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ECA Agenda Finalizing Details

[ECA 2016](#) is only seven (7) weeks away, and the Agenda is falling into place. Sessions at this event will include:



INFORM. ENGAGE. INSPIRE.

- ICC/NFPA Code Update
- High-Rise Façade Fires: A Worldwide Concern
- Interpreting the UL Guide: An Insider's Perspective
- How to Overcome GC Objections to Specialty Firestop Contractors (Panel)
- The FCIA Containment Worker Program Update
- Extended Contractors' ONLY Session
- Open Mic Session
- Committee Meetings
- And More!

Look for a Draft Agenda to be released in the next week.

Don't miss these dynamic sessions, and learn while you earn! [Register for ECA 2016 today!](#)

ECA 2016 Registration and Hotel Deadlines Approaching



The [FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference](#) is an immersive networking event, a key opportunity where attendees can focus on what's important to them - professional and career development, peer-to-peer connections and expert education - all in a city known for going big or going home, Las Vegas, NV.

Held at the [Monte Carlo Resort & Casino](#) in Las Vegas, NV this **May 3-6**, this year's lineup leaves it all on the table with educational sessions focusing on a variety of topics like the **Code Development Cycle Update**, **Technical sessions**, **Standards sessions**, a **Trades vs. Specialty Contractor Panel**, the newly expanded **Contractor Only session** and more.

- Discover new systems, applications, products and more
- Learn and Earn continuing education credits
- Explore the Entertainment Capital of the World and all it has to offer

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- Socialize with colleagues from around the globe

And while you're attending, capitalize on the opportunity to test out the various [FCIA Committees](#). Learn about each and their respective objective(s), and then choose the one that best suits you and get involved! Have some great ideas for growing Membership? Then join the Membership committee! Do you get jazzed when someone starts talking Codes? Then the Code committee is the one for you! There's something for everyone...yes, even you.

Early Registration and Hotel Discounts are still available, but they won't last long. Register and make your reservation by **April 1st to take advantage of the savings!**



Book your stay at the [Monte Carlo Resort & Casino](#) through the online FCIA portal to receive rates as low as \$85/night*.

For Conference registration:

For Hotel reservations:



*\$85/night rates do not apply to all dates. All rates are subject to \$25/day resort fee and applicable taxes and fees as set forth by the property.

FCIA Friend, Advocate and Now, Honorary Member!

Every so often, you are lucky enough to partner with an exceptional individual or company who helps to elevate your organization to greatness. Someone who works tirelessly to promote the standards and business principles that both organizations share. When that happens for FCIA, we recognize that individual with the FCIA Honorary Membership Award.



This past November, FICA honored George Mills, [The Joint Commission](#) Director of Engineering, with the **Honorary Membership Award**. In addition to his support of

the [Barrier Management Symposiums](#), George brings with him a passion about patient safety that is both contagious and heartfelt. Listen to him speak at an [ASHE Annual Conference](#) and you will agree quickly. His support for the BMS programs have been integral in reducing fire-rated barrier violations in The Joint Commission audits due to the education about fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant systems in buildings.

Separately, **Anne Guglielmo**, also of The Joint Commission, was honored as FCIA's **Advocate of the Year**. Her excellent performance and unwavering dedication to ensuring safety in buildings through Barrier Management Systems has been outstanding.

The Honorary Member Award has only been awarded a handful of times. Congratulations to George and Anne, and thank you for your continued support and partnership!

Building Safety Journal Highlights Firestopping Issues to ICC Membership

This past October, the ICC's publication, [Building Safety Journal](#), featured an article by FCIA Executive Director, Bill McHugh, on FCIA's use of standards to build the ['DIIM' Philosophy](#) of Firestopping - the proper Design, Installation, Inspection and Maintenance & Management. The article, *'IAS, ICC and FCIA – A Worldwide Partnership'*, advocated for the 'DIIM' of Firestopping.



The [FM 4991, Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors](#), [UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program](#), [IAS AC 291 Inspection Agency Accreditation](#), [FM & UL Firestop Exams](#) and maintenance had top billing from our firestopping industry in this key publication with circulation to the 57,000 ICC Members.

Check out the article at http://bsj.iccsafe.org/October_2015_BSJ/index.html#/31/.

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ASHE Preps Members for NFPA 101-2012



The [American Society for Healthcare Engineering](#) (ASHE) will be conducting a series of five webinars to prepare for the adoption of the

2012 Edition of NFPA 101.

The first webinar, "[The 2012 Edition of NFPA 101 and Its Impact on Existing Health Care Facilities](#)" is scheduled for **April 6th**. The webinar will be presented by **William E. Koffel, P.E., FSFPE** and **Lennon A. Peake, P.E.** A synopsis of the webinar is as follows:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is considering the adoption of the 2012 edition of NFPA 101. This webinar will highlight the impact of the 2012 edition of NFPA 101 will have on existing health care facilities and the rationale behind the changes from the 2000 edition. In addition to the changes covered by the categorical waiver process, changes that will be discussed include a limited use of two operations to open a door, expanded use of sliding doors, door inspection requirements, use of non-health care space by inpatients, smoke barriers on non-health care floors, and sprinkler requirements for certain existing buildings. A brief introduction to the new Chapter 43 on rehabilitation will be included, with more details to follow in a subsequent webinar.

The **other four webinars** will focus on **new health care facilities**, the **reference standards** (such as NFPA 25, NFPA 72, and NFPA 80), **rehabilitation projects** (Chapter 43 of NFPA 101), and **NFPA 99-2012**.

For registration information go to <http://www.ashe.org/education/webinars/index.shtml>.

National Safety Stand-Down Is May 2-6

The U.S. Department of Labor's [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) (OSHA) and other federal safety agencies announced Feb. 16 that they have designated **May 2-6, 2016**, for the third annual [National Safety Stand-Down](#). The event is a nationwide effort



to remind and educate employers and workers in the construction industry of the serious dangers of falls - the cause of the highest number of industry deaths in the construction industry.

To learn how to partner with OSHA in this Stand-Down, including details on how to conduct a stand-down, receive a certificate of participation, and access free education and training resources, fact sheets and other outreach materials in

English and Spanish, visit: <http://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/>.

To learn more about preventing falls in construction visit <http://www.osha.gov/stopfalls/>.

'Solving the Riddle of F, T, L, H and W Ratings' Webinar Scheduled for March

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You're reading the [International Building Code](#), and you see a reference to F Ratings. Then, you encounter L Rating requirements, and then later still H, T and W Rating references. "What does this mean," you think to yourself.

The March session in the [2016 FCIA FREE Educational Webinar Series](#), '[Solving the Riddle of F, T, L, H and W Ratings](#)', covers those puzzling F, T, L, H and W Ratings.

For example, did you know that an **L Rating is referencing the Air Leakage/Smoke Ratings**, specifically measuring the amount of air that moves through an opening in cubic feet per minute per square feet of opening area at ambient temperatures and 400F? And what does an H Rating mean? When is the rating required, and are there times when it is not?

[Attend this two-hour session](#) to learn the definitions of each of the F, T, L, H and W Ratings, what the building code

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says about them, where to find them and more in this month's FREE Educational Webinar session. After the session, bring your questions for the expert led Q&A session.

When: Tuesday, March 29 Time: 10:00am CDT Register here.	
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The Barrier is any installed fire-resistance-rated wall, firestop system, fire door, fire damper and fire-rated glazing system. These systems should be installed exactly as they were tested. In order to ensure optimal performance when called upon by smoke and fire, it is critical to keep the barriers continuously protected.

The Firestop Contractors International Association (FCIA) collaborated with ASHE, The Joint Commission and UL to build the 1.5 day [Barrier Management Symposium](#) now offered at ASHE Regions.

[Attend this session](#) to find the answers to the many questions about barriers and their openings (Doors, Dampers, Glazing), Penetrations and Joints (Firestopping), as well as an overview of the barriers.

FCIA Board of Directors Shaping the Direction for 2016

FCIA's [Board of Directors](#) met in Las Vegas this Feb. 1-2 to come together for the first time in 2016. The meeting took place at the Monte Carlo Resort & Casino, the site of



[ECA 2016](#), the next [FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference](#). While there, the board reviewed numerous initiatives for 2016 and beyond. Each committee was reviewed and discussed in detail, covering both reports of past activity and goals for future plans. Look for actions from the Technical, Apprenticeship and Education Committees, as well as Accreditation, Standards and Code Committees to be discussed at the Education and Committee Action Conference 2016.

All of your past FCIA Boards have been very active and very involved, resulting in stronger programs that deliver for both the FCIA membership and all those affected by better fire- and life-safety through FCIA's programs worldwide.

A Two-Hour Barrier Management Symposium?

Join FCIA for the **April session** in the [FCIA Educational Webinar Series](#), scheduled for **April 14 at 10:00am CDT**, will feature the new program, ['The Two-Hour Barrier Management Symposium'](#).

The Joint Commission (TJC) has stated for several years that **penetrations, doors and other barrier issues have been in the top 10 survey violation list** for at least 4 years.

When: Thursday, April 14 Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm CDT Register here.	
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CSI – Firestop Partner Since the Beginning

Much is talked about in the Firestop industry about FCIA's ['DIIM' Philosophy](#). The belief that proper Design, Installation, Inspection and Maintenance and Management of installed firestop systems leads to greater and improved fire- and life-safety systems in buildings is largely supported worldwide.

What you may not know is that the 'DIIM' conversation, in its early stages, started in 1990 with input from [The Construction Specifications Institute](#).



At the time, FCIA started a dialogue at CSI's Northern Illinois and Chicago Chapters, while similar exchanges were also going on in Indianapolis, Boston, San Francisco, Salt Lake City and Denver.

Then, in 2001, the partnership between CSI and FCIA expanded. FCIA was invited to present a program at CSI's Annual Convention about the vision for the Firestopping future - FM 4991 Approved or UL Qualified Firestop Contractors, independent inspection by accredited companies (IAS AC 291) to ASTM E 2174 and ASTM E 2393

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Standards for On Site Inspection of Firestops, to name a few. And the partnership has only grown more over the years, with FCIA presenting educational programs at CSI's annual [CONSTRUCT](#) exhibition for the past several years.

In early January, we had the opportunity to present at CSI Chicago's January Roundtable Specifier meetings. We outlined the firestop industry challenges and how the FCIA's vision from 1999 - from CSI and other influences - was working. It was reported during the session that over 50% of the high-rise, healthcare and educational occupancies in Chicago were specified FM 4991 or UL Qualified Firestop Contractors and installed by companies that have the accreditation in Chicago alone. That's a huge development in the industry considering there were no programs available to specify 16 years ago.

The feedback and support over the years from our specifier friends who have provided great input to FCIA's programs, support the efforts we've all made for improved fire- and life-safety. For more information on CSI and their programs, visit www.csinet.org/.

Special Inspection Agency personnel for the two-day sessions and exams.

During both of these events, FCIA staff and delegate attendees enjoyed a great exchange of information with friends. We wish all who took the exams best wishes for success as they either embark on or renew the process of becoming an [FM 4991 Approved](#) or [UL Qualified Contractor](#) or [IAS AC 291 Accredited Special Inspection Agency](#).



FCIA Participates at NFPA Conference and on Fire Protection Features Committee

FCIA heads to two NFPA Events this year. In June, FCIA will travel to Las Vegas, NV for the [NFPA Conference & Expo](#), where FCIA is speaking and has an exhibit booth. Then, in July, we travel to Ft. Lauderdale for NFPA's Fire Protection Features Committee Meetings. FCIA's Bill McHugh serves on NFPA's FPF Committee providing input from FCIA and proposals as well.



FCIA Exams Bring Education to Firestop Contractors and Special Inspection Agency Personnel in the Middle East

FCIA Executive Director, Bill McHugh, recently travelled to Doha, Qatar and Abu Dhabi, UAE to bring the FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams and [FM and UL Firestop Exams](#) to the region. The education and exams were happy to welcome 28 interested Firestop Contractors and Firestop

FCIA Membership Renewals Due Now

FCIA Membership renewals continue to come in, bringing membership numbers to near



record highs to date. Retention rates remain healthy, and New Member growth continues to match the levels set in 2015. FCIA thanks those who have already renewed and chosen to remain active in the association.

For those FCIA Members who have not yet renewed membership, the grace period for FCIA Membership renewal has just about expired. If you are an FCIA Member who has not yet renewed your 2016 membership, **failure to do so by March 31st will result in your being removed from the FCIA Member List and website, and you will no longer receive the associated member benefits. Additionally, access to the Members Only section will be revoked for all individuals within your organization.**

In order to avoid this, please pay any outstanding 2016 Membership Dues invoices by March 31, 2016.

Not sure if your company membership dues are still outstanding? [Inquire with Cathy today.](#)

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FCIA World Tour Begins

Spreading the word of the 'DIIM' of Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation to audiences around the globe is one of the key initiatives of FCIA. Through participation at various strategic events, FCIA presents to key decision makers and influencers the importance of firestopping installed by a specialty firestop contractor, the importance of implementing a comprehensive Barrier Management strategy for continued protection and more.

Some of the upcoming events where you will see FCIA or *Life Safety Digest* are:

- [IFMA Facility Fusion US – April 12-14, Indianapolis, IN](#)
- [IFMA Facility Fusion Canada – May 4-5, Montreal, QC](#)
- [AIA Convention Philadelphia – May 19-21, Philadelphia, PA](#)
- [CHES Ontario Annual Conference and Trade Show – May 29-31, Kitchener, ON](#)
- [RAIC Festival of Architecture – June 8-10, Nanaimo, BC](#)
- [NFPA Conference & Expo – June 12-16, Las Vegas, NV](#)
- [ASHE Annual Conference – July 10-13, Denver, CO](#)
- [OFSEC – September 5-7, Oman](#)
- [CONSTRUCT – September 7-9, Austin, TX](#)
- [IFMA World Workplace – October 5-7, San Diego, CA](#)
- [ICC Building Safety & Design Expo – October 15-17, Kansas City, MO](#)
- [Campus Fire Safety Forum – November 1-3, Mesa, AZ](#)

Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation affect building occupancies worldwide. Fire knows no borders. That's why it is critical that FCIA spread the word of the 'DIIM' of Firestopping to audiences around the globe. Trade show booths, publication bins and presentations all help FCIA to deliver the right message to the right audience.

IFMA Facility Fusion Ready, Set, Success!

[IFMA Facility Fusion](#) is all set to head to **Indianapolis, IN** this **April 12-14, 2016** for the annual spring event. Here, attendees will learn best practices to address unique facility challenges, essential leadership and career development

skills and will make guaranteed professional connections. IFMA Facility Fusion meets specific professional development needs for every FM.

Whether you're interested in focusing on nuts 'n bolts, management skills or advanced sustainability & workplace strategies, you'll acquire in-depth instruction in the varied educational sessions. Gain months of professional development in just three action packed days.



The event also features three behind-the-scenes tours to choose from: Eli Lilly & Co. Corporate Headquarters, Ray's Trash Indianapolis Recycling and the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Can't make the April event?

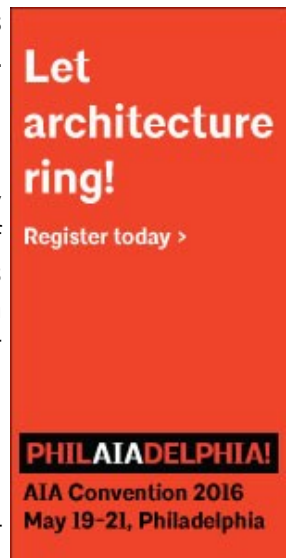
Then join them for the [IFMA Facility Fusion Canada](#) event in **Montreal, QC** this **May 4-5!**

To learn more, visit <https://facilityfusion.ifma.org/>.

AIA Con 2016

The [Annual AIA Convention](#) opens in **Philadelphia, PA** this **May 19-21** at the **Pennsylvania Convention Center**. This is the architecture and design event of the year – including a provocative lineup of celebrity speakers, an awe-inspiring array of tours, parties, exhibitors, seminars and more – all happening in a legendary American city known for attitude, passion and perspective.

The Convention features creative visionaries from the architecture and design industry and beyond – including keynote speakers Kevin Spacey, Neri Oxman and Rem Koolhaas. While there, earn a year's worth of continuing education credits attending sessions from the leading experts on topics including resiliency, green building, business managements, ADA compliance, LEED, design and health and more. Explore the city and its hidden gems on one of the curated tours.



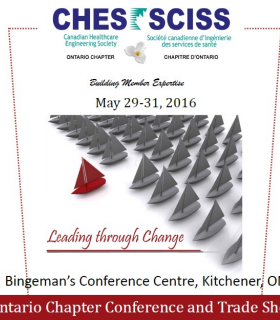
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Visit the expo floor and connect with more than 800 exhibitors featuring the latest materials, technology and trends.

[Learn more about PhilIAAdelphia..](#)

CHES Ontario Conference & Trade Show Gearing Up



The [Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society](#) (CHES) Ontario Chapter will be kicking off their [36th Annual Conference and Trade Show](#) in Kitchener, ON at the [Bingeman's Conference Centre](#) this **May 29-31**. The theme, "Leading Through Change", provides attendees with the information and

guidance required to help lead facility teams through the daily challenges at healthcare facilities in Canada.

The event features more than 70 exhibitors, as well as two days of education sessions filled with key information on changes to the standards, how to keep up with the changing energy field and more, all tailored for Architects, Engineers, Consultants, Healthcare Directors, Managers, Supervisors and frontline staff and all others working in the field.

For the first time ever, FCIA will be represented at this event with a trade show booth, as well as will be presenting to the delegates attendees an educational session. We look forward to the opportunity to grow and develop this partnership with CHES Ontario.

For more information and to register for the event, visit www.ron-durocher.squarespace.com/.

FCIA Member Elzinga & Volkers Recognized Nationally

The [National Association for Business Resources](#) (NABR), established in 1996, is a professional business association focused on connecting, educating and empowering businesses across the country through collaboration and utilization of proven measurements and tools for business success. Their programs focus on improving business operations that create a positive impact and begin at the employee level all the way up to the leadership, and hence form a stronger local business community.



Through the [Best and Brightest programs](#), NABR provides specialized business services, education and resources for businesses throughout the United States, and then recognizes the most influential, trend-setting companies across the country and regionally with their Best and Brightest Awards.



This year, FCIA is proud to recognize FCIA Contractor

Member Elzinga & Volkers who was recently named one of the [Nation's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For](#) in 2015!

Congratulations to the entire Elzinga & Volkers team in Michigan on this exciting accomplishment!

Life Safety Digest Celebrates 10 Years

This year, [Life Safety Digest](#) celebrates its 10th Anniversary. To help celebrate, the publication will be unveiling a new look, a new featured section and new, dynamic content.



If you've ever wanted to see your name in print, now is your chance! We are currently looking for **contributions for upcoming issues**. Article submissions must be **1200-1800 words in length, generic industry-related content with high-resolution supporting photos**.

For more information, contact lindsey@FCIA.org.

FCIA Welcomes New Members

FCIA works hard to spread the word of the ['DIIM' of Firestopping](#) around the world, encouraging 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.

When a connection is made, FCIA proudly welcomes new

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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

- Eco-Lok Protective Coatings, Inc. - Winnipeg, MB
- America Companies Corp. - Middlesex, NJ



FCIA New International Contractor Members

- New Ways Trading and Contracting - Doha, Qatar
- Bright Engineering - Doha, Qatar

FCIA New Manufacturer Members

- CSW Industrials Company - Dallas, TX
- Smoke Guard - Boise, ID

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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