



FCIA’s ECA is Memphis Bound

The 19th Annual [Education and Committee Action Conference - ECA 2018](#) – opens next week at the historic **Peabody Hotel** in **Memphis, TN**. There you’ll find the [FM & UL/ULC Firestop Exams](#), engaging [Education Sessions](#) focusing on both technical content and business development to support your success, Networking sessions and more, all in the city that boasts Elvis, great barbeque and the birthplace of Rock n’ Roll.

Our bags are packed, but there’s [still time to register](#).

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“FCIA” Database Scam

It has come to our attention lately that there are a few companies soliciting FCIA Members, supposedly selling the “Contacts of Firestop Contractors Association Database”. The most recent company appears to be a company called Par Notch.

This is a scam. FCIA does not sell our Membership list. Period. We take the privacy of our Membership very seriously, and as such all companies that we are aware of have been issued “Cease and Desist” letters.

If you receive one of these solicitations, please forward it to FCIA Staff for the appropriate next steps.

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FCIA at the ICC Committee Action Hearings

It's Code Development Season and FCIA is involved at the International Code Council's Committee Action Hearings for the International Building Code and International Fire Code in Columbus, OH. FCIA Code Consultant Bill Koffel, along with the FCIA Code Committee and Bill McHugh, submitted several proposals on FCIA's behalf.

The group presented the proposal S21-18 to add Special Inspection for Residential Occupancy Buildings with occupant load greater than 250. The good news is that the proposal was Approved as Submitted with a vote of 13-0. If there is no public comment, it will become part of the 2021 International Building Code. We'll know for sure by December 2018.

Another proposal FCIA submitted would mandate FM 4991 Approved or UL Qualified Firestop Contractors for buildings 420' above the lowest fire department access. The proposal, FS47-18, was disapproved, 9-5. While that may seem like a disappointing result, that's a big improvement from the 13-0 last code cycle.

FCIA also submitted a proposal that requires and standardizes how firestop system are identified on the assemblies. This proposal, FS46-18, to add identification systems, also known as labels, tags and other methods to identify the system, was disapproved 8-6. Again, that's a lot better than the 12-0 we were at during the last code cycle.

In F90-18, FCIA's proposal calls for adding language such that when performing repairs of existing buildings, the repairs follow manufacturers' installation instructions and the listing, when the original permit requires systems.

These proposals continue to show FCIA's moves to build specs, standards and code requirements that result in the proper 'DIIM' – 'D'esign, 'I'nstallation, 'I'nspection and 'M'aintenance – of firestop systems. We are very pleased that the ICC's process produced positive results – even if we did not win some.

Look for a full report from Bill Koffel on Friday, May 4 at FCIA's ECA Conference.

FCIA at ASTM

FCIA met with manufacturers and a consultant to discuss the ASTM E 2174 and ASTM E 2393 Inspection Standard Practices, the ASTM E 3038 Inspector Qualification Practice, ASTM E 3037 on movement of penetrating items in firestop assemblies, the ASTM Guide and much more. FCIA's Standards Chair Eric Keeton, and Vice President, Jay McGuire attended the San Diego Meetings.

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FCIA at IAS Celebration

FCIA's Executive Director, Bill McHugh, served on the International Accreditation Service's Board of Directors for 6 years. During that time, he grew to appreciate the work of the great staff at IAS. As with all great staff, it has a great leader. Chuck Ramani, IAS' President retired after 44 years with IAS, and we were honored to attend the celebration. It was great to see friends from the IAS and ICC leadership.

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FCIA and the Firestop Exams in the Middle East

This April, FCIA headed to the Middle East with the FM and UL Firestop Exams for Firestop Contractors and Special Inspection Agency personnel. FCIA Executive Director, Bill McHugh, presented to the groups the FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams and Quality Management System Manual Education Sessions and helped prepare delegates to write the industry exams.

Dubai

FCIA's Bill McHugh visited with the Dubai Civil Defence while in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in early April. Attendance at the FCIA Education for the FM and UL Firestop Exams was excellent. We had FCIA Member Firestop Contractor Special Inspection Agency personnel attend.



Doha

While in the Middle East region, we also visited Doha, Qatar FCIA Members with amazing attendance. The FCIA Doha Members were engaged in discussions about firestopping and took the FM and UL Firestop Exams. Over 30 attendees provided great conversation about Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation for improved fire- and life-safety in buildings.



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FCIA Membership

FCIA membership and renewals have started the year out stronger than ever. Member retention is at an all time high, while New Member growth for 2018 continues to rise. We can't do it without you.

Is there a contractor company, firestop inspection agency, distributor, manufacturers rep or manufacturer that you know who is not an FCIA Member but should be? Forward their contact info to [Cathy Burns](#) at FCIA and she'll give them a call.



Connect with Us!

Have you connected with FCIA on Facebook or LinkedIn yet? Did you know FCIA has a YouTube channel?

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Save the Date

FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show

Hyatt Regency Lost Pines
 Austin, TX

November 6 - 9, 2018



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FCIA Welcomes New Members

FCIA works hard to spread the word of the **'DIIM' of Firestopping** around the world, encouraging all interested Contractors, Consultant Firms, Associates, Manufacturers, Manufacturer Rep Firms 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

- Alhapex LLC - McKinney, TX
- Chambless Construction Specialties - Marietta, GA
- FX Facility Group, LLC - Cincinnati, OH
- West Coast Insulation - Hayward, CA

FCIA New Contractor Branch Members

- Top Build - American National Insulation IL - Aurora, IL
- Wal-Mark Contracting - Orlando - Orlando, FL

FCIA New International Contractor Members

- Bardawil Specialties - Qatar - Doha, Qatar
- Fire Drop WLL - Doha, Qatar

FCIA New Friend of FCIA Members

- Preston Memorial Hospital - Kingwood, WV

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.



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