



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

January 2016

- January 29, 2016 -- Deadline for group chairs (task group, subcommittees) to request meeting time for the Spring Committee Week meeting.

February 2016

- February 10, 2016 -- Ballots due to NFRC staff liaisons.
- February 19, 2016 -- Spring Committee Week Ballot cycle opens.

March 2016

- March 10, 2016 -- Ballots close.

April 2016

- April 4-6, 2016 -- Spring Committee Week, Alexandria, Virginia. Registration and additional details will be available in the next few weeks.
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Training Sessions Planned for CMAST Version 1.2.16 with Smart Sync

It is with great pleasure that NFRC invites you to attend a training session for the use of CMAST version 1.2.16, which includes the Smart Sync tool and many improvements.

This new release operates on a very different paradigm and will require *all* CMAST users to undergo training. The training sessions that are available for the Simulator in Responsible Charge (SIRC) role are also available to individuals with the status of a CMA Approved Simulator as called out on the [Certified Simulator list](#) on the NFRC website.

In order to facilitate everyone's schedules, NFRC is offering three rounds of training sessions, based on role, over the month of January. [The full training schedule and links to register for the webinars may be found HERE.](#)

Changes to NFRC Certification Cycle Announced

On October 30, 2015, NFRC's Board of Directors approved extending the NFRC fenestration product certification cycle from four years to five years.

This change will take effect on March 1, 2016, allowing NFRC time to update and test its Certified Products Directory and Attachments Product Directory to accommodate the change.

After careful consideration by the Board, the five-year certification cycle will not be retroactive and will apply only to products certified or recertified on or after March 1, 2016. The rationale for this action is as follows:

- It will avoid creating unforeseen loopholes that may inadvertently undermine the integrity of our rating and certification program.
- It will prevent possible confusion among consumers, code officials, and design-build professionals, which in turn could result in significant time and associated costs for NFRC to manage.
- It is the most fair and equitable solution for all stakeholders.

For more information, please refer to the [bulletin distributed November 12, 2015](#).

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

Spring Committee Week -- March 27-29, 2017

Fall Membership Meeting -- September 25-28, 2017

Member Tips

Did you know that NFRC offers free, customizable fact sheets that explain the value and

meaning of the NFRC label for consumers? More information on these sheets can be found at www.nfrc.org/retailer-assist or contact [Robin Merrifield](#) at 240-821-9513.

-- [Jessica Finn](#), NFRC Meetings and Membership Manager

Volunteer Opportunities

- [Member Engagement Work Group](#) is looking for 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](#).
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NFRC Billing Notice

Invoices for the 2016 Annual Participation Fees were emailed on January 8, 2016.

NFRC offers the ability to pay invoices online. Once logged in, you will see all of the open invoices. This is a secure site and it is PCI Compliant. It will not process payments automatically. If you chose to pay by credit card, click here: [PAYMENT PORTAL](#).

If you have any questions regarding billing or the new portal, please contact us at accounting@nfrc.org.

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