

### Upcoming Events

- April 29 FCIA Webinar
- May 20-24 CSC Annual Conference
- May 27 FCIA Webinar



## NEW FCIA.org GOES LIVE

In November 2019, FCIA announced a re-branding campaign, beginning with the roll-out of a new logo. The new logo gives FCIA a fresh, clean look.

The next step in the re-branding campaign was the unveiling of a new [FCIA LinkedIn company page](#). The new page features news and events, industry updates and developments, news about firestopping and barrier management services, and more. Be sure to connect with us and check the page often!

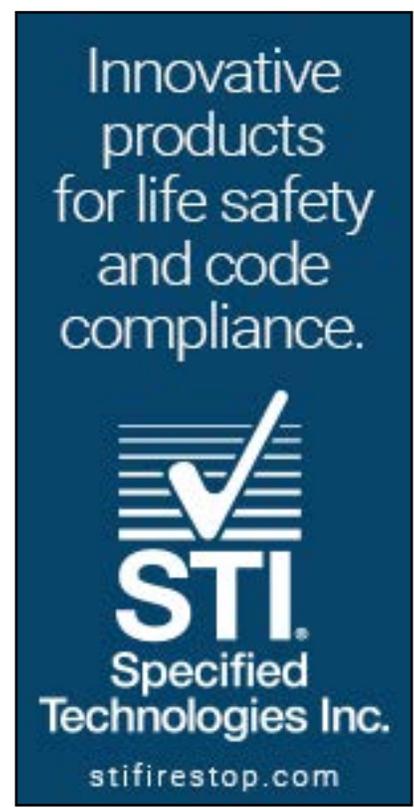
The final step in the campaign was the development of a new [www.FCIA.org](#). We are proud to announce that the new website is live! The updated site offers people a smooth, pleasant engagement experience. The information is presented in an easy-to-find and -navigate format, including mobile-responsiveness, thereby allowing users to effortlessly find firestop information, FCIA Members, and more, even on-the-go.

**\*\* FCIA Members, make sure to check out the new website, including your company listing. If there are updates required, [contact FCIA staff](#) with your requested changes. \*\***

## ALL-NEW FCIA LinkedIn COMPANY PAGE

The [FCIA LinkedIn Discussion Group](#) has been a great place to keep up with FCIA happenings. But now, there's even more: the all-new [FCIA LinkedIn Company Page](#).

[FCIA's LinkedIn Company Page](#) brings frequent posts about firestopping and barrier management services. Check it out. Comment. Share. Together we can build respect for the complexity of firestopping by Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors.



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## FCIA CANCELS ECA '20

The FCIA Board of Directors met to discuss [ECA '20](#), the [FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference](#). Due to the current global situation and the Board's efforts to act in the best interest of the membership, the FCIA Board has decided to cancel the program.

We regret that we have to take such dramatic steps to ensure the safety of our membership, but please rest assured that this decision was made with the membership's best interests and safety in mind.

FCIA's Board feels strongly that the value brought to the membership and attendees through the Association update, first-class technical education, FCIA Committee meetings, industry networking, and more at the annual FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference is always amazing.

The Board also appreciates all of the Members who take time from their busy schedules to attend, as well as all that the Manufacturers and Suppliers contribute through sponsorship of FCIA events.

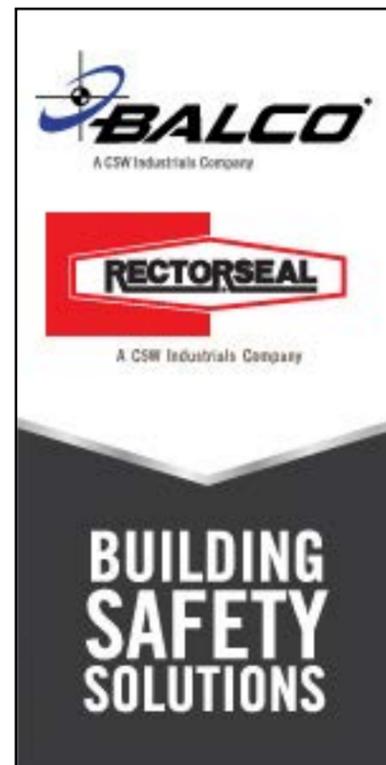
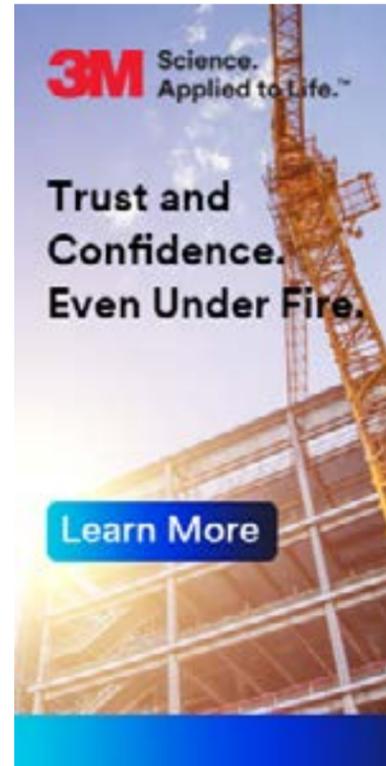
Those members who have already paid to attend ECA '20 will receive a refund of paid registration fees.

ECA '20 Sponsors will be contacted with a proposed program designed to bring equivalent, or greater, value to your company – with exposure and opportunity – than the value that would have been received through ECA '20 sponsorship.

For FM & UL DRI's, both the [FM 4991, Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors](#) and [UL -ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor](#) Programs' management has established an extended deadline to those who needed CEUs and were counting on ECA '20 attendance to meet the requirements. For more information, [contact FCIA Staff](#).

Look for information about [FIC '20](#), the [FCIA Firestop Industry Conference and Trade Show](#), heading to Rancho Bernardo Inn in San Diego, CA this November 10-13, and other [upcoming FCIA events](#), including FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams and the [FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams](#), in the coming weeks and months. Look for news on additional [FCIA Webinars](#) as well.

On behalf of FCIA's Board of Directors, thank you for being members – and stay safe. We'll see you in November.



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## "FCIA" SCAM EMAILS CIRCULATE AGAIN

The FCIA office has recently learned of a new email scam going around where the recipient receives an email, allegedly from FCIA staff, requesting information on outstanding balances due. Although the email bears the FCIA logo at the bottom, it is a scam and is not from FCIA staff. The renewal process for 2020 Membership dues continues, but these "balance due request" emails do not originate from FCIA.

In this climate of escalating cybercrime and phishing scams, we urge everyone to look at the "From" email address before any action is taken on an email received.

If the sender is not a recognized FCIA contact, do not click on or respond to any request for payment or account information. If you are unsure if a message originated from the FCIA staff, please contact us before you do anything requested in the email.

Rest assured that FCIA would never request bank account information or other confidential personal information from our membership. Keeping our members safe is important to us, and this includes their financial and personal information.

## FCIA Middle East Events Rescheduled

This February, FCIA had to postpone two scheduled events in the Middle East: the FCIA Fire Code and Fire & Smoke Barrier 'DIIM' Symposium Doha and the FCIA Fire Code and Firestop & Effective Compartmentation Membership Meeting Dubai. Each event also featured FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams, as well as the FM & UL Firestop Exams.

We are waiting to see what happens as June gets closer. Flights into/out of Dubai through June via Emirates Airlines were cancelled this week. That means we might have to reschedule again. However, look for additional FCIA Education Events over the next few weeks where you can participate.

Those delegates who were previously registered for the original February and June dates do not need to register again. Registrations will be automatically moved to the new dates as soon as we know them.

## FCIA WEBINARS

The [FCIA Educational Webinar Series](#) brings a lot of great educational material to FCIA Members and friends. Each webinar is recorded, and as a member benefit, archived in the [Members Only](#) section of [FCIA.org](#). Yes, the whole webinar is recorded, live, even the question and answer sessions.

Do you have new employees? Let them hear the 1-hour or 2-hour versions of the 'DIIM' Program. It's easy to find as they are labeled by topic.

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## COVID-19 MEMBER RESOURCES

We hope you, your family and friends, company, are safe as the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) works its way around the world.

The FCIA Board of Directors and Staff teleconferenced on Monday to discuss the COVID-19 issue and FCIA's ECA '20 Conference in May. We're watching developments closely, as are you.

FCIA Webinars are still taking place, with a 4-hour program that was delivered Wednesday. Don't miss next week's webinar, 'Fire Codes, Building Codes, and Building Barrier Management – Firestops and More', and look for future extended programs on firestopping open to the membership.

For announcements about the FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference, watch the NEW FCIA.org for updates.

To date, there has been a lot of information circulated about the novel coronavirus COVID-19. The situation is evolving rapidly, with more information coming out hourly about cases, outcomes, government responses, and more.

Below is some consolidated information, a resource for you on COVID-19. It's your Association gathering information received and distributing it to the Members in the hopes of informing those who may not have access to the same information we receive. This is by no means meant to be comprehensive or authoritative.

- [Hendrick Phillips](#)
- [CONTRACT PROVISIONS](#)
- <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/HPSS-CORVID-19-Project-Concerns-and-Contract-Provisions.html?soid=1101910017982&aid=jOmzGeAjGDO>
- [CORONAVIRUS FAQ](#)
- <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/HPSS-CORVID-19-Coronavirus-FAQ.html?soid=1101910017982&aid=xZlxBOVojqU>
- [Safety Check - Toolbox Talk for FCIA](#)
- [World Health Organization - Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

- [USA Center for Disease Control \(CDC\) - Learn More About COVID-19](#)
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- [Johns Hopkins University - COVID-19 Map](#)
- <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>
- [Public Health Agency of Canada](#)
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health.html>
- [Emirates Ministry of Public Health](#)
- <https://www.mohap.gov.ae/en/AwarenessCenter/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>
- [Qatar Ministry of Public Health](#)
- <https://www.moph.gov.qa/english/Pages/Coronavirus2019.aspx>
- [State/Province/Emirate Departments-Ministries of Public Health – Visit each Department, Ministry, that is in your area.](#)
- [ASHE \(American Society for Health Care Engineering\) - COVID-19 resource page](#)
- <https://www.ashe.org/COVID19resources>
- [US Department of Labor - COVID-19 or Other Public Health Emergencies and the Family and Medical Leave Act Questions and Answers](#)
- <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/fmla/pandemic>
- [Small Business Administration - Coronavirus: Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources](#)
- <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>
- [Internal Revenue Service - Coronavirus Tax Relief](#)
- <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>

The FCIA office is working remotely given the present situation. We can be reached at:

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## LIFE SAFETY DIGEST ASKS THE QUESTIONS: ARCHAIC ASSEMBLIES? EJs? MOVEMENT?



Don't miss the [Spring 2020 issue](#) of *Life Safety Digest*, where articles appear on topics such as Archaic Assemblies and firestopping EJs's.

FCIA first started asking questions about these topics last year. 2020 has started off with us seeing some of the answers from many sources, which is a positive thing. FCIA will continue to ask the tough questions for our industry. After all, we all have the same goal: improved fire- and life-safety in and safer buildings around the world.

Find past issues of *Life Safety Digest* online. The entire LSD library is available online for you to study effective compartmentation.

## BARRIER MANAGEMENT VIDEO RESOURCES ONLINE

FCIA worked with the [American Society for Healthcare Engineering \(ASHE\)](#), [The Joint Commission \(TJC\)](#), and [UL](#) to develop and deliver the [Barrier Management Symposium](#).

Part of the mission of this initiative was to provide a 'compendium of knowledge'. That compendium is a key part of FCIA's initiative to educate about the details required to 'D'esign, 'I'nstall, 'I'nspect, and 'M'anage fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assemblies - the 'DIIM' of firestopping.

Health Care Facilities Managers and educational occupancy Facility Managers have a wealth of knowledge available to them with the [Barrier Management Symposium Video Series](#). The video series, developed in collaboration

with ASHE, TJC, and UL, is available online and features 12 modules highlighting the various aspects of smoke and fire barrier management.

FCIA's [Barrier Management Services](#) section is also a direct result of the [Barrier Management Symposiums](#). The FCIA Barrier Management Services was developed to assist building owners and managers in finding service providers for all areas of Barrier Management, including [Barrier Surveys](#), [Barrier Repairs](#), [Firestop Systems](#), [Fire and Smoke Dampers](#), [Fire-Rated Rolling & Swinging Doors](#), [Fire-Resistance-Rated Glazing](#), [Barrier Management Software](#), and [SFRM & IFRM Fireproofing Repairs](#). To find a Barrier Management Services provider near you, visit [FCIA.org](http://FCIA.org).

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## FCIA @ ASTM

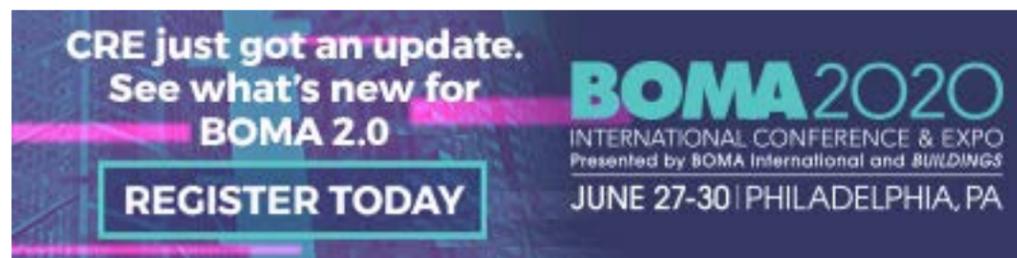
FCIA's Executive Director, Bill McHugh, is the chair of the ASTM E 2174 and ASTM E 2393 Firestop Inspection Standards Task Groups. As Task Group Chair, he submits ballots on behalf of and that have been approved by the Task Group, reviewed by the Subcommittee Chair to the voting process.

Several proposals were submitted to harmonize requirements in ASTM E 2393 Standard Practice for the On-Site Inspection of Fire-Resistive Joint Systems with ASTM E 2174, Standard Practice for the On-Site Inspection of Installed Firestops. While we recognize there are differences between penetrations and joints, there are many common elements that should be the same.

The FCIA Standards Committee Chair, Jay McGuire, and Bill McHugh attend ASTM Committee Meetings every six months. The first meeting scheduled for April 2020 was cancelled. We'll have to do what we were going to do in October, or via teleconference later this summer. Stay tuned at FCIA.org for updates.

## NEW ASTM LABEL STANDARD DEVELOPMENT CYCLES

FCIA's Standards Chair Jay McGuire will be joining the new ASTM Task Group on Identification Systems – Labelling – for both penetration and joint firestop systems as the Task Group Chair. Due to COVID-19 precautions and group meeting restrictions in place, the task group will likely have to meet via webinar to look at the submitted draft so the process for code submissions in January 2021 is not delayed.



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'Fire Barrier Management & UL: The UL-ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Program, the MACC Program, & Firestop Special Inspection'

Wednesday, April 29  
10:00 am CDT

[REGISTER TODAY](#)



## FCIA Welcomes New Members

FCIA works hard to spread the word of the **'DIIM' of Firestopping** around the world, encouraging all interested Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors, Special Inspection Agencies, Associates, Manufacturers, 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

- Flynn Midwest, LP - Kansas City, MO

- Park Derochie Coatings - Saskatoon, SK

### FCIA New International Contractor Members

- Edy Comert SRL - Constanta, Romania
- ALEC Engineering & Contracting, LLC - Dubai, UAE

### FCIA New Associate Members

- Special Inspections LLC - Albuquerque, NM

**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](http://www.FCIA.org). Questions? Email [cathy@fcia.org](mailto:cathy@fcia.org) and we'll fill you in.

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