



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.

Deadlines

October 2015

- **DEADLINE Monday, October 18, 2015** -- [Proposed changes to ANSI/NFRC 100: Procedure for Determining Fenestration Product U-factors](#) approved by the NFRC membership at the Spring Committee Week in March, 2015, are up for public review. Following the public review, and after resolution of any comments received, the changes will be incorporated into the document and implemented on approval from ANSI Board of Standards Review. For information on the review, to review the changes being considered, or to comment, please contact [Robin Merrifield](#) at 240-821-9513.
- **October 30, 2015** -- The Board of Directors Elections close. If you are the voting representative for your company, [you can vote here](#). Voting reps should have received voting instructions in the email. For help logging in contact [Jessica Finn](#).

Callahan Appointed NFRC's Chief Executive Officer

The Board of Directors of the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) announced on October 14, 2015, that Deb Callahan has been appointed its Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately.

Callahan had been acting in the CEO position since June 2015 while serving concurrently as the organization's Chief Operating Officer.

"After thoughtful and deliberate consideration, we are delighted that Deb will lead NFRC as we refine our existing programs and look confidently toward the future," said Board Chair, Jeff Baker.

Baker added that Callahan has been instrumental in NFRC's evolution during her 10 years of service and said her passion, perseverance, and insight will keep the organization focused and moving forward.

"I am honored by the confidence the Board has placed in me and grateful for the opportunity to lead this exceptional organization of creative, dedicated and talented professionals," Callahan said. "I am also committed to empowering our staff to tap new

opportunities and to increasing the value we provide for all our stakeholders.”

Callahan plans to accomplish this in part by implementing a strategic approach to building alliances with like-minded organizations to realize her vision for expanding the adoption of NFRC’s ratings programs.

Her plans for creating the NFRC of tomorrow include capitalizing on the emerging opportunities resulting from the escalating interest in green building. In fact, one of the items near the top of her agenda involves helping design-build professionals and the public more fully appreciate the vital role NFRC’s work plays in contributing to improved energy efficiency in the nation’s homes and commercial buildings.

Callahan brings 25 of experience in association management to the CEO position and holds a BA from Wells College and an MA from George Mason University, both in history. She is also a Certified Professional Mediator through the American Center for Conflict Resolution Institute. Additionally, Callahan holds human resources certifications through the Society for Human Resource Management and Villanova University. She is also a Certified Association Executive.

Baker said Callahan’s thorough understanding of NFRC’s stakeholders positions her to build a dynamic culture, create strategic partnerships, successfully direct the organization’s growth, and chart its course to achieving new milestones.

“I can think of no one better to lead NFRC into the future,” Baker concluded. “Deb has insight and strategic vision that will keep our momentum going strong and make our mission a reality.”

Looking Ahead: NFRC Encourages Collaboration at Greenbuild

NFRC is always interested in collaborating with its members to educate the public about the value of its label.

If your company is exhibiting during the Greenbuild show in Washington, D.C. from November 18-19, we encourage you to send your prospective customers to our booth, #3666.

NFRC welcomes their questions on how our ratings and labeling programs help them compare the energy performance of fenestration products so they can make a more-informed purchasing decision.

We can also provide you with a complimentary 5”x6” easel-back sign bearing the NFRC member logo to display in your booth so your visitors know you are a member. Just stop by our booth during exhibit hours to get yours.

Have your booth personnel contact NFRC’s Director, Communications and Marketing, [Tom Herron](#), at 240-821-9505 to discuss this opportunity and other ways to collaborate throughout the year.

Changes to Independent Verification Program (IVP) Selection Process

In order to meet the EPA required goal of testing 10% of all ENERGY STAR Certified product lines, NFRC has made adjustments to the IVP Selection Algorithm to satisfy our obligations for the 2015 cycle. Due to the timesensitive nature of the testing, these changes are effective immediately.

The changes will result in the time between study limits being lifted for the remainder of the 2015 testing cycle. Selections will be made with every effort to fairly distribute testing across manufacturers based on their current number of certified product lines. This solution was recommended by the Verification Policy Committee and has been approved by the NFRC Executive Committee. The VPC will meet to reevaluate the selection process for the 2016 testing cycle. Related changes to the NFRC 713 document are forthcoming.

For more information, please contact [Michelle Scism](#), NFRC Quality and Compliance Manager, at 240-821-9511, or [Dan Womer](#), NFRC IVP Coordinator, at 240-821-9510.

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:

2016

Spring Committee Week: April 4-6, 2016

- * Schedule requests due to NFRC staff liaisons by January 29, 2016
- * Ballots will be due to NFRC staff liaisons by February 10, 2016
- * Registration and additional information will be available beginning January 2016

Fall Membership Meeting: October 3-6, 2016

2017

March 27-29, 2017

September 25-28, 2017

- **Meeting Questions?**

[Jessica Finn](#), NFRC Meetings and Membership Manager, is available to answer all meeting or membership questions. Jessica may be contacted at 240-821-9512.

Member Tips

[Familiarize yourself with the 2016 NFRC Board of Director Candidates](#). The elections are now open to current members; NFRC voting representatives should have received an email with voting details.

Please contact [Jessica Finn](#) with questions or if you have not received the information.

Volunteer Opportunities

- [Multiple Glazing Configurations Work Group](#), formed at the Fall Membership Meeting, is seeking a chair and additional volunteers. The new group will discuss the labeling requirements of multiple glazing configurations in a single product 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 (not yet scheduled).
- [NFRC 700 TDD Label Certificate Work Group](#), formed at the Fall Membership Meeting, is seeking additional volunteers. The new group will discuss the proposed label certificate package and requirements of TDDs/HTDDs and will report to the NFRC 700 PCP Review Task Group. [Sherri Wendt](#), the NFRC staff liaison, may be contacted for more information.
- [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](#).
- Volunteer opportunities are always listed on the [NFRC community](#).

NFRC Billing Notice

Invoices for products, components and glazing listings are invoiced semiannually in April and September. The second billing was e-mailed by September 4, 2015. Questions regarding billing should be sent to accounting@nfr.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@nfr.org.

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