From Networking to “Sweatworking” – NFRC Serves Habitat for Humanity

Most of the National Fenestration Rating Council’s (NFRC) board meetings are in hotel conference rooms, but the organization’s gathering in June involved venturing outside these familiar surroundings.

As part of an ongoing focus on the importance of volunteerism, NFRC’s senior staff and board of directors set aside their laptops, rolled up their sleeves, and picked up hammers and nails so they could spend a full-day side-by-side, helping build a townhouse/condominium project at one of Habitat for Humanity’s construction sites in Washington, D.C.

“Working in a different atmosphere fostered a positive and energetic vibe,” said NFRC’s CEO, Deb Callahan. “The more casual environment got us all interacting and truly working as a team.”

NFRC’s Board Chair, Paul Bush, said building homes along with his colleagues fosters teamwork and improves the community through NFRC’s commitment to corporate social responsibility and encouraging greater attention to green building.

“This volunteer event challenged our team to communicate and work together to achieve a tangible outcome,” Bush said. “We rose to the occasion, engaging each other in ways that built stronger relationships, ultimately making us all more effective.”

Callahan said Habitat for Humanity provided NFRC with an opportunity to grow—individually and as an organization, and she’s confident everyone involved will return to their respective workplaces motivated, connected, and inspired.

“We put in a lot of effort, yet it’s NFRC who should be thanking Habitat for Humanity,” Callahan said. “They left us with a new perspective on how important it is to serve others, and that’s something we’ll be incorporating into our daily work.”
NFRC Paving the Path for Volunteer Leaders

NFRC recently hosted its inaugural Leadership Summit, with 16 of the organization’s aspiring leaders and six board members exchanging ideas aimed at cultivating NFRC’s talent pool.

As NFRC comes up on its 30th anniversary it is important to continue to look towards the future and that includes identifying, encouraging, and developing new leaders to step up and learn from our current leadership.

During the day long session, conversation focused on communicating effectively, facilitating virtual meetings, and transitioning from current volunteer roles to leadership roles.

We are excited about this program and the opportunity to be able to help members who are interested in future leadership opportunities. If you are interested in participating in this program please enter your name into the volunteer rolodex.

Thank you to everyone who participated. We are looking forward to hosting similar events in the future.

From left to right
David McDonald – Marvin Windows & Doors
Mason Fritz – EFCO Corporation
Robert Hart – Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Zachary Mundorff – Element Materials Technology
John McFee – Window and Door Manufacturers Association (WDMA)

CALENDAR AND DEADLINES

August 2018

- August 3 -- Meeting requests for inclusion in the Fall Membership Meeting program are due to staff liaisons
- August 15 -- Ballots are due to NFRC Staff Liaisons for the Fall 2018 Ballot Cycle
- August 24 -- Fall 2018 Ballot Cycle Opens

September 2018

- September 10-14 -- Certified Simulator Training, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Registration and details available HERE.
- September 13 -- Fall Ballot Cycle Closes

DOCUMENTS

At the Spring Committee Meeting in St. Louis, MO, March 27-29, 2018, the NFRC membership approved ballots for five documents that remove language for “hybrid tubular daylighting devices” and “HTDDs” and include them in the tubular daylighting devices category. Publication of the documents was held until the NFRC 100 and NFRC 200 were publicly reviewed and approved as ANSI/NFRC documents. Links to the documents and additional details may be found in the bulletin with the announcement HERE.
The Solar Optical Performance Non-Planar Trans Systems Task Group is seeking comment on a one page RFP they have developed, titled “Non-Planar Skylight Ratings Using Computer Simulation.”

Comments on the RFP are requested by Monday, August 13, 2018. Please submit comments and questions to Kevin Louder, staff liaison.

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