Electronic Ballots

In an effort to continue streamlining our processes and increasing our productivity, NFRC has been exploring options for electronic balloting.

NFRC is excited to share that we are running a pilot program in 2019 to test the efficacy of the SpecBuilder tool to provide an alternate means for resolving ballots in between regular membership meetings.

Up until this point, staff have run mock situations. As we move into our next phase, please be aware that staff may reach out to individuals, task groups, subcommittees or committees for your assistance in testing this tool.

As we move forward, we will notify members of any updates and possible training sessions between now and the end of 2019. We hope that you will be willing to participate and help staff to find any ah-ha moments using the tool.

If you have any questions please contact Una Moneypenny (umoneypenny@nfrc.org) or Jen Padgett (jpadgett@nfrc.org)

Commercial Programs Update

As NFRC continues making progress on a revised commercial ratings program, we wanted to update membership on the status of this project. Our commercial team spent a substantial amount of time in the field with stakeholders and are working hard to ensure our program best serves your needs. By addressing unique commercial market needs we expect increased participation and usage of NFRC ratings, which will improve commercial oversight and compliance benefiting both the program users and public interests.

Commercial work group members met in April and will continue meeting throughout the spring and early summer to finalize details of the proposal before drafting the necessary ballots.

The goal is to have the revised program plan up for balloting during our fall meeting. The revised program would not launch until an estimated 18 to 24 months post-ballot approval to allow time for tool development and program training.

Mission Possible - Celebrating NFRC's 30th Anniversary

30 Voices for 30 Years
Information technology continues to evolve at a rapid pace, and NFRC is working hard to ensure program participants enjoy optimal productivity in the changing environment. Over the past several months the NFRC Applications Development Team has been hard at work spotting trends in its commercial workspace. Particularly in the relationship between the Component Modeling Approach Software Tool (CMAST), users, and the Microsoft Windows 10 operating system. Some users of CMAST have experienced instability after switching to a Microsoft Windows 10 environment.

When CMAST users decide to upgrade their systems, it’s essential to consider that CMAST was designed to be used on the Microsoft XP and Vista operating systems. Users who install CMAST on later versions of Microsoft Windows may experience inconsistent behavior.

If you have any questions about CMAST, please contact support@nfrc.org.

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Attention FenStar® Licensees

This is a reminder, all manufacturer folders have been created on the FenStar Document Uploading SharePoint. If you have not received the Welcome Letter from FenStar Staff or are having issues accessing your document uploading folder, please contact FCP@nfrc.org for assistance.
Please begin uploading the required documentation (outlined in the checklist attached to the welcome letter) for FenStar certification as soon as possible. We are currently certifying product lines from participants who have uploaded all required certification documentation. FenStar Staff will be reaching out to all participants who have either not uploaded the required documents or are missing elements required for certification.

If you have not yet signed and returned your FenStar License Agreement, your organization has been reported as a non-compliant partner to ENERGY STAR Enforcement. If you feel this is in error or have any questions, please contact FCP@nfrc.org.

The license agreement can be downloaded HERE and should be signed and returned via email to FCP@nfrc.org.

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**Trade Shows / Conferences**

NFRC will be at the AIA Conference on Architecture conference. Come visit us at booth 4316, learn more about how architects and other design-build professionals are integrating fenestration products with new technology, new ideas, & new ways of making homes & buildings more sustainable.

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**Conferences / Meetings**

**June 2019**

- AIA Conference on Architecture 2019, Las Vegas, NV -- June 6 - 8
- AAMA and IGMA Summer Conferences, Victoria, British Columbia -- June 17 - 20

**September 2019**

- NFRC 2019 Fall Membership Meeting, Charlotte, NC -- September 23 - 25

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National Fenestration Rating Council

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