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Monday, October 3, 2022
ICBC Concourse

7:30 am – 4:00 pm PDT  Registration Open
7:30 am – 8:15 am PDT  Continental Breakfast
8:15 am – 8:45 am PDT  FCIA Welcome & Association Comments
                      Bill McHugh, FCIA Executive Director
8:45 am – 9:30 am PDT  National Research Council of Canada & Firestopping
                      Andre Laroche, NRC
                      The National Research Council (NRC) of Canada conducts leading studies on topics from building egress in emergencies, fire-resistance, roofing and energy, and more. Learn about new developments in tall wood buildings, safety in buildings, penetrations and firestopping, and more.
9:30 am – 10:30 am PDT  NBC/NFC Fire-Resistance & Fire Separations Code Requirements
                      Bill McHugh, FCIA
                      Fire-separations are continuous until they are penetrated by service penetrations, openings for doors, fire-dampers, windows, and other breaches in the assembly. Protection of structural building elements and assemblies are also critical to fire- and life-safety. Attend this session to learn the code requirements for fire-resistance, as well as some key proposals currently going through the NBC Code Development Process.
10:30 am – 10:45 am PDT  Break
10:45 am – 11:45 am PDT  Perimeter Fire-Containment
                      Bill McHugh, FCIA
                      TBD
11:45 am – 12:45 pm PDT  Firestop Design, Installation, & Inspection
                      Bill McHugh, FCIA | Brian Bray, UL
                      This session looks at the design requirements for various applications, including head-of-wall joints, gypsum wallboard penetrations, intumescent designs, and more. Then, we’ll discuss the installation requirements for these applications, including installation challenges and solutions, and how to inspect these installed systems.
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1:30 pm – 2:30 pm PDT    MWT & Firestopping: Can This Work?
    Kevin Hyland, UL | Julio Lopes, STI | Matthew Winston, HILTI
    The evolution of Mass Wood Timber (MWT) buildings has driven code changes and interest in the construction industry. The result is that MWT buildings are growing in number, accompanied by the ability to go higher than ever before. In Canada, there is anticipation for formal adoption of Encapsulated Mass Timber Construction (EMTC) within the National Building Code of Canada. This presentation looks at the efforts made to address one aspect of fire protection in MWT buildings: firestop.

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm PDT    Firestopping Basics for Combustible Pipes
    Combustible pipes are being used with increasing regularity in the construction industry. But there are obvious limitations to properly firestopping these penetrations. Hear from this manufacturer panel as they discuss proper firestop installation practices, problem situations, solutions, and more.

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm PDT    Break

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm PDT    Maintaining Protection: Best Practices for Facility Directors
    Bill McHugh, FCIA
    The National Fire Code of Canada, International Fire Code, the NFPA 1 Fire Code, the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, and other Fire Codes have requirements for maintaining fire-resistance protection in existing buildings. The codes also reference Standards – the key to establishing fire-resistance ratings. To build a program that maintains fire-resistance protection, documentation of the built systems is needed as the building is handed over to the building owner and manager. This means Division 1 of Specifications must communicate what’s needed. Building owners and managers may not be aware of the requirements and their responsibility for maintaining protection of these barriers. This session covers the code requirements for maintaining protection in existing buildings, including an Inventory of Fire-Resistance-Rated new and archaic assemblies.

5:00 pm – 5:00 pm PDT    Closing Remarks
    Bill McHugh, FCIA

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Executive Meeting Room 470

7:30 am – 12:00 pm PDT  Registration Open
7:30 am – 8:00 am PDT  Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 10:00 am PDT  FCIA Education for the FM & ULC Firestop Exams*
Bill McHugh, FCIA
The FM & ULC Firestop Exams are based on FCIA’s Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP), the FM and ULC program guides, and systems selection and analysis. These exams are used for Contractor personnel to become FM 4991 Approved or ULC Qualified Contractor Program DRIs. For Special Inspectors, passing an exam proves firestopping competency to the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), required by the IBC’s Chapter 17. Passing an exam is also a requirement in IAS AC 291 for the Inspector to become a Responsible Person. The Test Prep Sessions help prepare individuals for the FM and ULC Firestop Exams and help support individual preparation for this rigorous exam, further strengthening your firestopping knowledge.

* This program IS NO SUBSTITUTE for reading FCIA’s Firestop Manual of Practice and studying the FM and ULC program guide and systems selection and analysis before the exams.

10:15 am – 10:30 am PDT  Break
10:30 am – 11:30 am PDT  FCIA Education for the FM & ULC Firestop Exams, continued
11:30 am – 12:30 pm PDT  Quality Management System Manual Development Education
Bill McHugh, FCIA | Brian Bray, UL Canada
Pursuing FM 4991 Approval, ULC Qualification, or IAS Accreditation? This session takes an in-depth look at the Quality Management System Manual required by these programs and contains tips for how to write one for your company. It also covers what questions might be on the exam – both quality management and firestopping.
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12:30 pm – 1:00 pm PDT
Lunch for FM & ULC Firestop Exam Education Session Attendees

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm PDT
FM & ULC Firestop Exam for DRI Candidates & Inspection Personnel
Note: The ULC Firestop Exam is an OPEN BOOK exam. ULC Exam Participants MUST provide your own copy of the FCIA Manual of Practice. The ULC Addendum covers questions specific to Canada. The FM Firestop Exam DOES NOT allow use of the MOP during the exam.

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“I believe life is about bettering yourself, every day, in everything you do. After all, you only get one chance in life. So why not better ourselves within our industry.”

Jerry Dugan, Jr., 2022 FCIA Board President