



NFRC UPDATE

NFRC Staff

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The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) provides this twice-monthly newsletter to keep you informed of pending deadlines, volunteer opportunities, and NFRC news.

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Deadlines

July 2015

- Now *through July 6, 2015*, NFRC is accepting nominations for the 2015 Dariush Arasteh Memorial NFRC Member of the Year Award. For more information on the selection criteria and to submit your nomination please [CLICK HERE](#). [Jessica Finn](#) may be contacted at 240-821-9512 with questions.
- July 24, 2015 -- Nominations are open for five seats on the 2016 NFRC Board of Directors. Details and the nomination form are available on the [Nomination Page](#). Only current members will be able to nominate colleagues for the Board. Questions may be directed to [Jessica Finn](#) at 240-821-9512.
- July 17, 2015 -- *Schedule requests for the Fall Membership Meeting are due* to NFRC staff liaisons.
- July 29, 2015 -- *Ballots for the Fall Membership Meeting are due* to NFRC staff liaisons.

August 2015

- August 7, 2015 -- *Deadline for entries to the NFRC Second Annual Student Film Contest*. This year the requested topic for the short films is explanation of the ratings on the NFRC label. Winning films will be used for consumer education and outreach. [Entry details can be found HERE](#).

- August 7, 2015 -- *Fall 2015 ballot cycle begins* (links to ballots will be emailed to all current members on this date; one vote per member company).
- August 27, 2015 -- *Fall 2015 ballot cycle closes at 10:00 p.m. (EDT)*. Comments received will be resolved at the Fall Membership Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on September 21-23, 2015.

September 2015

- September 21-23, 2015 -- *Fall Membership Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota*. (Registration and additional details will be available beginning in July.)

International Activities and Outreach

Scott Hanlon, NFRC Program Director, and Dennis Anderson, Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP) Manager, will be traveling to South Korea in July to provide NFRC Certified Simulator Training in collaboration with the Korean Architectural Facade Association (KAFA). Information on the program can be found on the [KAFA website](#) (website is in Korean language) or contact [Dennis Anderson](#) for more details.

Assistance Sought by NFRC 101 Thermophysical Properties of Materials Task Group

To more accurately reflect the materials and technologies used in building current and future windows, doors, and skylights, the NFRC 101 Thermophysical Properties of Materials Task Group is interested in revising and adding materials and thermophysical property data to the generic materials listings in NFRC 101.

NFRC is seeking assistance in identifying additional specific generic materials for potential inclusion in the NFRC 101 generic materials lists. These new material suggestions can represent generic materials that are notably absent or new applications of existing materials used in current or future fenestration designs.

More information on what is needed is explained in [this letter from the members of the task group](#).

2015 IECC Offers Improvement Over 2012 Version

According to the Federal Register, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) says the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) would improve energy efficiency in buildings by about 0.87 percent compared to the 2012 version.

Each State is required to certify it has reviewed the provisions of its residential building code regarding energy efficiency and made a determination as to whether to update its code to meet or exceed the 2015 IECC.

Details, including information impacting the fenestration industry, are available [here](#).

NFRC Billing Notice

Invoices for products, components and glazing listings are invoiced semiannually in April and September. The first billing was emailed by April 3, 2015. Questions regarding billing should be sent to accounting@nfrfc.org.

NFRC Now Accepting Online Payments

NFRC now offers you the ability to pay invoices online.

An email has been sent to your billing contact with login instructions for access to our [payment portal](#). Once you log in you will find all your open invoices. You can select one or more to pay by credit card.

This is a secure site, and it is PCI Compliant. It will not, however, process payments automatically.

NFRC is constantly striving to improve our customer experience. We hope you find our new Customer Services Portal beneficial and easy to use. If you have any questions, issues or feedback with this new portal, please feel free to contact us at accounting@nfrfc.org.

NFRC Meeting Information

- **Dates through 2017**

The following dates have been set for the NFRC's Spring and Fall meetings through 2017. The dates have been vetted thoroughly, are published early, and were reported to affiliated industry contacts to avoid potential conflict. Please mark your calendars with the following meeting dates through the fall of 2017:

2015

September 21-23, 2015 (changed from October)

2016

April 4-6, 2016

October 3-6, 2016

2017

March 27-29, 2017

September 25-28, 2017

- **NFRC Says Goodbye to Cheryl Gendron**

Cheryl Gendron, CMP, CAE, NFRC's Meeting Manager for 11 years, will be leaving the organization as of June 30, 2015, having accepted another position. Cheryl has been a point of contact for many and she will be missed. Questions and comments regarding future meetings may be directed to [Jessica Finn](#) at 240-821-9512. We wish Cheryl luck in her future endeavors.

"I am deeply grateful for my time working with the NFRC," said Cheryl. "The experiences working with this diverse group of professionals over the past 11 years

have been invaluable. I wish our members much success into the future. If anyone is interested in staying in touch, I can be reached [via LinkedIn](#).”

Member Tips

Did you know that the [NFRC Community website](#) has group pages that allow NFRC committees, subcommittees, task groups, and work groups to collaborate more efficiently with group calendars, file sharing, and forums available to each. Are your groups using these tools to maximum benefit?

Interested in joining a group? NFRC members may join any subcommittee, task group, or work group by clicking "Join Group" on the specific group's page. (Joining a committee requires attendance at an NFRC meeting.)

Our membership team is here to help in any way we can. If you have any questions about your membership or the NFRC member website, please contact [Jessica Finn](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

- [Member Engagement Work Group](#) is looking for new and old members to help welcome and orient new members and future NFRC leaders. If you are interested in volunteering for this group please email [Jessica Finn](#).
 - [Air Leakage Labeling Work Group](#), formed at the Spring Committee Week meeting, is seeking a chair and volunteers. The new group will discuss the labeling requirements of air leakage pursuant to member requests and will report to the NFRC 700 PCP Review Task Group. [Sherri Wendt](#), the NFRC staff liaison, may be contacted for more information. If minimal response, a chair and participants will be selected out of the NFRC 700 PCP Review Task Group during their next conference call in mid-June (not scheduled yet).
 - [The Ventilation Rating TG](#) was given reporting responsibilities to the NFRC 700 SC as well as the Ventilation SC. [Michelle Scism](#) is the staff liaison for this group and may be contacted at 240-821-9511.
 - Volunteer opportunities are always listed on the [NFRC community](#).
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