

FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference
The InterContinental Hotel Kansas City at the Plaza
Kansas City, MO



PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FCIA Education 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.

Monday, May 10, 2021

Pavilion One

11:30 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Lunch for Quality Management System and Firestop Exam Education Session Attendees <i>Sponsored by TBD</i>
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	FCIA NEW Member Session – What is FCIA? What does it do? **Open to all FCIA ECA Conference Attendees**
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	FCIA Education for the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams <i>Rich Walke, CTI for FCIA</i> The FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams are based on FCIA's Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP). These exams are used for contractor personnel to become FM 4991 Approved Contractor and UL-ULC 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. This program IS NO SUBSTITUTE for reading FCIA's Firestop Manual of Practice before the exams. The Test Prep Sessions do help prepare individuals for the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams, further strengthening your firestopping knowledge.
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break <i>Sponsored by TBD</i>
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	FCIA Education for the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams, continued <i>Rich Walke, CTI for FCIA</i>
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	FCIA Management System Manual Development Education <i>Rich Walke, CTI for FCIA Joseph Nunes, FM Approvals Ruben Sandoval, UL LLC</i> Pursuing FM 4991 Approval or UL-ULC Qualification or IAS Accreditation? This session takes an in-depth look at the Quality Management System Manual required by the program 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.

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Pavilion One

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Conference Registration Open

7:45 am – 8:30 am

Continental Breakfast for FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exam Education Session Attendees
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8:30 am – 12:00 pm

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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Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Salons 2 & 3

- 7:30 am – 5:00 pm **Conference Registration Open**
- 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm **Welcome Lunch**
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- 1:15 pm – 1:30 pm **FCIA President’s Welcome & Association Comments**
Ben Urcavich, FCIA 2020-21 President | Bill McHugh, FCIA Executive Director
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm **Keynote Session: Four Critical Decisions**
Kenn Kington
 With his work, Kenn has met and worked with some of the most successful people in every walk of life. This has been an unexpected education. Working with and around these leaders, he noticed some common threads. It wasn’t talent or ability or even opportunity that generated their achievements. In conversations, he would ask simple questions, and the answers from these amazing people were stunning. They always had a story and a simple commonality: they not only found success in their profession but an uncommon balance in life and overcoming everyday challenges. He also noticed two wonderful things. These successful people made decisions that the average person simply does not make, decisions which fell into four basic categories. Further, when applied, these decisions work every time!
 Discover the Four Critical Decisions successful people make and begin experiencing the balance and fulfillment life was meant to be.
- 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm **Partnership Program Updates**
- **FM 4991 Approved Contractor Program | *Daniel Boardman, FM Approvals***
 - **UL-ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Program | *Ruben Sandoval, UL LLC***
 - **IAS AC 291 Company Accreditation | *Bill McHugh, FCIA***
- FCIA collaborated with FM & UL to develop and supports - both the FM 4991 Approved and the UL-ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Programs that result in an accredited Firestop Contractor Company. FCIA also collaborated with IAS to build the firestopping section in the IAS AC 291 Accreditation Criteria specifically for Firestop Inspection Agency Companies. This session will look at program updates and initiatives for each.
- 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm **FCIA Committee Reports & Committee Action Roundtable Sessions**
(All FCIA Members welcome)
 Visit with FCIA Committees and Members for two 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!

	Pavilion 1	Pavilion 3	Pavilion 7
3:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Program	Education	Accreditation
4:45 pm – 5:30 pm	Marketing & Membership	Inspection	Codes & Standards

Rooftop Ballroom

- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Welcome Reception (Subject to Kansas City restrictions)**
Attendees, Spouses, Guests and Speakers Welcome
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Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Salons 2 & 3

7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration Open
7:30 am – 8:00 am	FCIA Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by TBD</i>
8:00 am – 9:00 am	What to Expect from Third-Party Inspections – Part II <i>Eric Bergman, Braun Intertec Mark St. Onge, UL Patrick Tesche, Global Fire Protection Group, LLC</i> Join this program that outlines key components of the ASTM E 2174, <i>Standard Practice for On-Site Inspection of Installed Firestop Systems</i> and ASTM E 2393, <i>Standard Practice for On-Site Inspection of Installed Fire Resistive Joint Systems and Perimeter Fire Barriers</i> . Listen as third-party Special Inspection Agencies get into details, grey areas, issues in the inspection process, and more.
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Break <i>Sponsored by TBD</i>
9:15 am – 10:15 am	The Pandemic is Not Yet Over! A Discussion on COVID-19 in the Construction Workplace <i>Philip Siegel, Esq., Hendrick, Phillips, Salzman & Siegel, P.C.</i> During this one-hour session, we will discuss timely concerns with COVID-19 in the workplace, including a discussion on whether companies can implement a policy requiring the COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of employment, a discussion on applicable safety standards addressing the COVID-19 hazard in the workplace, and a discussion on contractual provisions that provide protection from COVID-19 related liabilities. The session also covers whether COVID-19 in the workplace is subject to worker's compensation benefits, and whether instances of COVID-19 in the workplace are recordable under OSHA recordkeeping requirements.
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break <i>Sponsored by TBD</i>
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Challenges Associated with Building Code Enforcement <i>Tim Ryan, International Association of Building Code Officials</i> As a code official and active code development participant, Tim sees firestopping and effective compartmentation from a different perspective. This program focuses on how the code official approves Firestop Special Inspection Agencies, Inspectors, and how much detail goes into firestopping at the jurisdictional level. He also will address jurisdiction code requirement differences, what happens when constructability issues arise in the field, documentation needed, and liability associated with this age-old comment – <i>'the inspector passed it'</i> , all from a code official's perspective.
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	The Post (?)-Pandemic Outlook for Construction <i>Ken Simonsen, AGC's Chief Economist</i> What happened in 2020? What did/will contractors do as a result of COVID-19? What is the construction economy going to do in 2021 and beyond? Who will be building or renovating buildings in the Post-COVID 19? What type of buildings? Public? Private? Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Multifamily? Single Family? What regions? Will building owners have money to maintain protection in buildings? Don't miss this look inside the construction economy's 'crystal ball'.
12:30 pm – 1:15 pm	Luncheon <i>Sponsored by TBD</i>

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

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1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Hospitals, ASHE, TJC, Fire-Resistance & Firestopping

Jonathan Flannery, MHSA, FASHE, FACHE, American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE)

We welcome back Jonathan Flannery, ASHE's Sr. Associate Director, Advocacy, to FCIA's ECA Conference. In this program, Jonathan provides insight into The Joint Commission activities and fire-resistance violations found during audits. Learn what's going on in the hospital environment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Are there financial repercussions from the pandemic? Are government grants coming to hospitals for physical plant work? Are there new rules for infection control, germ resistant assemblies? What about new contractor and in-house personnel restrictions/rules when working in post-COVID-19 facilities? Jonathan always brings a program chock full of facts and future forecasts about these topics and more that we all can learn from.

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

Break

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2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

A GC's Perspective on Firestopping

Corey Zussman, Pepper Construction

Corey returns to FCIA to cover new topics. This time, we'll unravel how to get firestopping 'constructability' accomplished on a new construction project. We'll look at typical GC concerns with our firestopping industry, legal issues if specifications are not followed that require FM 4991 or UL Contractors, a GC's view on firestop special inspections, and the effect it is having on projects. Plus, he'll cover what our industry needs to do to have a Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor on projects all the time. Don't miss this.

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Break

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4:00 pm – 5:45 pm

FCIA Contractor Members Only Session

Rooftop Ballroom

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

FCIA Networking Reception (Subject to Kansas City restrictions)

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Salons 2 & 3

7:30 am – 9:30 am	Conference Registration Open
7:30 am – 9:00 am	FCIA Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by TBD</i>
8:00 am – 9:00 am	A Look at the 2024 Code Cycle and Proposals Bill Koffel, P.E., FSPE, Koffel Associates, FCIA's Code Consultant The International Building Code (IBC), International Fire Code (IFC) are part of the International Code Council's Family of Codes. The IBC and IFC is intended to protect public health and safety while avoiding both unnecessary costs and preferential treatment of specific materials or methods of construction. Getting a code proposal drafted, submitted, and passed is a long and detailed process, but one that FCIA has navigated successfully. Attend this session for a look at the FCIA code proposals, as well as others, for the current 2024 International Building Code. We'll also dive into the NFPA 1, NFPA 101/5000 - development cycle.
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Fire Dampers, Fire/Smoke Dampers, Ceiling/Radiation Dampers Kent Maune, RUSKIN Kent shares his 35 years of Damper development, testing, and field application of these important items that keep fire (and smoke) contained. There are new developments with remote inspection technologies. Plus, Kent covers some of the key issues missed in the field with fire, smoke, and ceiling radiation dampers. Don't miss this program on key Fire and Smoke Damper technical, inspection, and maintenance issues.
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Center for Campus Fire Safety Justin Daniels, Oklahoma University and Center for Campus Fire Safety Join Justin to learn more about the role of the fire-marshall/emergency operations personnel at the college/university campus. What about fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assemblies on campus? What codes apply to these institutions? What perspectives does this industry have for the Barrier Management Services Contractor? Don't miss hearing about how the Center for Campus Fire Safety helps keep people safe through their association initiatives.
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Closing Remarks Bill McHugh, FCIA Executive Director Ben Urcavich, FCIA 2020-21 President
11:30 am	FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference Ends



***Make your plans to attend FIC '21, FCIA's Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show,
at Rancho Bernardo Inn in San Diego, CA November 2-5, 2021!***

If everyone at FCIA educates someone about what firestopping and effective compartmentation is – and the importance of our industry – we'll make a difference in the demand for safe buildings delivered by FCIA Members.

"There are many opportunities for you to jump into our story; a story that is being written about the growth and development of the firestopping & fire and life safety industry."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Urcavich".

Ben Urcavich, 2020-21 FCIA President