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# A WORD FROM FCIA'S BOARD PRESIDENT

Welcome to the FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference '23.

First off, I want to thank you all for being a part of the FCIA, Firestop Contractors International Association. By being a part of the FCIA, not only are you pushing a new and exciting industry forward, but you are also supporting an industry that truly can save lives.

I am genuinely honored to be serving you all as the 2023 FCIA Board President. Firestopping is something I have been passionate about since I first learned about the industry. Not only was I intrigued about how important it was, but I was also surprised by how many people knew so little about it. The second I fully understood the importance of proper firestopping, I knew that this was the career path for me. Since then, I have dedicated the last 10 years of my life learning, studying, teaching, and growing the life safety industry.



I believe that the future of the firestopping industry lies in education and awareness.

I am the Committee Chair for the Education Committee, the goal of which is to build the best virtual education program on the market. The Program is called the FCIA Certificate of Achievement Education Program (FCAEP). We rolled out the Firestop Level 1 & Level 2 Programs in 2022. We look forward to rolling out the Level 3 program in 2023. I am passionate about educating as many people as we possibly can. The more people that fully understand why firestopping needs to be installed properly, the better chance we have at continuing to push this profession in a positive direction.

If you want to make a difference, I challenge you to become part of a FCIA Committee. It takes the next generation of Specialty Firestopping Installation Contractors to step up and do their part in continuing to change and mold our industry and Association. We are always excited to see new faces and to hear new ideas.

I also want to thank all the trailblazers that came before us, including a special "Thank you" to all those who have served as FCIA Board President and on the FCIA Board of Directors. There are so many people that have dedicated so much of their time and energy to build the industry we have today. To all of you, "Thank you." All your hard work has not gone unnoticed. Additionally, I want to thank Bill McHugh and his amazing team for all they do for all of us. I am truly honored to have the opportunity to work beside this fine group of people.

In closing, I am excited for what 2023 has in store! FCIA has so many exciting events on the calendar, I look forward to meeting you in-person if you get the chance to make it to one of our amazing events. If you can't make it, I hope you get the opportunity to join us virtually. You don't want to miss all the great content the FCIA has for us in 2023!

Finally, thank you for all for the continued support. We would not be able to have such a successful and impactful organization without each one of you!! Enjoy the event, and thank you for your commitment to fire and life safety!

*Tyler Ferguson*

Tyler Ferguson, 2023 FCIA Board President



# FCIA COMMITTEES NEED YOU...(TO JOIN AND GET INVOLVED)

FCIA Committees are comprised of FCIA Member volunteers who work together on various pieces of Association business, from Codes and Standards development to Marketing outreach and more. This collaboration is how we gain industry consensus on issues related to the improvement of fire and life safety in buildings around the globe and how we create opportunities for the growth of our industry.

Consider volunteering your time and talents with one of the following Committees. Contact the Committee Chair(s) or [cathy@FCIA.org](mailto:cathy@FCIA.org) for additional information or to inquire about joining a Committee. Detailed descriptions of each Committee can be found at [www.FCIA.org/ABOUT-FCIA/Committees](http://www.FCIA.org/ABOUT-FCIA/Committees).

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# WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

## PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams Sessions help FCIA Members attain and maintain FM 4991 Approved or UL-ULC Qualified Firestop DRI status, Firestop Inspectors to prove competence to AHJ's or International Accreditation Services IAS AC 291 Special Inspection Agency responsible individual status.

All times listed are in CDT.

## TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

### NOTTOWAY (4TH FLOOR)

- 11:30 am - 5:00 pm** Firestop Exam Registration Open
- 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm** Lunch for Quality Management System and Firestop Exam Education Session Attendees  
*Sponsored by FCIA Platinum Members: HILTI, Inc. | Specified Technologies, Inc.*
- 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm** FCIA: The Vision, The Mission, The Association  
*Bill McHugh, FCIA*
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm** FCIA Education for the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams  
*Rich Walke, CTI*
- 2:30 pm - 2:45 pm** Break  
*Sponsored by FCIA*
- 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm** FCIA Education for the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams, continued  
*Rich Walke, CTI*
- 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm** Quality Management System Manual Development Education  
*Rich Walke, CTI | Joseph Nunes, FM Approvals | Mark St. Onge, UL Solutions*

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

### ARMSTRONG BALLROOM (8TH FLOOR)

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm** Conference Registration Open
- 7:30 am - 8:00 am** Continental Breakfast for FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exam Education Session Attendees  
*Sponsored by FCIA Silver Members: Construction Specialties, Inc. | Inpro | MM Systems | National Guard Products | ROCKWOOL*
- 8:00 am - 11:30 am** FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exam for DRI Candidates & Inspection Personnel

Note: The UL-ULC Firestop Exam is an OPEN BOOK exam. UL Exam Participants MUST provide their 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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## PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

ECA '23 brings together industry experts and firestop professionals for instructive education and insights on fire and life safety with collaborative Committee Action sessions to drive the progress of the firestop industry. Here, we'll tie together progressive ideas with actionable strategies to ensure safer buildings worldwide.

All times listed are in CDT.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

### ARMSTRONG BALLROOM (8TH FLOOR)

7:30 am – 3:30 pm	Conference Registration Open
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Welcome Lunch <i>Sponsored by Balco, Inc.</i>
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	FCIA President's Welcome & Association Comments <i>Tyler Ferguson, 2023 FCIA Board President   Bill McHugh, FCIA Executive Director</i>
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Avoiding Burnout and the Science of Having More Energy <i>Caleb Spitler, Restio</i>
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	New Technologies, New Threats, New Standards - Energy Storage Systems in the Fire and Life Safety Ecosystem™ <i>James "Robby" Dawson, NFPA</i>
3:30 pm - 6:00 pm Three 45-minute sessions	FCIA Committee Reports & Committee Action Roundtable Sessions <i>(All FCIA Members welcome)</i> Visit with FCIA Committees and Members for three sessions of interactive FCIA Committee Roundtable meetings. Meet the Committee members, hear about current and future Committee work, and find the Committee that best suits your talents!

	3:45 pm - 4:30 pm	4:30 pm - 5:15 pm	5:15 pm - 6:00 pm
PROTEUS/ZULU (8TH FLOOR)	Inspection & Standards	Accreditation	Education & Marketing
MID-CITY (8TH FLOOR)	Program	Code	Membership

### WATERBURY (2ND FLOOR)

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception Attendees, Spouses, Guests, and Speakers Welcome <i>Sponsored by Specified Technologies, Inc.</i>
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# WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

## THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

### ARMSTRONG BALLROOM (8TH FLOOR)

- 7:30 am – 4:00 pm**      **Conference Registration Open**
- 7:30 am – 8:00 am**      **FCIA Continental Breakfast**  
*Sponsored by FCIA Gold Members: Balco, Inc. | Thermafiber, Inc. (an Owens Corning Co.)*
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am**      **The Codes Discussion Continues...**  
*William Koffel, P.E., FSFPE, Koffel Associates | Bill McHugh, FCIA | Rich Walke, CTI*
- 9:00 am – 9:15 am**      **Break**  
*Sponsored by Construction Specialties, Inc.*
- 9:15 am – 10:15 am**      **Building Resilience & The ICC**  
*Tim Schmitz, ICC*
- 10:15 am – 10:30 am**      **Break**  
*Sponsored by National Guard Products*
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**      **The Perimeter Fire Containment Panel - Part I**  
*Mark Dietz, Superl, Inc. | Kevin Hyland, UL Solutions | David Mistler, Alpha Insulation & Waterproofing | Herb Stansberry, Intertek | Rich Walke, CTI*
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**      **Luncheon**  
*Sponsored by Thermafiber, Inc. (an Owens Corning Co.)*
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**      **Passive Fire Protection in Saving Lives and Property**  
*Chief H. Butch Browning, NASFM*
- 2:00 pm – 2:15 pm**      **Break**  
*Sponsored by ROCKWOOL*
- 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm**      **Firestopping & Sustainability: Can They Co-Exist?**  
*Ronald Geren, RLGA Technical Services | Todd Kimmel, ROCKWOOL | Julio Lopes, STI | Hope Medina, Shums Coda Associates | Travis Miller, HILTI | Cheryl Smith, Owens Corning*
- 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm**      **Partner Program Update**  
*Joseph Nunes, FM Approvals | Mark St. Onge, UL Solutions*
- 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm**      **FCIA Contractor Members Only Session**



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## WATERBURY (2ND FLOOR)

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm      **FCIA Networking Reception**  
Attendees, Spouses, Guests, and Speakers Welcome  
*Sponsored by HILTI, Inc.*

## **FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023**

### ARMSTRONG BALLROOM (8TH FLOOR)

7:30 am - 9:30 am      **Conference Registration Open**

7:30 am – 8:00 am      **FCIA Continental Breakfast**  
*Sponsored by Inpro*

8:00 am – 9:00 am      **Show Me the Money (Supply)**  
*Anirban Basu, Sage Policy Group (VIRTUAL)*

9:00 am – 9:15 am      **Break**  
*Sponsored by MM Systems*

9:15 am – 10:15 am      **The DNV Healthcare Perspective on Passive Fire Protection**  
*Clinton Butts, CFPS, CHOP, DNV Healthcare*

10:15 am – 11:45 am      **Firestop Product & System Standards - What You Need to Know to Become An Expert**  
*Bill McHugh, FCIA | Rich Walke, CTI*

11:45 am - 12:00 pm      **Closing Remarks**  
*Bill McHugh, FCIA Executive Director | Tyler Ferguson, 2023 FCIA Board President*

12:00 pm      **FCIA Education & Committee Action Hybrid Conference Ends**

*I believe that the future of the firestopping industry lies in education and awareness. I am passionate about educating as many people as we possibly can. The more people that fully understand why firestopping needs to be installed properly, the better chance we have at continuing to push this profession in a positive direction.*

*Tyler Ferguson*  
Tyler Ferguson  
2023 FCIA Board President



# SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

## TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

### FCIA: The Vision, The Mission, The Association

*Bill McHugh, FCIA*

You've heard of FCIA, maybe you're even a new member, but what exactly does Firestop Contractors International Association do? In this session, you'll learn about the origins of the FCIA, what our mission and guiding principles are, and how we advocate and work to further the industry. But most importantly, you'll learn how you can do your part to grow the firestop and effective compartmentation industry.

1:00 pm - 3:45 pm

### FCIA Education for the FM & UL Firestop Exams

*Rich Walke, CTI*

The FM & UL Firestop Exams are based on FCIA's Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP), the FM & UL program guides, and systems selection and analysis. These exams are used for contractor personnel to become FM 4991 Approved Contractor and UL Qualified Contractor Program DRIs. For Special Inspectors, passing the 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 FCIA Education for the FM & UL Firestop Exam education sessions help prepare individuals and support individual preparation for these rigorous exams, further strengthening and developing firestopping knowledge.

**\*This program IS NO SUBSTITUTE for reading FCIA's Firestop Manual of Practice and studying the FM & UL program guides and systems selection and analysis before the exams.**

3:45 pm - 5:00 pm

### Quality Management System Manual Development Education

*Joseph Nunes, FM Approvals | Mark St. Onge, UL Solutions | Rich Walke, CTI*

This session takes an in-depth look at the Quality Management System Manual requirements for the FM 4991 Approved, UL Qualified Firestop Contractor, and IAS AC 291 Accreditation programs. The session also provides tips and a framework for structuring and writing a comprehensive QMS Manual.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

### FCIA President's Welcome & Association Comments

*Bill McHugh, FCIA | Tyler Ferguson, 2023 FCIA Board President*

Hear from the 2023 Board President and FCIA Executive Directors on all the exciting new things happening at FCIA this year.

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

### Avoiding Burnout and the Science of Having More Energy

*Caleb Spitler, Restio*

Everyone wants to increase productivity, have lots of energy, feel good, and take their organization to new heights, but last year the #1 reason people quit their jobs was due to BURNOUT. If we expect a high level of output from ourselves and our teams, we must become experts at restoring our physical and emotional well-being.

In this session, Caleb will teach the #1 strategy for recharging, and teach people how to function with sustainably high energy that is contagious to their teams. This strategy is used by the top 1% of successful people



in the world. Attendees will leave with an understanding of:

- The surprising strategy for having more energy
- Three science-based steps for avoiding burnout
- How the top achievers use recovery to get the best out of themselves and their teams

## 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

### **New Technologies, New Threats, New Standards – Energy Storage Systems in the Fire and Life Safety Ecosystem™**

**James “Robby” Dawson, NFPA**

Passive fire protection is a critical part of the Fire and Life Safety Ecosystem™. This program will focus on how firestop contractors play an integral role in the protection of life and property within this ecosystem.

We will discuss fire and building codes and standards that apply in existing buildings, and how the changing fire dynamics associated with energy storage systems may impact the performance of existing buildings and how those structures should be protected based on NFPA 855 – The Standard for Installation of Energy Storage Systems.

## 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

### **FCIA Committee Reports & Committee Action Roundtable Sessions**

Visit with FCIA Committees and Members for three sessions of interactive FCIA Committee Roundtable meetings. Meet the Committee members, hear about current and future Committee work, and find the Committee that best suits your talents!

**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023**

## 8:00 am - 9:00 am

### **The Codes Discussion Continues...**

**William Koffel, P.E., FSFPE, Koffel Associates | Bill McHugh, FCIA | Rich Walke, CTI**

The 2024 ICC Code development cycle, including the Online Governmental Consensus Vote, is now complete. Likewise, the 2024 NFPA Code cycle is complete. Now, the 2027 Code development cycle looks to begin shortly with proposals due in early 2024.

In this session, hear what has changed between the 2021 and 2024 editions of the I-Codes and NFPA Codes, and then hear about the upcoming proposals FCIA has identified as wanting to pursue.

But, more importantly, bring YOUR ideas for Code proposals which focus on safer buildings for the building's life cycle. Be part of the discussion and provide your input on the Code changes that affect your industry.

## 9:15 am - 10:30 am

### **Building Resilience & The ICC**

**Tim Schmitz, ICC**

In this session, we'll hear about the initiatives ICC is working on for building resilience and what FCIA and its membership can do to help them advance. Then, we'll hear about all the new developments at ICC over the past five years, and we'll look at where ICC is headed.

## 10:45 am - 12:00 pm

### **The Perimeter Fire Containment Panel - Part I**

**Mark Dietz, Superl, Inc. | Kevin Hyland, UL Solutions | David Mistler, Alpha Insulation & Waterproofing | Herb Stansberry, Intertek | Rich Walke, CTI**

Perimeter Fire Containment...if those words used together in that order causes you to run in terror from the jobsite, you're not alone. But it doesn't need to be that way. You could be a PFC expert...

In this panel discussion, PFC experts will lay the groundwork for Perimeter Fire Containment, starting with the Code requirements for PFC





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systems. They'll discuss the nuances of the ASTM E2307 Standard, including what is and is not part of the Standard. And then, they'll debate various hot buttons for the PFC industry, from Dead Load Anchors to the E5 Committee development and work, rated interior wall to curtainwall junction, and more.

Bring your questions and get input from the experts so that the next time you hear the words "Perimeter Fire Containment", you can stand your ground and respond with, "PFC? Yes, we're the team you need to handle that."

## 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

### Passive Fire Protection in Saving Lives and Property

*Chief H. Butch Browning, NASFM*

Hear about programs that make a difference in fire-safety from someone who has served at all levels. In this session, former Louisiana State Fire Marshal, now National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) Executive Director, Butch Browning covers fire-resistance-rated assemblies and NASFM, including structural and breach protection, like firestopping. How does our industry fit in to NASFM's programs to educate fire marshals, building owners, and the public? And, learn about NASFM's partnership with FCIA.

## 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

### Firestopping & Sustainability: Can They Co-Exist?

*Ron Geren, RLGA Technical Services | Todd Kimmel, ROCKWOOL | Julio Lopes, STI | Hope Medina, Shums Coda Associates | Travis Miller, HILTI | Cheryl Smith, Owens Corning*

How does "going green" relate to the construction industry, fire-resistance, and firestopping? To perimeter fire containment? And how do the various points of view on this topic - author, specifier, manufacturer, and contractor - come together for a unified industry direction?

This session will look at the many definitions

of "green building" and "sustainability" and other terms. The panel of experts will discuss how "green" relates to the passive fire protection industry, including energy savings, carbon footprints, recycled content, LEED or other green building rating systems, how firestop products and systems can be "green", and more.

## 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

### Partnership Program Updates

- FM 4991 Approved Contractor Program | *Joseph Nunes, FM Approvals*
- UL-ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Program | *Mark St. Onge, UL Solutions*

FCIA collaborated with FM & UL to develop both the FM 4991 Approved and the UL-ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Programs, programs that result in an accredited Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor Company. This session looks at program updates for each.

## FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

## 8:00 am - 9:00 am

### Show Me the Money (Supply)

*Anirban Basu, Sage Policy Group (VIRTUAL)*

Soft landing? Something harder? Whither inflation? This presentation will supply in-depth analysis of the major factors shaping economic outcomes, including central bank policymaking, worker attitudes, business confidence, and geopolitics. It will then turn toward a forecast for the year to come, highlighting the major risks that economic stakeholders will likely encounter.

## 9:15 am - 10:15 am

### The DNV Healthcare Perspective on Passive Fire Protection

*Clinton Butts, CFPS, CHOP, DNV Healthcare*

In this presentation, attendees will gain an understanding of DNV Healthcare's NIAHO Accreditation Requirements for Hospitals as they apply to the Physical Environment, including DNV's requirements for barrier





protection programs. The DNV survey process will be reviewed, with a focus on how DNV examines passive fire protection features, including fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assemblies, firestopping, fire and smoke doors, fire and smoke dampers, and protection of structural steel. The presentation will conclude with a review of the top non-conformances related to passive fire protection. Time will be allotted for questions.

**10:15 am - 11:45 am**

### **Firestop Product & System Standards - What You Need to Know to Become An Expert**

**Bill McHugh, FCIA | Rich Walke, CTI**

So, you're an employee at a Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor or a Special Inspection Agency conducting special inspection for firestop systems. You know your stuff and are an expert in your field. As product technology evolves, so do the applicable Standards. That makes the Firestop Product and Systems Standards development an ever-evolving process.

This session looks at why the Firestop Product and System Standards evolution happened and various firestop product physical properties. ASTM Standards for firestop product shrinkage (ASTM E3157), exposure (ASTM E2785), and aging (ASTM E2923), as well as the new Movement Standard (ASTM E3037), are part of this program. Additionally, UL Solutions has unique physical properties standards including W-Water, as well as an aging standard.

Don't miss this session to learn the purpose of the Standards and how they affect your operations.





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A large, stylized background illustration of a building. The building features a prominent purple dome on the left and a yellow bell tower on the right. A red and white striped awning extends from the left side of the building. The building is set against a light blue sky with a yellow sun. The foreground shows a green lawn and a grey path leading towards the building. The entire illustration is rendered in a soft, painterly style.



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