

FCIA E-newsletter – Feb 13, 2013

FCIA Conferences Coming to You!

FCIA's Conferences are being expanded in 2013 to many more locations than ever before. Join us at one or more of these conferences

FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference – Register Here

With a full complement of great speakers, committee action and some fun, FCIA Members and guests visit The Brown Palace Hotel and Spa April 30-May 2. You won't want to miss this. Listen to Bill Koffel the week after the 'Cycle B' Code Hearings, Tim Pate, an ICC Fire Safety Committee Member Building Official, participate in an FCIA Voting Member Only Session and more. Register and check out the draft agenda at FCIA.org.



Bill Koffel speaking at the 2012 ECA Conference

FCIA DIIM Symposium in Ottawa, Canada – Register Here

FCIA visits Ottawa, Ontario, Canada and the National Research Council of Canada March 13 for the 1st 2013 FCIA DIIM Educational Symposium. There's a full day of education from FCIA, ULC and the NRC. Then, attend a tour of NRC's Fire, Energy, Sound Transmission and Building Envelope Research

facility to wrap up a great day. ULC Firestop Exams will be offered on March 14.

Hotel Room Deadline: Wed, Feb. 20th. Book now!



Robert Gray and Bob Hastings at an ECA Conference in Montreal

FCIA DIIM Symposium in Abu Dhabi, UAE, Registration Opens Next Week

FCIA visits Abu Dhabi again March 24 at The Yas Hotel. We look forward to presenting new firestopping and effective compartmentation information to the FCIA Membership and Departments of Civil Defence, Municipal Affairs and other consultants and design professionals. FCIA, FM & UL Firestop Education, FM 4991 Approved and UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Exams take place March 25.



Attendees at 2012 Dubai, UAE FCIA DIIM Educational Symposium

FCIA DIIM Symposium in Doha, Qatar, Registration Opens Next Week

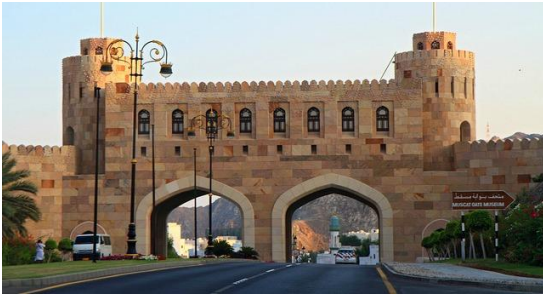
FCIA's Qatar Members look forward to a FCIA Educational Symposium in Doha March 27. FCIA's Firestop Education, followed by FM 4991 and UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Exams, take place March 28.



The Doha, Qatar skyline

Fire Safety Symposium in Muscat, Oman

On April 2 & 3, FCIA speaks at a Fire Safe Oman Educational conference. [Click here](#) for more information about the event.



The Muscat Gate Museum

FCIA's New Board Meets

FCIA's 2013 Board of Directors met at the site of the upcoming FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference in Denver a few weeks ago. First, the Board elected 2013 FCIA Officers:

1. **Vice President, President Elect** - Eric Keeton, Dalton Maintenance
2. **Treasurer** - Don Murphy, PPMI Firestop
3. **Secretary** - Scott Rankin, Pyro-Stop, LLC



2013 Board Members: (left to right) Tracy Smith, Jodi Clem, Bob Hasting, Gary Hamilton, Ken Slama, Eric Keeton, Don Murphy, Scott Rankin, Not Pictured: Mindi Keels

The board also appointed committee members for 2013 according to new policies adapted by the board. There are several committees that require in depth knowledge of the issues surrounding standards, code, and technically-related activities and more experience.

All FCIA Members are welcome to participate in the Marketing, Membership and Program Committees. The 2013 FCIA Board approved a new committee policy where Technical, Education, Apprenticeship, Standards and Accreditation, Legislative Committees have a new requirement for a minimum two year 'member in good standing' status prior to being part of the committee.

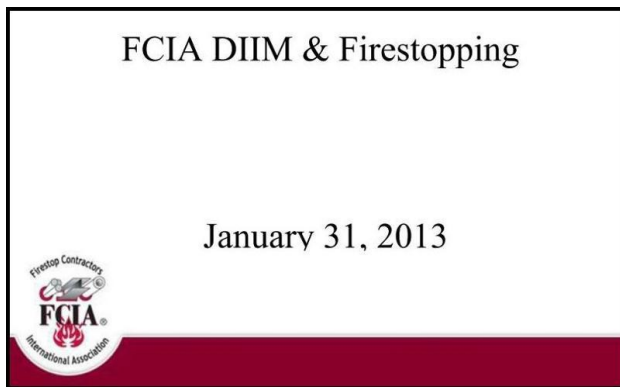
Interested in serving on a FCIA Committee? Email bill@fcia.org with your interest and we'll pass on your committee interest to the Board of Directors.

FCIA Webinars Well Attended

FCIA's DIIM Webinars have had great participation from members in the USA, Canada and Middle East. We found that by offering the Webinars at 2330 hrs., or 11:30pm CST that members in the UAE, Qatar and India participate since it is about 0930, or 9:30am their time. The webinars cover Firestop Systems Design, Installation Standards and Qualifications, Inspection Standards and Maintenance. After each 1 hour and 20 minute session, at least 40 minutes of questions and answers takes place.

Most associations charge fees for webinars and other association resources. These FCIA webinars are offered to FCIA Members, Building Officials, Fire Marshals, Architects-Specifiers, Building Owners and Managers...all for FREE.

At FCIA, there's a lot of value in membership built in. Take advantage and realize the benefits that come with your \$1225 investment in Annual Membership Dues by visiting FCIA.org, Members Only, attending webinars for free, enjoying Life Safety Digest, the magazine of effective compartmentation, attending conferences, and more. Look for the webinars to cover much more in 2013.



Miss the last webinar? [Click the image above to see slides from that presentation!](#)

FCIA Membership

Classification Change

Attention Contractors, Contractor Branches, International Contractors, International Contractor Branches; a change has taken place. Throughout North America and especially in Canada, specifications in CSI/CSC MasterFormat Section 07-84-00 call for a 'FCIA Member in Good Standing'.

At its meeting in January, the FCIA 2013 Board reaffirmed new requirements for 'Member in Good Standing'. To attain 'Member in Good Standing' status, members joining after Dec. 21, 2012 must have paid dues for at least the previous, and consecutive, two years. This helps provide value to members who continue membership.

Comment on FCIA's Facebook and LinkedIn!

FCIA's Facebook and LinkedIn postings happen frequently. Don't miss the action. FCIA social media outlets are designed to connect with firestop professionals and facilitate industry news and discussions.

Click through the icons below to find our pages!



FCIA Membership Renewals, Growth Continues

FCIA's renewals are way ahead of the pace set in 2012. Thanks to those who renewed early in 2013!

FCIA also welcomes new members and congratulates existing members for elevating their organization to FM 4991 Approved Firestop Contractor, UL Qualified Firestop Contractor or International Accreditation Services IAS AC 291 status.

FCIA New Contractor Members

- Pedersen Insulation Company - Columbus, Ohio
- Premier FireStop, Inc. - Brentwood, TN
- William Reichenbach Company - Lansing, MI

FCIA New International Contractor Branch Members

- Rise & Shine Technical Services LLC - Muscat, Oman

NEW FCIA Member FM 4991 Approved Contractors

- Performance Firestop Inc. - Green Bay, WI

Best wishes for a safe, successful winter construction season.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Bill McHugh, FCIA

Executive Director

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