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NFCA DIVES INTO CANADA

NFCA partnered with the Firestop Contractors International Association for PasFiPro '24 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. With over 130 in attendance, this joint Symposium brought two fire-resistance industries together to promote better fire and life safety in Canada through accurate codes, standards, installation, inspection and maintenance of fireproofing and firestopping. Great speakers from the National Research Council of Canada, Codes Canada, NFCA Members on ULC-S101, ULC-S115, tabletop exhibits and much more. Looking forward to PasFiPro '25!!



NFCA Member Don Falconer

NFCA Silver Member, Hilti @ PasFiPro

NFCA's BOARD MEETS

The Board of Directors at NFCA sets the direction for NFCA Staff to implement. Standards, Codes, Accreditation, Education Committee and Staff Actions are discussed, evaluated, and future plans are laid, and of course, financials and procedures are reviewed.

This NFCA mid-September Board Meeting was a bit longer to lay out the processes needed to support the NFCA's rapid growth and secure the future. Lots of great energy, ideas, and great relationships built with this and past boards.

Thank the board leaders next time you see them!! They volunteer time, and much more.

NFCA @ ASTM E06

NFCA's Bill McHugh travelled to Orlando with manufacturer, testing lab and consultant colleagues to work on ASTM's fireproofing inspection standards. These inspection standards are very close to ASTM approval. This activity keeps the complete industry together, working to build consensus and better fire and life safety through fireproofing contractors and fireproofing inspection agencies that understand SFRM, IFRM, Board and Wrap systems for fire-protection.



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NFCA AT ICC COMMITTEE ACTION HEARINGS

The International Code Council's Expo & Committee Action Hearing #2 for development of the 2027 International Building and Fire Code Development Process took place in Long Beach, CA.

At the event, NFCA was able to present on fire-resistance with over 130 attendees at a program hosted by Bill McHugh & Consultant to NFCA, Rich Walke.

We were also able to talk one on one with new & old friends at NFCA's shared booth with the Firestop Contractors International Association at the ICC Expo.

During the Code Development Hearings NFCA's code team also had several proposals heard by the Fire Code Committee and Fire Safety Committee.

In Fire-Code proposal F89-24 was approved – changing the names of sprayed fire-resistant materials to sprayed fire-resistive materials. We also succeeded getting intumescent coatings, intumescent mastic, changed to intumescent fire-resistive materials. Fire marshals agreed that IFRM's are fireproofing, not a coating. Coating infers paint, with no listing required, etc. IFRM means Fireproofing. This proposal moves to the consent agenda.

In Fire-Code proposal F90-24, NFCA worked with former fire marshal Kevin Scott to improve the successful proposal. The added text provides much needed guidance to fireproofing and general contractors, fire marshals, code officials that repairs need to be performed to the requirements of the listing and in accordance with the original manufacturers instructions. This was also approved but needs final confirmation.



In the Fire Safety Committee Hearings, proposal FS2-24, NFCA debated strongly that buildings need to be considered unrestrained as the current building code states in Chapter 7. There was a proposal to have the code default to restrained ratings, with no need for due diligence by the designer, nor approval by the code official, if AISC 360-22's paragraph 4.3 was used to determine restraint. It was a close vote, but the committee agreed with NFCA's position that fire and life safety is served better with ratings being based on unrestrained – and that the code official needs to approve registered design professional's proposals to declare restrained. More on this to come.

Also, at FS85-24 NFCA worked with the American Institute of Steel Construction to assure that calculated fire-resistance references in AISC 360 did not mix advanced analysis (performance type) of calculations rather than simply calculations. Should performance-based designs be submitted, approval by the code official is necessary. This passed successfully.

For all these proposals, we will know final outcome after the Public Comment Hearing, April 2026.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

Join Bill McHugh (NFCA) and Rich Walke (CTI) for a look back on this year with NFCA.

This month's program revisits NFCA's 2024 highlight, including NFCA's Contractor Accreditation Program, NFCA Education for Fireproofing Exams, UL's Qualified Fireproofing Contractor Program, the NFCA Handbook of Accepted Fireproofing Knowledge, Committee work, ASTM Committees, ICC Code development, UL Standards Technical Panels, and more. It's been quite a year!

Don't miss this program, where you'll learn about everything NFCA has done in 2024 and where we're going in 2025!

Free  **Webinar**

NFCA @ AISC

NFCA participated at the American Institute for Steel Construction TC8 Meetings in Chicago in November. Discussion items included the recent International Building Code Committee Action Hearing #2. Topics covered restrained and unrestrained fire-resistance-ratings, speed core, performance based structural fire design, and much more. We always look forward to meeting with AISC's structural experts.



NFCA @ CSI

NFCA's Bill McHugh presented at the 2024 Construction Specifications Institute Annual Conference in Houston – on – yes, fireproofing! We were able to provide education on why it's important to fire-test horizontal assemblies, in a full scale furnace (about 12' x 16' – 3m x 4m), loaded as specified in ASTM E 119, or UL 163, ULC-S101. Plus, we covered the NFCA's Contractor Accreditation Program, Special Inspection and Maintaining Fire-Resistance for the building life cycle. It was great to see specifiers in the audience.

AGC Economist Ken Simonson at CSI. NFCA Photo



FIREPROOFING INDUSTRY VOICE

We cannot do what we do at the building and fire codes, standards, or other organizations without the loyal following – renewals from ongoing members & new members – at NFCA. Thanks, all members, for your support. Not a member yet? [Join NFCA.](#)

OSHA (USA) SAFETY TOOL

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) unveiled an online tool to search its severe injury report database and view trends related to workplace injuries occurring in states covered by federal OSHA, since 2015.

Using the dashboard, learn how severe injuries happen in industries and use the agency's available resources to help prevent workplace injuries. A brief [instructional video](#) is available to demonstrate how to use the dashboard. [Learn more about OSHA's severe injury report data, and the severe injury reporting requirement.](#)



HAVE YOU HEARD?

NFCA Renewal Invoices are hitting your inbox NEXT week!

Want to keep being part of the magic? Renew your membership in NFCA and get involved! Be part of our story.

Our next Week of Learning is in Denver, Colorado – Registration coming VERY SOON – and Membership comes with ONE FREE ATTENDEE! That makes renewing a no brainer!

Invite a new member to join and get a special shoutout on the next newsletter! Just have them mention your name on the application.

For more information on member renewals email Lissette @ Lissettek@cmservices.com

DRUM ROLL PLEASE...

CALLING ALL 2024 NEW NFCA MEMBERS

Contractor Members

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Architectural Coatings
Spray Foam Kings
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Protec Contractors
Source BD
The Blastman Coating Inc.

Contractor Branch Members

Cor-Ray Painting Co.
Hansen/All Season Insulation

Associate Members

DRS Consulting LTD

NEW MEMBER TO THE NFCA TEAM!

We are excited to announce a new staff member to the FCIA staff... Carol Ann Barshop. She has been hired on as an Association Coordinator and will be working on a variety of things such as webinar/conference certificates, Enews (soon), membership support, and so much more.

We asked Carol Ann to give us a brief introduction for our members –

'My name is Carol Ann Barshop! I am originally from the Chicago suburbs, now living in Omaha, NE. I love to foster pets! I recently fostered a mom and her 5 newborn kittens. I was such a sucker for the sweet mom that I foster failed and adopted her myself. I am so excited to learn even more about the FCIA and work with all of you!'



THEY SAY ALL GOOD THINGS MUST EVENTUALLY COME TO AN END... CATHY BURNS IS HEADING INTO RETIREMENT.

We would like to take a moment to thank Cathy Burns on her year of dedicated service to the Association. Her Contributions to growing membership, committee work, extreme dedication to the Accreditation program, and so much more will never go unnoticed. To say that she will be missed is an understatement. She has not only supported the Association, but she also supported the NFCA staff emotionally, physically, and developmentally. Her words of wisdom, her teachings, and her simple conversations that always made our workday better will be incredibly missed. Thank you, Cathy for the training, the talks, the laughter, and all the in betweens. The Members and Staff know that your shoes are too big to be filled, but our hope is that we can make you proud with what is to come.

- With lots of love, Lindsey, Lissette, Carol Ann, and Bill.

