



# FCIA E-newsletter – Feb 17, 2014

## FCIA ECA & FIC Conferences

### Announced for the Year!

The FCIA Program Committee has announced [both major 2014 FCIA Conferences](#). Now all we will need is you! The **FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference (ECA)** takes place April 30-May 2. FM and UL/ULC Firestop Exams happen on April 29th. FCIA Committee Meetings and expert Speakers follow Wednesday through Friday. The riverwalk location at the Omni La Mansion del Rio in San Antonio, TX is a FCIA favorite! [Hotel online reservations are now open!](#) You can also call (800) 843-6664 and book your special FCIA discount room rate of \$179/+tax/night. Mention you are with the Firestop Contractors International Association to book this deal! Conference registration will be coming soon.



The Beautiful Omni La Mansion del Rio  
in San Antonio, TX

Also announced is the **FCIA Firestop Industry Conference and Trade Show (FIC)**. The FIC returns to Florida, this time to the [Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club in Naples, FL](#). Mark your calendars for Nov. 5-7. FM and UL/ULC Firestop Exams are Nov. 4. We look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Call FCIA at +1 (708) 202-1108 or email [evie@FCIA.org](mailto:evie@FCIA.org) or [info@FCIA.org](mailto:info@FCIA.org).



2013 Ray Usher Memorial Golf Tournament Champions from Left to Right: Jerry Dugan, Jr., Ben Urcavich, Rick Holmes, Jerry Dugan, Sr.

## FCIA's New Board in Action

The new FCIA Board of Directors met at the site of the upcoming FCIA Firestop Industry Conference and Trade Show at the end of January to discuss 2014 plans and to elect the 2014 FCIA Officers. The Officers include:

- **President** - Eric Keeton, Dalton Protection
- **Vice President, President Elect** - Gary Hamilton, Hamilton Benchmark
- **Treasurer** - Mark Dietz, Superl, Inc.
- **Secretary** - Scott Rankin, Advanced Specialty Contractors, LLC



On the left, Eric Keeton, 2014 FCIA President. On the right, Tracy Smith, 2013 FCIA President

They join Directors Bob Hasting, Don Murphy, Ken Slama and Past Presidents Jodi Clem and Tracy Smith for 2014's Board.

The FCIA Board of Directors approved 2014's Committee Members, created a new Manufacturer Branch Membership Category to allow manufacturers with global locations an opportunity for greater exposure, and much more. Look for a formal announcement on the new membership category shortly.

Check out the new 2014 FCIA Committee Members appointed during the Board's sessions, [updated on the FCIA website here](#).

Interested in serving on a FCIA Committee, or interested in the Board? Email [bill@FCIA.org](mailto:bill@FCIA.org).

## FCIA Webinars Well Attended, Next One Set.

The first FCIA Webinar of the year had great reception and was attended by over 200 individual sites. Some sites had more than 20 people attending. Join us on February 20th at 10am CST as we host the second webinar of the year, this time focusing on the 'Inspection' part of the **Design, Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Management (DIIM)** of Firestopping.

[Register by visiting the link here.](#)

Please note some information will be repeated from the Jan. 2014 Webinar on **DIIM**, though only to set the base for further discussion on the "**I-Inspection**".

## FCIA 2014 Membership Dues: Renew Now!

Thank you to all members who have already sent in their membership dues renewals. If you have not renewed your FCIA membership for 2014, please return as soon as possible.

Keep in mind, the new committee policy regarding "FCIA Members in Good Standing" has gone into effect this year. To continue as a "FCIA Member in Good Standing", two years of continuous membership is required. Renew and keep your pop up listing on the FCIA website, get discounts for FCIA Conferences and FCIA Education, plus the other perks of being a FCIA member. Call Evie at +1 (708) 202-1108 or email her at [evie@FCIA.org](mailto:evie@FCIA.org) to renew your membership today.

On March 1st, all non-paid renewals will be assessed a 1.5% service fee per new FCIA policy. Save now and renew today!

## 2014 is FCIA's 15<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary, Celebrate with Us!

2014 marks 15 years of FCIA! It's hard to believe that 15 years ago the organization started with less than ten members. Since then, it has grown to the 300+ association it is today with members from all over the world.

Celebrate with us by downloading the new special 15th Year Anniversary logo, now available in the [Members Only](#) section.

Please note that the 15 Year Anniversary logo is for special use in 2014 only and does not replace the FCIA logo. Thanks again for being a part of the organization, and helping further the mission of Effective Compartmentation.



## FCIA Exhibits at the 2014 NFPA Conference. NFPA Names New President, Jim Pauley.

FCIA will be exhibiting at this year's [NFPA Conference & Expo](#), at Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV. Come see us in Booth 2062 during the show on June 9-12. Also, don't miss FCIA's Presentation by Bill Koffel and Bill McHugh at the NFPA Convention. FCIA continues to promote membership and the importance that a specialty firestop contractor has in assuring the protection of fire and life safety.

Our friends at the NFPA have named a new president to succeed James M. Shannon. James Shannon served as the NFPA president since 2002. He has worked with the NFPA since 1991 and has done a great deal of work for the fire protection industry. The FCIA thanks James for his service to fire prevention and wishes him well.



Jim Pauley, incoming NFPA  
President

Jim has been with Schneider Electric since 1985, working as an application engineer. He is a graduate from the University of Kentucky with his Bachelor of Science in Engineering. He has great familiarity with codes and standards as he served on the board for the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) and was the chairman of NFPA's Standards Council and chair of the High Performance Building Council.

# Get your Company FM Approved, UL/ULC Qualified or IAS AC 291 Accredited This Year!

Remember, it is always a good time to take firestopping at your company to the next level! There will be many opportunities to take the FM or UL/ULC Firestop Exam this year. The first step in this process is getting the Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP) from FCIA!

Members receive discounts on this important MOP document. Obtain one by calling the FCIA office at +1 (708) 202-1108 or by [filling out an order form here](#).

## FCIA Membership

### Growth Continues

FCIA welcomes our new members and thanks them for their contributions! Thank you to all current members as well for helping to build FCIA and the firestopping industry.

#### FCIA New Contractor Members

- 3066015 Nova Scotia Ltd. - Truro, NS
- Amherst Insulation & Firestop Service, Inc. - Manchester, NH
- Comprehensive Risk Services, LLC - Phoenix, AR
- H&M Constructors - Asheville, NC
- Horizon Contracting - New Hyde Park, NY
- Nabholz Construction Corporation - Oklahoma City, OK
- Southern Maintenance Group - Cornelius, NC
- Southwest Specialty Contractors LLC - Las Vegas, NV
- The Sack Company - Statesboro, GA
- Wal-Mark Contracting Group - Tampa, FL

#### FCIA New Contractor Branch Members

- Comprehensive Risk Services, LLC - Greeley, CO
- Firetek Pacific LLC - Kaneohe, HI
- Old Dominion Firestopping LLC - Franklin, TN
- Old Dominion Firestopping LLC - Austin TX

#### FCIA New International Contractor Branch Members

- Doormasters Trading Co. LLC

***Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter!***

***Bill McHugh, FCIA***

***Executive Director***

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