The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) provides this twice-monthly newsletter to keep you informed of pending deadlines, volunteer opportunities, and NFRC news.

Calendar and Deadlines

January 2018

- January 11 -- Schedule requests for the Spring Committee Meeting are due to NFRC staff liaisons.
- January 24 -- Ballots for the Spring 2018 cycle are due to NFRC staff liaisons.

February 2018

- February 2 -- Spring 2018 ballot cycle opens.
- February 23 -- Spring 2018 ballot cycle closes.

March 2018

- March 19-21 -- Spring Committee Meeting, St. Louis, MO. Details and registration will be available in January 2018.

Progress Continues Towards a Revised NFRC Commercial Ratings Program

Throughout the past year, NFRC’s staff has assessed the pros and cons of the Component Modeling Approach Program (CMA) while looking for ways to increase usage and improve user experience. We have enhanced our market knowledge by engaging subject matter experts with one-on-one interviews, site visits, and focused work group sessions.

The work group sessions identified several critical attributes for a successful program: certification needs to remain outside the critical path of projects, the generation of ratings must be easy and fast, and ratings at specified sizes are necessary for building energy consumption calculations.

The complex and varied nature of the commercial market prevents a single program solution for both residential and commercial use. However, our current proposal looks to bridge-the-gap between programs with one unifying ratings methodology (such as the one being proposed through the Residential Component Based Calculation [RCBC] Task Group). Any method developed to bridge the commercial and residential programs would not change the current residential labeling process.

NFRC staff presented an outline for a commercial ratings program to the NFRC Board of Directors prior to the membership meeting in San Diego, on September 25, 2017. The basic premise being considered would provide separate paths to generate commercial
ratings dependent upon the type of product being rated: one path for project or custom work and another path for more-standard products that may be reused and benefit from a listing in a certified products directory.

Additional work is necessary to determine the feasibility of using the proposed solution for a revised program. Participants should continue to use current NFRC documents as their guide for commercial ratings.

We will keep membership informed as the process evolves. For questions, please contact April Rawson, NFRC Commercial Program Manager, at 240-821-9508.

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**FenStarSM Certification Program Information**

At the Fall Membership Meeting in San Diego, NFRC staff announced the FenStar Certification Program as the certification body for ENERGY STAR® windows, doors, and skylight products.

In an effort to keep members and participants informed about the status of this program, new information will be emailed directly to program participants and will also be provided in this newsletter.

- [FenStar Certification Program Announcement](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)](#) -- this webpage will be updated frequently
- The public review of the program documents concluded on October 20, 2017. Staff are reviewing comments
- If you would like to ensure receipt of program emails, please email [FCP@nfrc.org](mailto:FCP@nfrc.org)

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**Post-NFRC Fall Membership Meeting in San Diego Information**

- **Presentations:**
  - [ENERGY STAR® Windows, Doors, and Skylights: Program Update](#) -- D. Anderson
  - [NFRC and ISO/IEC 17065 Presentation and Panel Discussion](#) -- NFRC Staff and D. Anderson
  - [NFRC 700 Certification Process Streamline Task Group Kaizen Event](#) -- S. Strawn
  - [Diffuse Glazing Task Group](#) -- J. Jonsson
  - [LAP/CAP Workshop](#) -- K. Louder

- **Results of the Fall 2017 Ballot Cycle:**
  - Six Ballots are moving forward:
    - [NFRC 302-2017 [E0A1]: Verification Program for Optical Spectral Data](#)
    - NFRC 700 Air Leakage Ballot
    - NFRC 700 Applied Films Ballot
      - These ballots will be incorporated into the 2018 version of the NFRC 700: Product Certification Program document.
    - NFRC 705 Specifying Authority Ballot
• This ballot passed but publication will be held pending completion of required changes to CMAST and legal review of license agreements.

  • Five ballots were returned to task groups for further work.

Continue to check the NFRC's meeting archive site for additional details.

Please contact NFRC's Meetings and Membership Manager, Jessica Finn, at 240-821-9512, if you require assistance. Thank you for your continued support of the NFRC.

Members Spotlight

Shining a spotlight on outstanding achievement, the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) recently presented three of its members with awards for their contributions to the organization.

NFRC Board Chair, Paul Bush, oversaw the distribution of awards during a reception held as part of the rating council’s fall membership meeting in San Diego.

Emerging Leader Award – Jesse Winters

This first award of the evening went to Jesse Winters, Lead Drafter, with Window Tech., Inc. Jessica Finn, NFRC’s Meetings and Membership Manager, presented the award, citing Winters’ work with code officials in the greater Seattle area as playing an integral role in promoting the value of NFRC’s commercial program.

Dariush Arasteh Memorial Member-of-the-Year Award – John McFee

John McFee, VP of Certification Programs for the Window & Door Manufacturers Association (WDMA), accepted the Dariush Arasteh Memorial Member-of-the-Year Award from last year’s recipient, Steve Strawn.

The award recognizes the individual whose work throughout the year makes an exceptional contribution to accelerating NFRC’s mission.

Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient – Jim Krahn

Given for the first time in NFRC’s 28-year history, the Lifetime Achievement Award went to Jim Krahn, who has been active with the organization for 25 of those years. Krahn, who recently retired as Manager of Codes and Regulatory at Marvin Windows, has served the fenestration industry for 60 years.

More information on the awards, including quotes from the honorees, may be found in this NFRC press release.

CPD Updates: Tips for CPD Simulation CSV Upload Spreadsheets

Informational tips for the manufacturer product code column and the grid code column on simulation upload spreadsheets for the NFRC Certified Products Directory (CPD) has been prepared for NFRC laboratories and Inspection Agencies. The information may be found in this memo from NFRC staff.

For full support email NFRC staff at support@nfrc.org.
NFRC Staff Spotlight

The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) is pleased to announce its recent hire of Danielle Troiano, who joins the organization as its Senior Director, Education.

Within this role, Troiano will design educational and training initiatives aimed at helping NFRC’s program participants derive maximum value from its ratings program. She will also help NFRC’s many other audiences -- including the public -- better understand how windows, doors, and skylights contribute to healthier homes and buildings, green construction, and sustainability.

“I've been a passionate environmentalist since high school, Troiano said. "I'm looking forward to implementing technology in ways that increase engagement among all NFRC’s stakeholders."

Most recently, Troiano served as the Workforce Development Training and Education Programs Manager for PGT Industries. She also ran her own consulting firm, building and managing websites and social media accounts for a variety of clients.

Troiano brings to NFRC 17 years of experience developing educational programs and is particularly interested in employing technology to create flexible learning programs.

Danielle Troiano can be reached at 240-821-6539 or dtroiano@nfrc.org.

More information on Danielle may be found in this press release.

The full list of NFRC staff with contact information can be found HERE.

NFRC Meeting Information

Dates through 2018

The following dates have been vetted thoroughly, are published early, and were reported to affiliated industry contacts to avoid potential conflict. Please mark your calendars with the following meeting dates through the fall of 2019:

2018

- Spring Committee Meeting -- March 19-21, 2018
  St. Louis, Missouri
- Fall Membership Meeting -- October 8-11, 2018
  Albuquerque, New Mexico

2019*

- Spring Committee Meeting -- March 25-27, 2019
  Location to be determined
- Fall Membership Meeting -- September 23-26, 2019
  Location to be determined

Volunteer Opportunities
The NFRC 100 Product Line Updating Task Group was formed at the Fall Membership Meeting in San Diego, CA. This group will report to the NFRC U-factor Subcommittee. Mason Fritz is the task group chair. Information on the group, including the option to request to join the task group can be found via the link above or by contacting the NFRC staff liaison, Steve Urich, at 240-821-9514.

The NFRC 700 Certification Process -- Streamline Task Group conducted an in-depth analysis of the NFRC product certification program during a kaizen event that took place in June 2017. Results of that analysis were presented to NFRC membership at the Fall Membership Meeting in San Diego, CA. The presentation by Steve Strawn, task group chair, may be viewed HERE. Work groups will now be formed to tackle the suggested projects resulting from the kaizen event. NFRC members and program participants are invited to join the task group to volunteer for these work groups. Please request to join the group by clicking on the linked task group name or contact the NFRC staff liaison, Sherri Wendt at 240-821-9516.

The ANS Standards Committee is seeking members, particularly in the User and General Interest categories. This group is responsible for the adoption and revisions to ANSI/NFRC 100, ANSI/NFRC 200, and ANSI/NFRC 400, and to ensure the ANSI consensus process is followed. Additional information (including definitions of the member categories) and the applications for the committee may be found on the group page linked or you may contact Robin Merrifield at 240-821-9513.

Volunteer opportunities are always listed on the NFRC community.

NFRC Billing Information

NFRC's fall product line invoices were emailed in September 2017. If you have not received your invoice, or if you have questions, please contact NFRC at accounting@nfrc.org.

NFRC offers the ability to pay invoices online. Once logged in, you will see all of the open invoices. This is a secure site and it is PCI Compliant. It will not process payments automatically. If you choose to pay by credit card, click here: PAYMENT PORTAL.

Information on the NFRC billing and invoices may be found in a brief explanatory video, located HERE.

If you have any questions regarding billing or the new portal, please contact us at accounting@nfrc.org.

NFRC envisions a future where every window, door, and skylight purchase decision is made using the NFRC label to evaluate energy performance.

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