

International Code Council Government Relations New Updates – September 2018

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ICC Government Relations Forum focuses on high performance and resilience at Annual Conference

Officials from the State of Wisconsin and FEMA are among the keynote speakers at the ICC Government Relations Forum during the 2018 ICC Annual Conference in Richmond. It will be 8:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, October 23, in Room B15 C of the Greater Richmond Convention Center. Topics and speakers include:

- **Engaging code officials early in the process to achieve high performance buildings** - Henry Kosarzycki, Director, Office of Plan Review and Inspection, State of Wisconsin.
- **Mitigation investment of current building codes** – Angela R. Gladwell, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Risk Management, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Other topics include an update on ICC's new Military Families Career Path Program and the High School and College Technical Training Program. ICC Members will be eligible for ICC CEUs for attending.

Focus on the ICC Military Families Career Path Program progress will be featured October 22

Starting at 1 p.m. Monday, October 22, ICC Members can hear a one-hour update on the [ICC Military Families Career Path Program](#). The meeting will be held in Room B17 of the Greater Richmond Convention Center. The program was featured in Episode 6 of the ICC Pulse Podcast with Sergeant First Class [Mike Reese](#) with the Code Services Department of Manhattan, Kansas. [Click here](#) to listen. There are several programs managed by GR under Safety 2.0 such as the Military Families Career Path. For quick access to more information about this program please type “military” in the search bar of the ICC website, and it should take you to a variety of program information.

ICC Members looking forward to the issues, hearings, meetings and tourist sites at Richmond, Va.

It's only one month away, so ICC Members and stake holders are preparing to arrive in Richmond for the 2018 ICC Annual Conference. There will be much to do and see even before the gavel opens the Annual Business Meeting. Here's a quick list of [some highlights](#):

- [Bob Fowler Annual Motorcycle Ride](#) on Saturday and Sunday mornings, October 20 and 21, in view of the magnificent Blue Ridge Mountains to historic Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown.
- The fourth annual [Ron Burton Golf Outing](#) on Sunday morning, October 21, at The Club at Viniterra, 8647 Angles Share Drive, New Kent, Va.
- The [Richmond Virginia Historical Pre-Conference Building Tour](#), featuring St. Paul's Church, the Confederate Naval Shipyard site and Monument Avenue starting Sunday morning, October 21.
- The Annual Joint Membership Councils Meeting Sunday morning in the convention center.
- The Nominating Committee Candidates Forum at 1 p.m. Sunday in the convention center.
- ICC Region Chapters meetings at assigned rooms in the convention center, 2-3 p.m. Sunday.
- Grand opening at 2 p.m. Sunday of the [2018 Building Safety & Design Expo](#).
- Annual Conference convenes 8 a.m. Monday, October 22.
- 2018 Networking Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the convention center.
- 2018 Members Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the convention center, featuring [Matt Paxton](#), a top hoarding expert and a featured cleaner on the hit television show HOARDERS.
- 2018 Annual Reception and Banquet, starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the convention center.
- [Global Connections Day](#) at 9 a.m. Wednesday, October 24, in the convention center.

[Click here](#) for the Group A Public Comment Hearings Schedule, October 24-29.

Deadline September 16: Get price breaks from early-bird registrations for 2018 ICC Annual Conference

Register by Sunday, September 16, to benefit from early-bird savings when you register for the [2018 ICC Annual Conference](#), Code Hearings and Expo, October 21-29 in Richmond, Va.

Deadline September 24: Validation required to vote at 2018 Annual Conference and on Group A codes

This year, Voting Representatives must have their credentials validated by **September 24** in order to fully participate in the 2018 Annual Business Meeting, Public Comment Hearings, and Online Governmental Consensus Vote. **Governmental Member Voting Representatives must be validated each year.** If you were validated earlier in 2018, you do not need to do so again.

Got Pulse? New podcast features backflow prevention specialist Bruce Rathburn with ICC's Lee Clifton

For this month's episode of the ICC Pulse Podcast, backflow prevention specialist [Bruce Rathburn](#) joins the International Code Council's [Lee Clifton](#) to discuss plumbing cross-connection control programs. Rathburn highlights the importance of backflow prevention in safeguarding our water and its relation to our building safety codes. The [ICC Pulse Podcast](#) is a monthly podcast that offers listeners the inside scoop on the International Code Council and the building safety industry. Episodes of the ICC Pulse Podcast will feature interviews with leading industry experts discussing a wide range of topics, including current events and new technologies. Click [here](#) to listen to the episode and be sure to subscribe on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Google Play](#) and [Spotify](#).

ICC Assessment Center program helps code officials to reinstate their expired certifications

The [ICC Assessment Center](#) offers a reinstatement program for expired certifications from ICC and its legacy organizations. The Council is expanding the opportunity to reinstate certifications that are more than six years past the initial expiration date. To reinstate certifications, applicants will need to:

- Show proof of earned continuing education units (CEUs).
- Pay renewal and reinstatement fee (flat fee regardless of number of certifications reinstated).
- Complete the Application for Certification Reinstatement – [Application for Expired ICC Certifications](#) or [Application for Certification Issued by a Legacy Organization](#)
- Show proof of original certification (legacy organizations only).
- Show proof of employment in a code compliance industry, including employment history. Individuals may have left the industry and since returned (legacy organizations only).

To learn more visit iccsafe.org/renewals, email askac@iccsafe.org, or call 1-888-422-7233, ext. 5524.

List of new Preferred Providers grows steadily with more than 12,000 approved courses in the catalog

The International Code Council's [Preferred Provider Program](#) (PPP) opens the door to extensive training opportunities from a variety of educational resources. It recognizes and promotes ICC-approved educational courses offered by a variety of education providers, focusing on the areas of construction codes, standards and guidelines, as well as building construction materials, products and methods. The Preferred Provider network currently offers more than 500 active in-person and online courses, and more than 12,000 approved courses in the main catalog. The participation by new providers is growing, with more than 400 having joined the network. We are continually looking to improve and expand the program to better serve our customers. [Click here to see a list of new and renewing providers](#).

APA and ICC publish new, illustrated book explaining lateral bracing provisions in the 2018 IRC

A new illustrated book, co-published by ICC and APA – The Engineered Wood Association, provides an explanation of the lateral bracing provisions of the 2018 International Residential Code (IRC). **A Guide to the 2018 IRC Wood Wall Bracing Provisions**, details the correct application of the code-bracing requirements, explores the history and theory behind wall bracing, and provides real-world bracing examples. The book is [now available](#) in print and digital formats. "Residential wall bracing under the IRC is one of the most critical, yet most misunderstood, building safety elements," said Code Council Executive Vice President and Director of Business Development Mark A. Johnson. "The 2018 guide is updated with new practical examples to serve as an important and helpful resource for inspectors, plan checkers, builders, designers and others involved in residential construction. The ongoing collaboration between APA and the Code Council benefits public safety and the industry."

New video available to explain the benefits of becoming a Member of the International Code Council

When it comes to creating safe, sustainable and resilient structures, code officials are the heroes that make it happen. And if you're interested in pursuing a career that's dedicated to keeping people safe where they live, work and play, ICC provides an abundance of tools to help you get started. [Click here to view the new video from ICC Member Services](#), and pass it along to others. Also, new ICC Chapter logos are available for your website, merchandise, and other uses. A vertical Chapter logo is available by [clicking here](#). A horizontal version is available [here](#).

The ICC-ES roster of 2018-2019 Board of Managers has been announced

The ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) announces its roster for the 2018-2019 Board of Managers to include four reappointments, two new members and four continuing managers. The Board members advise ICC-ES management and help advance the company's position as the leader in technical evaluations of building products. The four reappointments are:

- Jeff Ellis, P.E., S.E., is the director of Codes and Compliance for Simpson Strong-Tie.
- Catherine Low, S.E., P.E., is the principal structural engineer for C.A.P. Low SE.
- Michael Nugent, C.B.O, currently serves as the Building Official for the City of Rock Hill, S. Car.
- Ravi Shah, Assoc. AIA., CBO, director of Development Services for the city of Carrollton, Texas.

ICC-ES also welcomes two new experienced code officials, Sharon Goei, P.E., CBO, LEED AP, and Richard C. Truitt, Sr., to its board. Goei has over 19 years of experience in the building and construction industry and currently serves as a building official for the City of Santa Clara, Calif. Truitt is the deputy director for Harford County Government in Bel Air, Maryland, and brings more than 27 years of experience in the building safety industry. The four continuing members are Scott McCormick; Michael L. Savage, Sr., MCP, CBO, CFPS, CEI-M; David J. Spencer, CBCO, CBO; and Daniel P. Walsh, CBO.

Upcoming from the [ICC Learning Center](#): Institutes, training, seminars, webinars, etc.

Online learning is available from the ICC Learning Center. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function. Single-day training events are an opportunity to focus on topics to ensure your code knowledge stays up to date, with some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- **September 12** – IPC Webinar series – [Administration, Definition and General Regulations](#).
- **September 19** – IPC Webinar series – [Fixtures, Water Heaters and Water Supply, and Distribution](#).
- **October 3** – IPC Webinar series – [Sanitary Drainage and Indirect/Special Waste](#).
- **October 10** – IPC Webinar series – [Vents and Traps, Inceptors and Separators](#).
- **October 31** – IPC Webinar series – [Storm Drainage, Special Piping and Storage Systems, Nonpotable Water Systems, Subsurface Landscape Irrigation Systems](#).
- **September 13** - [Load Paths in Buildings](#).
- **September 25** - [Wood Shear Wall Seismic and Wind Design Example per 2015 WFCM and SDPWS](#).
- **September 27** - [Design of Cold-Formed Steel Exterior Wall Connections](#).
- **October 17** - [Single Family Homes from Application to Occupancy](#).
- **November 1** - [Procedures for Officers and Inspectors](#).
- **November 15** - [Inspector Skills](#).
- **December 6** - [Report Writing for Code Officials](#).

The following is the updated list of [ICC Institutes](#) and other training opportunities across the nation. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function:

- **September 10-11** in Brea, Calif., [“When Disaster Strikes” Institute](#).
- **September 17-20** in Dallas, Texas, **14 Permit Technician Certification Test Academy**.
- **September 24-25** in Brea, Calif., [Permit Technician Institute](#).
- **September 24-26** in Las Vegas, [S1 Structural Steel and Bolting Special Inspector Certification Test Academy](#).
- **September 28-29** in Brea, Calif., [Onsite Seminar – Seismic Design of Buildings](#).
- **October 2-4** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [Principles of Building Safety Institute](#).
- **October 9** in Country Club Hills, Ill., [2015 Means of Egress](#) with Doug Thornburg.
- **October 29-November 2** at Arlington, Va., [Residential Inspection Institute](#).
- **November 5-8** at the ICC office in Country Hills, Ill., **64 Property Maintenance & Housing Inspector Certification Test Academy**.
- **November 15** at Focal Point Academy, Columbia, Md., [Inspector Skills](#).
- **December 3-4** at Atlanta, Ga., [Permit Technician Institute](#).
- **December 6** at MicroTek in Chicago, [Report Writing for Code Officials](#).
- **December 10-11** in Orlando, Fla., [“When Disaster Strikes” Institute](#).

Certification Test Academies feature interactive and question-based review for the exam. Students will receive a voucher to take the exam at a later date. Upcoming Academies:

- **September 17-20**, [14 Permit Technician](#) in Dallas, Texas.
- **September 24-26**, [S1 Str. Steel & Bolting Spec. Insp.](#) in Las Vegas, Nev.
- **October 1-4**, [M1 Res. Mechanical Insp.](#) at Atlanta, Ga.
- **October 9-12**, [66 Fire Inspector I](#) in Brea, Calif.
- **November 5-8**, [64 Property Maintenance](#) in Country Club Hills, Ill.
- **November 5-8**, [B1 Res. Building Insp.](#) in Brea, Calif.
- **December 11-14**, [B2 Com. Build. Insp.](#) in Brea, Calif.