Don’t miss this opportunity!

A few weeks left! Join the experts, learn from the fenestration community strategies that can take your business to the next level.

For preliminary schedule and to register

Meeting registration

Booked your room at the Hilton Charlotte Center City.

Hotel reservations

The NFRC meeting app is live!

If you’ve registered for the meeting, you will receive an email invitation with instructions on how to download the app. If you do not receive your invitation by Wednesday or if you need it sent to an alternate email, please let me know.

Still need to register?

Register here

Looking forward to seeing you in Charlotte!
Kristin Pate, Meetings Manager
kpate@nfrc.org

Don’t forget to tag us on social media and the app by using #NFRCMeetings
NFRC’s commitment to energy efficiency and sustainability extends beyond the work we do. We also recognize the impact we can have as individuals in being good stewards of the environment, which is why NFRC is pleased to announce that $10 of every registration fee for our September 23-25 meeting will be donated to a local charity. That charity, TreesCharlotte, uses donations to replenish and diversify Charlotte’s urban forests and educate the public about the environmental benefits of a healthy tree canopy. 

[Check out their website for more information.]

**NFRC Leaders Network**

NFRC’s 30 years of experience and fair, accurate and credible ratings at our fingertips makes us a key source of knowledge in the energy efficiency and green building space. To leverage those resources and educate our members and the industry, we’re pleased to announce our new and improved NFRC Leaders Network, which will build upon and expand the work of the Volunteer Leaders Network. The NFRC Leaders Network will kick-off with the Green Track Event, in conjunction with the Fall Membership Meeting.

**Team Mixology with the Leaders Network!**

NFRC’s zesty, new approach to networking: it’s social, it’s casual and it’s interactive! After a long day of meetings, unwind, have fun, and compete against members and staff in a Chopped-style competition.

In our “mixology lab” you’ll learn to mix, stir, and swizzle with the pros while absorbing the finer points of cocktail creation. NFRC’s cocktail (or non-alcoholic mocktail) contest will ‘stir up’ a little friendly competition, complete with prizes for the champions. [Register here today] because this opportunity is only available to the first 25 people who register

We hope to see you there .... Shaken or stirred!

**Meet the presenters**

Keep an eye on the UPDATE to meet the experts that will be presenting during the Leaders Network Green Track sessions on Monday, September 23rd in Charlotte.

**Maggie Kelley:** Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA)
Maggie Kelley serves as Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA) Built Environment Project Manager where she supports energy efficiency building work in the southeast, connecting and engaging with projects that will push energy efficiency forward in the region. She also leads SEEA’s building code adoption and building code compliance efforts for all of their Southeastern states.

For more information about these sessions, click here. Also, make sure to register for these sessions when you register for the meeting.

Mission Possible - Celebrating NFRC's 30th Anniversary

30 stories for 30 years

In another episode of 30 Voices for 30 Years, Tom Herron, NFRC’s Senior Director of Market Development and Partner Engagement quoted, "It’s not just about telling people about NFRC, but presenting it as a solution."

Click here to read more

Opportunity to Partner with the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon

The Solar Decathlon is a collegiate competition comprising 10 contests, that challenges student teams to design and build highly efficient, innovative homes powered by renewable energy.

The Solar Decathlon Build Challenge will take place June 25 – July 5, 2020 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the Smithsonian Folklife Festival. The event will feature 11 teams with tourable homes, and/or displays of their locally built homes. With over 500,000 expected attendees including the general public and policy makers, this event is a tremendous opportunity to feature your brand and priorities.

See the sponsorship opportunities here. For more information, contact Holly Carr at holly.carr@ee.doe.gov or 202-287-1409.

NFRC Programs

NFRC has updated some of the standing NFRC trainings and added tutorials on other topics. Check HERE for a growing list of available trainings and tutorials. Additional courses that assist NFRC members and participants in navigating NFRC’s programs and processes will be added in the weeks and months to come. Stay tuned!
FenStar® Update:

Staff has notified the EPA of all ENERGY STAR® Partners that have not yet returned a license agreement. Partners without a current license agreement should expect notification from the EPA stating participation in an approved certification program is a requirement of the ENERGY STAR program. FenStar is the approved certification program for Windows, Doors, and Skylights. Anyone not wishing to continue with the ENERGY STAR program should contact NFRC at fcp@nfrc.org.

All current Licensees have been given access to a SharePoint site for uploading certification documentation. If you have not yet begun to provide that information to us, please do so as soon as possible. Per program requirements, approved certification documentation is required to ensure continued participation in the FenStar and ENERGY STAR programs. If you have any questions, please send an email to FCP@nfrc.org.

Verification Testing:

All studies have been created for the 2019 calendar year. Approximately 40% of all of the studies are still in the manufacturing through lab check-in stage. Anyone that has not already built or shipped a unit to the lab has been sent a notice to do so as soon as possible. ENERGY STAR® Compliance was copied on those notices. A second set of notices was also sent out last week. Per EPA requirements, all verification tests are to be completed in the calendar year the products were selected. In order to meet that requirement, the following deadlines need to be met:

Verification Testing Milestones:

9/30/19 – All Thermal testing is completed for FVT units
12/1/19 – All Component Evaluations are received and processed by FenStar Staff

Please communicate any delays, issues, or questions to staff as soon as possible. Full and open communication is imperative for the success of this program.

Staff would like to thank all licensees that have already sent their verification test units and all licensees that have provided the product certification information. Your cooperation in the program is greatly appreciated.

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.
Conferences / Meetings

September 2019

- **GlassBuild America**, Atlanta, GA -- September 17 - 19, 2019. Booth #321
- **NFRC 2019 Fall Membership Meeting**, Charlotte, NC -- September 23 - 25

November 2019

- **NFMT Orlando**, Orlando, FL -- November 13 - 14, 2019. Booth #920
- **Greenbuild International Conference and Expo**, Atlanta, GA November 19 - 22, 2019. Booth #2940

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.*