many communities. Through the housing benchmark, we’re providing communities with tools to address day-to-day needs while also setting them up for success in response to disasters,” said ANCR Executive Director Ryan M. Colker. In addition to announcing the housing benchmark, during his presentation to conference attendees, [Colker released a new white paper on the contributions](#) of the International Building Code (IBC) to resilience. It is the first in a series examining how specific International Codes (I-Codes) support resilience. The next installment will be on the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), which is set to be released later this month. [Read more here.](#)

Code Council expands its building safety products to better serve Spanish-speaking populations

The International Code Council released Spanish language versions of the 2018 editions of the International Building Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Plumbing Code and the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code. The International Residential Code, the International Property Maintenance Code, the International Energy Conservation Code and the International Fuel Gas Code will be available in Spanish by the end of 2019. Adopted throughout the U.S. and used around the world, the International Codes are a comprehensive, coordinated family of building safety codes previously only available in English. The new Spanish-language codes are part of the Code Council’s strategy to expand its suite of products and services to better serve its global and non-English based users. The published Spanish codes are accessible for free viewing on the Code Council’s [online building codes website](#) or for purchase at <https://shop.iccsafe.org/>. [Click to read more.](#)

ANCR and USGBC agree to collaborate on strategies, shared markets, research and public awareness

The Alliance for National & Community Resilience (ANCR) recently announced a collaboration with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) to support the adoption of resilient policies and practices for buildings and communities. USGBC, best known for its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system, works to promote sustainability in building design, construction, and operations. On a similar track, ANCR is creating benchmarks that measure the resilience, or ability to mitigate potential damage, of buildings and communities and offer potential solutions to improve resilience. The agreement, which comes in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), lays out the organizations’ desire to share strategy and opportunities, as well as identify areas for cooperation and shared market opportunities, both in the United States and worldwide. Other opportunities for collaboration outlined in the MOU include leveraging partnerships, research and development, training activities, and public awareness campaigns. As one of the first activities under the MOU, ANCR will partner in a Resilience Summit conducted at Greenbuild on November 19 in Atlanta. For more details on the summit, click [here](#). To read the full news release, click [here](#).

Got Pulse? In Episode 21, ICC’s Mark Johnson and RESNET’s Steve Baden discuss collaboration efforts Code Council Executive Vice President and Director of Business Development [Mark Johnson](#) and RESNET Executive Director [Steve Baden](#) discuss the collaboration efforts of the associations to increase energy code compliance and home energy efficiency. [Click here](#) to listen.

Upcoming from the [ICC Learning Center](#): Institutes, training, seminars, webinars, etc.

Online learning is available from the ICC Learning Center. Find course listings you’d like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function. Single-day training events are an opportunity to focus on

topics to ensure your code knowledge stays up to date, with some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- **November 7 - Basic Code Enforcement Webinar Series** [Joint Enforcement Safety](#).
- **November 7 -** [Cold-Formed Steel Design – Explore the Latest Developments](#).
- **November 8 - 2015 IMC® Webinar Series** [Administration and General Requirements](#)
- **November 13 –** [2018 IBC® Essentials](#).
- **November 13 -** [2018 IMC® Design, Installation and Inspection Principles](#).
- **November 13 - Commercial Building Inspector Webinar Series** [Wall Construction](#).
- **November 14 -** [Basic Code Enforcement](#).
- **November 14 -** [TMS 402–2016 Masonry Code: Changes and How They Can Help You Today](#).
- **November 18 -** [2018 IBC® and IFC® Fire Protection Systems](#).
- **November 18 -** [2018 IBC Fire and Smoke Protection Features](#).
- **November 18-19 -** [Design Professional](#).
- **November 19 - Leadership Webinar Series** [Coaching for Success](#).
- **November 19 – 2015 IMC® Webinar Series** [Ventilation and Duct Systems](#).
- **November 19 -** [Understanding the Principles and Procedures Behind ASCE 41](#).
- **November 20 - Commercial Building Inspector Webinar Series** [Public Safety and Special Construction](#).
- **November 21 - 2015 IMC® Webinar Series** [Exhaust Systems](#).
- **November 25 -** [2018 IBC® and IFC® Fire Protection Systems](#).
- **November 25 -** [2018 IBC Fire and Smoke Protection Features](#).
- **November 26 - 2015 IMC® Webinar Series** [Combustion Air and Venting](#).
- **November 26 -** [Calculation of Design Wind Loads per ASCE 7–16 Using Wind Simple V2.0](#).
- **November 27 - Commercial Building Inspector Webinar Series** [Footings and Foundations](#).
- **December 3 - 2015 IMC® Webinar Series** [Boilers and Hydronic Piping](#).
- **December 4 -** [Essential Skills for Rising Leaders](#).
- **December 10 - Leadership Webinar Series** [Public Speaking for the Code Official](#).
- **December 11 - 2015 IMC® Webinar Series** [Refrigeration, Fuel Oil Piping and Storage and Solar Systems](#).
- **December 13 –** [2018 IPC® Design, Installation and Inspection Principles](#).
- **December 13 -** [2018 IPMC® Overview](#).
- **December 16 -** [What's New in 2015/2018 for Mass Timber Construction](#).
- **January 13 -** [Background and Overview](#) (New Mass Timber).
- **February 24 -** [Heights and Areas and Construction Fire Safety](#) (New Mass Timber).
- **March 23 -** [Fire Safety](#) (New Mass Timber).
- **April 8 -** [Fire and Connection Design and Special Inspection](#) (New Mass Timber).

The following is the updated list of [ICC Institutes](#) and other training opportunities across the nation, many of which offer virtual options for those who cannot travel. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function:

- **November 18 and 25** in Atlanta, Ga., or Virtual [2018 IBC® and IFC® Fire Protection Systems](#).
- **November 18 and 25** in Atlanta, Ga., or Virtual [2018 IBC® Fire and Smoke Protection Features](#).
- **December 2-3**, in Orlando, Fla., [Permit Technician Institute](#).
- **December 13 & 20** at Miami, Fla., [2018 IPMC® Overview](#).
- **March 24** in Chicago, [Additional Training on Mass Timber Construction includes the Mass Timber Building and the IBC® Seminar](#).

Certification Test Academies feature interactive and question-based review for the exam. Students will receive a voucher to take the exam at a later date. Upcoming opportunities:

- Available daily online, [2015 Permit Technician 14 Study Guide](#).
- Available daily online, [IRC® Online Study Guide for Residential Building Inspectors B1](#).
- **December 9-12** at Las Vegas, Nev., [B2 - Commercial Building Inspector](#).