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

February 2018

- February 22 -- The deadlines for early registration and the NFRC Hotel Block for Spring Meeting has been extended. More information on both may be found HERE.
- February 23 -- Spring 2018 ballot cycle closes.

March 2018

- March 19-21 -- Spring Committee Meeting, St. Louis, MO. Details, registration, and the draft schedule are available now.

NFRC Spring Ballot Cycle Begins -- February 2-23, 2018

Sixteen ballots are up for consideration. Comments received on these ballots will be presented and resolved at the 2018 Spring Committee Meeting, March 19-21, 2018, in St. Louis, MO. Information on the meeting may be found HERE.

- Research and Technology Committee Ballots (2 ballots total)
- Technical Committee Ballots (8 total)
- Ratings Committee Ballots (6 total)

The general ballot page, with links to the committee voting pages and an instructional video on how members vote, may be found HERE.

In Case You Missed It

The following bulletins were distributed since the last issue of Update:

- New NFRC-Accredited Testing Laboratory -- UL, LLC

New Members

NFRC would like to welcome these new members in 2018:

- iGlass Technology
Member News -- From the California Energy Commission

The California Energy Commission proposes to adopt changes to the Building Energy Efficiency Standards contained in the California Code of Regulations. Use THIS link for more information. Public comments on the Draft Express Terms are due by March 5, 2018.

To submit information for "Member News," please contact Jessica Finn, NFRC Membership Manager, at 240-821-9512.

FenStar Certification Program Information

NFRC is pleased to announce the beginning of the Pilot Program for the FenStar Certification Program. Three manufacturers are currently participating in the program and are providing important feedback for improvements on workflow and user friendliness. The Pilot Program will continue on until all of the current product lines are certified. Along the way, NFRC will also be certifying new products and new manufacturers in the program.

An important part of the Pilot Program is to return your signed license agreement to NFRC. 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.

Updates to the NFRC webpages for the FenStar Certification Program are expected to be finished this month so please check back soon. Updates to the FAQ page will also be made shortly with new questions and answers added.

Notices of selection for the Verification Testing portion of the certification program will be going out next month. The verification testing is taking the place of the now defunct Independent Verification Program (IVP). As mentioned in our webinar series, there will be no noticeable change in that program for everyone who passes the test.

- FenStar Certification Program Announcement
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) -- this webpage will be updated frequently
- If you would like to ensure receipt of program emails, please email FCP@nfrc.org

NFRC Staff Spotlight

Paul Johnson has served NFRC accounting since March 2015. His essential tasks include, but are not limited to preparing documentation and posting journal entries to computerized accounting software, maintaining accounts in a computerized database, as well as reconciling accounts receivable and general ledger accounts. He is an executive board member since January 2012 of the Pauperism Project, Inc., a non-profit organization in the DC area that aids those in destitute conditions. He has received his BS in Business Administration, minoring in Finance from Delaware State University. He may be contacted with questions regarding invoices, charges, and record adjustments.

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, Una Monepenny 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 membership dues and participation fees invoices were emailed January 4, 2018. 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.

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

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