



*FCIA Conference, Canada  
Initiatives, FCIA @ UL, Call for  
Board Members & More...*



## FCIA E-newsletter – Sept. 6, 2012

### FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show

Join FCIA Members at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort and Spa in Orlando November 7-9 for this important event. We have some great speakers including the [Joint Commission, NFPA, FCIA Leaders, IFC](#) and others. Watch [FCIA.org](#) for the Education Programming descriptions. The registration forms for the [Conference, Ray Usher Golf Tourney](#) that funds the [FCIA Bob LeClair Scholarship](#), [FCIA Awards Banquet](#) and more are online now. FCIA's rate at \$189/nite won't last forever. Make reservations now, and join us in Orlando.



Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa– Join Us!

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### FCIA Board of Director Elections

Are you interested in becoming a FCIA Director serving a 2-year term? The experience is different for each person, but can be very rewarding personally and professionally. The FCIA voting membership elects 3 new board members from the contractor membership each year. Interested? Email [evie@fcia.org](mailto:evie@fcia.org) by Sept. 10, and the FCIA Nominating Committee will contact you. Check out [FCIA.org](#), board for info about current board members.

### FCIA Canada Activities - Initiatives

When FCIA was established, the founding leaders wanted the group to be an international association. In 2012 alone, we've done a lot recently in Canada, with more to come.

We travelled to ULC in Toronto to provide FCIA Education for the ULC Exams hosting several members, and building relationships with a key Canada organization. We contacted Statistics Canada over several years. Through FCIA efforts, there is now a NAICS Code for Firestop Contractors in Canada...and the US. (See info, this Enews). That means the trade is classified and on the radar for Government Projects.

FCIA presented firestopping at Ottawa's Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) Chapter with FCIA Members and Specifiers in attendance. We have reached out to the National Research Council of Canada to form relationships. We introduced ourselves to the Canada Healthcare Engineering Society and have been invited to speak next year to specifiers from across Canada as well.

And, thanks to FCIA Member Michael St. Jean's contacts with technical translators, FCIA has paid for translation of the FCIA 07-84-00 Specification into French, and posted it at [FCIA.org](#). We've also invited key speakers from Canada to speak at the Firestop industry Conference and Trade Show.

FCIA's international efforts don't stop there. We're travelling to the UAE this fall to plan our next seminar in December, 2012. A trip to the Far East is possible in the next year too.

## NEW US & Canada NAICS Code for Firestopping

FCIA's Membership Chair Bill Hoos and Apprenticeship Chair Bob Hasting made several trips to meet with US Government officials about the North American Industry Classification Code for Firestopping (NAICS). Recently the code was published as 238310 for Firestop Contractors in the US. We also learned from our contacts at Canada's Ottawa Government Offices that Canada has also adapted the same number. Thanks FCIA Leaders for making this happen. On Government projects, there is now a category to purchase firestop contracts under.

## FM 4991 & UL QFC Firestop Exams

FCIA invested resources to collaborate with both FM & UL to develop these key industry programs aimed at better reliability of installed firestopping. One request we've heard from contractors interested in getting approved or qualified is 'how do I build a management system'. FCIA offers a 'FCIA Management System Education' Session at the FCIA Firestop Industry Conference in November, FREE to FCIA Member Contractors. To help contractors build a management system, UL is introducing a eLearning Program soon. Watch FCIA.org for details.

## UL's Chicago Fire Safety Forum

Russian and US Delegates were hosted by UL's VP Chris Hasbrook for an international exchange of ideas about codes and standards. Speakers included leaders from the Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and UL.

FCIA's Bill McHugh spoke as part of the Fire Safety Codes and Standards Panel. A representative from the City of Chicago stated that effective compartmentation and high fire resistance ratings are important in Chicago due to the high density and population of people in buildings. Requirements in large cities have more compartmentation and high fire resistance ratings as the norm. Fire resistance, sprinklers, detection and alarms and occupant education are all important factors in building fire and life safety.

## Authors needed! Life Safety Digest

Life Safety Digest is always looking for informative, generic articles on issues important to the Fire Resistance Rated Construction Industry, including firestopping, fireproofing, and effective compartmentation features and more. The fall High Rise Issue deadline is Sept. 20 and Winter Industrial and Multi-Family issue, Nov. 30, 2012. Send articles to [bill@fcia.org](mailto:bill@fcia.org).

**Life Safety  
DIGEST**

## Chicago Life Safety Evaluations

FCIA provided educational materials to the City of Chicago's Life Safety Evaluation education. There is a compartmentation option in the Life Safety Evaluation as part of the High Rise Ordinance passed in 2004. This allows older high rise buildings to use fire resistance rated assemblies as a primary fire safety feature. Fire Doors and Fire Dampers, Firestopping all maintain the continuity of fire resistance rated walls and floors.

## FCIA at CONSTRUCT/CSI Show

FCIA will be exhibiting at **CONSTRUCT2012 (Sept. 12-14)** to continue conversations with Specifiers in Phoenix. Local FCIA Member Volunteers have already signed up to work the booth.



FCIA's efforts to promote the specialty firestop contractor concept continues with specifiers, building officials and fire marshals and also healthcare building engineers. Visit us at The International Code Council's **'ICC Expo'** in Portland, OR Oct. 22 and 23. The Marketing Committee, Chaired by Don and Mike Pautsch, Superl, Inc., are planning 2013's efforts now.



Don Murphy & Johnny Mendez. Brooke Army Medical Center at ASHE's Annual Convention in San Antonio

## FCIA Member Referral Program

FCIA's Membership drive is in full gear with members continuing to join the organization from the US, Canada and other parts of the world. Do you know someone who should be a member but isn't? Refer the person to [Evie@fcia.org](mailto:Evie@fcia.org). Once the company joins, you get a \$25 gift certificate to Starbucks.

FCIA thanks all 2012 renewed members. As an association, FCIA's retention for 2012 is about 86%. In the association world, anything over 75% is considered stellar. Congrats, FCIA! The membership is a reflection on all the successful programs and committees at FCIA. We're currently at 291 Members, and aiming for 300+. Maybe your referral can get FCIA over 300. Know someone who should be a member but isn't? Forward the name to [Evie@fcia.org](mailto:Evie@fcia.org) and she'll do the rest.

***Best wishes for a safe, successful  
summer construction season.  
Bill McHugh, FCIA  
Executive Director***

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