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CALLING ALL LEADERS! FCIA ELECTIONS COMING SOON

For the Association to thrive and grow, it needs good leaders and strong leadership.

FCIA's Board of Directors provides this leadership. The Volunteer Board serves to provide oversight to all FCIA programs and initiatives, while keeping an eye on FCIA's resources.

The current FCIA Board of Directors is looking for interested candidates to fill three vacancies for the 2024-2026 Board of Directors. Board candidates must be a Voting Member of the FCIA (Contractor or Consultant/Special Inspection Voting). Experience on a Committee is recommended. The ideal Board candidates will possess a willingness to think and provide input on a strategic basis, be responsive to email discussions, and participate in monthly teleconferences, among other important responsibilities. Board Meetings are held quarterly in January, May, August, and October/November. The three-year terms start Jan. 1, 2024.

If you or someone you know would be interested in running for the 2024-26 FCIA Board of Directors, email cathy@fcia.org with your interest.

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Upcoming Events

July 31-August 2	NASFM Conference
August 6-9	ASHE Annual Conference
August 16	FCIA Webinar
August 17	FCIA Contractor & Special Inspection Agency Only Webinar
August 24-25	FCIA Board Meeting



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FCIA PRESENTS AT THE NFPA CONFERENCE

This June, FCIA presented an education session at the National Fire Protection Association's Expo in Las Vegas, NV.

FCIA's education program at the National Fire Protection Association's Expo in Las Vegas, mid-June was packed, standing room only.

Bill McHugh presented a session on fire-resistance importance in new construction and existing buildings to a standing-room only, rapt audience. The question was asked, "How many building owners do you think maintain Fire Sprinklers and Fire Detection & Alarms?"

"Commonplace", said the audience.

"How many building owners do you think maintain protection of their fire-resistance-rated assemblies?"

"What?" said the audience.

That started the hour-long conversation on maintaining protection of fire-resistance in existing buildings. Special emphasis was added to point out that the International Fire Code demands a fire-resistance inventory, and NFPA 101, NFPA 1, and other worldwide Fire Codes require maintaining continuous fire-



Bill McHugh presents to a packed room at NFPA's Conference this June.



resistance protection.

The aim of the session was to provide information attendees can use to encourage Building Owners and Managers to change the standard practice of ongoing building maintenance to include fire-resistance, just as they would any other safety protection. NFPA's Audience was a great place to do this.

Many industry influences and friends stopped by the FCIA booth to learn more. Thanks to Marketing Committee members, Lauren Sustek (Bartkowski Life Safety Corp.) and Jason Vogel (Firestop Southwest), for working the booth.



FCIA ADDRESSES FIRE MARSHALS AND INSPECTORS

This June, FCIA spoke to the Ontario Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association.

FCIA's [Canada Committee](#) Chair, John Sharpe (Pro-Firestop, Inc.), and FCIA Executive Director, Bill McHugh, traveled to London, ON for the group's Annual Conference. When comparing field conditions to listings, attendees appreciated the pictures depicting installations that seem to be visually acceptable and discussion explaining what they were looking at.

Retired former FCIA Canada Committee Chair, Jim Smiley, was also in attendance. Jim was integral in helping to develop and organize a lot of the activity FCIA does in Canada now. It was great to catch up with an old friend who was so involved in the early advocacy of FCIA.



FCIA FIRESTOP EDUCATION PROGRAM ROLLS OUT NEW ADMIN MODULE

The new FCIA Education Portal (FEP) Admin Portal is live! y

This May, FCIA announced the rollout of the new Admin Portal to the [FCIA Education Program \(FEP\)](#). The new Admin feature allows companies who purchase the Unlimited Subscription to designate a training admin to enroll students in the purchased courses, monitor progress of employees as they take the courses and exams, and download Certificates of Completion for enrolled students of the company. The portal promises to be a game-changer for those companies who purchase the Unlimited Subscription.

In addition to announcing the Admin Portal, FCIA Board President and Education Committee Chair, Tyler Ferguson (National

Firestopping Solutions), announced that the Firestop Level 3 Program, 'Specifications, Estimating and Project Management', is in the final stages of development. The content has been recorded and is currently working its way through the production process. Look for a limited release in the coming months.



FCIA MEMBERSHIP

FCIA members are why we do what we do.

Whether it's speaking or exhibiting at NFPA's Conference and Expo, testifying at the ICC Code Development Hearings, inputting the field perspective to the ASTM and UL-ULC Standards Development Processes and the UAE Fire and Life Safety Code, educating and advocating for the industry with Qatar Civil Defence and India authorities, discussions with related industries and organizations in Australia, New Zealand, and UK, we are making sure the world hears the FCIA voice of fire and life safety through the proper 'DIIM' of Firestopping.

The [FM 4991 Approved](#) and [UL-ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Accreditation Programs](#)? That's FCIA at work.

Firestop inspection standards development and advocacy for getting the Standards into building codes? FCIA did that.

Developing the first of its kind [Virtual Firestop Education Program](#)? Yep, that's FCIA too.

If you are an FCIA Member, thanks for renewing.

If you're not a member and are involved in the design, installation, inspection, or maintenance of firestop systems, [we need you to join](#) to keep the story moving.

Do you know a company that is not a member but should be? [Send us their info](#) so we can bring them into the story of their industry.

To edit a quote from NFPA's Jim Pauley, "We're building an industry, let's do it together".



FCIA SUBMITS ULC-S115 PROPOSALS

CAN/ULC-S115-2018, STANDARD METHOD OF FIRE TESTS OF FIRESTOP SYSTEMS, is the Canadian equivalent to UL 1479, UL 2079, and incorporates all of ASTM E 2307, Perimeter Fire Containment.

FCIA submitted several proposals to the ULC S115 Standards Development Process to recognize various physical performance properties.

Stay tuned for updates on how the process goes!



'The Ins and Outs of Firestop Inspection'

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
10:00 am - 11:00 am CDT



LIFE SAFETY DIGEST RACKS UP FREQUENT FLIER MILES

Life Safety Digest can be found at several industry events around the world.

One of the most recent events [Life Safety Digest](#) was found was at the 2023 BOMA International Conference & Expo in Kansas City, MO. The event is tailored for Building Owners and Managers around the world to connect on the newest

innovations, technologies, and advancements in the commercial real estate industry. Even though FCIA did not have a booth, *Life Safety Digest* was there to provide building owners and manager attendees access to the fire- and smoke-resistance industries, and most importantly, exposure to FCIA members and the FCIA Member Lists.

Some other recent industry events that FCIA and *Life Safety Digest* has been present at include FireSafe Build India, IFMA Facility Fusion, and the NFPA Conference & Expo. But that's not the only places you'll find FCIA and *Life Safety Digest* this year! Look for us at NASFM, CHES, IFMA World Workplace, ICC, ASHE, OFSEC, and more! It's another example of FCIA member dues at work promoting the firestop industry to key audiences around the world.



FCIA works hard to spread the word of the 'DIIM' of [Firestopping](#) around the world, encouraging all interested Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors, Special Inspection Agencies, Associates, Manufacturers, and more to become involved to grow the industry's call for better fire and life safety.

FCIA proudly welcomes new members, and we thank them for their support and commitment to the Firestop industry.

Thank you to all current members, as well, for helping to grow FCIA and the Specialty Firestop trade, resulting in improved fire and life safety systems.

FCIA New Contractor Members

- GNI Management Group Inc. - Woodstock, ON

FCIA New International Contractor Members

- Liansuo Construction Technology Co., Ltd. - Da An District, Taipei

FCIA New Associate Members

- Phoenix Construction - Orangevale, CA

FCIA Members: Do you have more than one Branch location? Make it easier to be found worldwide with a 'Branch Membership and Listing' at www.FCIA.org. Questions? Email cathy@fcia.org and we'll fill you in.

Do you know a company that should be an FCIA member? Send them our way at cathy@fcia.org, and we'll follow up (and get you in the running for the Industry Development Award)!



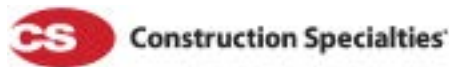
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