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

December 2017

- December 14 -- CEAP Workshop for current ACEs. Information and registration is available HERE.

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.

FenStar Certification Program Information

NFRC is pleased to provide the new license agreement for the FenStar™ Certification Program to all ENERGY STAR® Partners. This license agreement must be signed and sent back to NFRC in order for a manufacturer to participate in the FenStar Pilot Program. The agreement is part of the requirements to retain your ENERGY STAR certification once the Pilot Program is concluded and the full FenStar Certification Program is begun.

The license agreement can be downloaded here. Please download the file, sign it and send it to FCP@nfrc.org with the subject line “License Agreement.” The license agreement will be countersigned by NFRC and sent back.

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
Daniel Huard, NFRC’s Vice Chair and Governance Chair, Selected as 2017 LEED Fellow

Daniel Huard, the National Fenestration Rating Council’s (NFRC) Vice Chair and Governance Committee Chair, has been named a 2017 LEED Fellow by the Green Business Certification Inc. (GBCI).

This year’s 23 Fellows are being honored for their outstanding work as LEED professionals and for the significance of their contributions to the green building community and LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, the world’s most widely-used green building rating system.

LEED Fellows are recognized as the most exceptional professionals in the green building industry, and it is the most prestigious designation awarded from GBCI.

“We are honored and proud to have Daniel A. Huard as one of this year’s LEED Fellows,” said Mahesh Ramanujam, president and CEO of GBCI and the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

To be selected, LEED Fellows are nominated by their peers, must have at least 10 years of exceptional impact in the green building industry, hold a LEED AP with specialty credential and undergo an extensive portfolio review, among other requirements. The evaluation process is carried out by the LEED Fellow evaluation committee.

“We are proud of Daniel’s accomplishment and respect his commitment to green building,” said NFRC’s CEO, Deb Callahan. “His dedication and expertise are continually helping us improve our relevance among all our stakeholders.”

Huard, and all of this year’s recipients, were honored at the 2017 USGBC Leadership Awards Luncheon at the Greenbuild International Conference and Expo that took place Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017 in Boston.

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

This space is usually reserved for staff information prepared in-house. In this issue, however, please see page 50 of the most recent issue of USGlass Magazine for a showcase of women in the glass industry, including NFRC CEO Deb Callahan.

The issue of USGlass features many other women in the industry, including those from NFRC’s member and participant companies. Each of the women included in the article answered these questions:
- What attracted you to the glass industry?
- What do you consider your pivotal moment?
- What's the main advantage of being a woman in the glass industry?
- Main disadvantage of being a women in the glass industry?
- Who are your heroes/mentors?
- What is the major challenge you've faced in your career?
- If you weren't doing this job, what would you be doing?
- What's your favorite weekend activity?
- Best advice you've ever gotten?
- What's something about you no one knows?

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 CMA Technical Task Group is in need of a new Chair. The scope of the task group is "To maintain a component based nonresidential procedure for fenestration products that will yield accurate energy performance data for use in code compliance and for meaningful building energy analysis." For more information or to volunteer to serve as the task group chair, please contact Steve Urich, the task group's staff liaison, at 240-821-9514.

- 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, Una Moneypenny at 240-821-9509.

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.

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