



# 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.

## Calendar and Deadlines

### July 2016

- July 11, 2016 -- Nominations for NFRC Board of Directors and Member of the Year open. See "Member Tips" for more information.
- July 19, 2016 -- NFRC ACE training, for those seeking approval to become an NFRC Approved Calculation Entity. Additional details and [registration may be found HERE](#).

### August 2016

- August 1, 2016 -- Deadline for chairs of task groups and subcommittees to submit an intent to meet at the Fall Membership meeting.
- August 10, 2016 -- Deadline to submit ballots to the NFRC staff liaison for the Fall Membership Meeting ballot cycle.
- August 19, 2016 -- Fall Ballot Cycle opens.

### September 2016

- September 8, 2016 -- Fall Ballot Cycle closes.

### October 2016

- October 3-6, 2016 -- Fall Membership Meeting.

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### Task Group Spotlight -- Residential Component-Based Calculation (RCBC) Task Group

There are a number of very active task groups within the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC), perhaps none currently more active than the Residential Component-Based Calculation Task Group (RCBC TG). This group, which formed in 2011, is charged with developing "an alternate component based procedure to generate U-factor, SHGC, VT, and condensation resistance, and at the appropriate time daylighting and ventilation, for use by the residential window and patio door manufacturers."

At its earliest meeting, the RCBC TG determined that a new certification approach is necessary to combat the size of and difficulty in maintaining products in the Certified Products Directory (CPD) and the effort required to add new glazing products. It was also decided that this new procedure would replace the current procedure for certification as the risk of different methods producing differing results would weaken NFRC's reputation

for accuracy.

The RCBC TG recognizes two current challenges: 1) verifying that the new simulation methodology meets the needs for all products for certification and 2) ensuring a seamless transition from the current simulation method to the new version without creating loopholes or advantages for either.

These challenges, as well as the need for additional research, balloting any proposed changes to ANSI/NFRC 100 and ANSI/NFRC 200 prior to the next document cycle, and updating any necessary software are the task group's focus if the new process is to be implemented in 2017 as hoped.

"NFRC is grateful to co-chairs Steve Strawn (JELD-WEN, inc) and Margaret Webb (IGMA) for their dedication to this task group and the hours of work it has required," said Jessica Finn, NFRC's Meetings and Membership Manager. "It is through member engagement like this that NFRC is able to improve certification processes with vital input from those in the industry."

More information on the task group, including notes from previous meetings, background information for those interested in joining, and the white paper that describes the current status and goals, may be found on the [RCBC TG page](#) of the NFRC community. [Scott Hanlon](#), NFRC Director of Program Operations, is the staff liaison for this group.

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### **Now Available: List of Member-Approved Ballots that are Pending**

In an effort to keep NFRC members and participants better informed on the status of approved balloted changes to programs and procedures, NFRC developed a list of approved ballots that are being held in abeyance until certain conditions are met. The new table provides a link to the original ballot (actual language may have changed in the final discussion and vote), the original motion language, the reason for the suspension, as well as the estimated date of implementation.

[The list of pending ballots may be found HERE.](#)

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### **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**

- Fall Membership Meeting: October 3-6, 2016  
Denver, Colorado. Additional details will be available by early August 2016.

#### **2017**

- Spring Committee Week -- March 27-29, 2017  
Alexandria, Virginia
- Fall Membership Meeting -- September 25-28, 2017

## Member Tips

Start thinking now about who you would like to see on the NFRC Board of Directors. The following seats are open for nominations this year:

- **General Interest** (*specified, not-for-profit institution of research or higher education*), currently held by Ravi Srinivasan
- **Fenestration Industry** (*glass manufacturer*) currently held by Paul Bush
- **Fenestration Industry** (*not specified*) currently held by Joe Jonely
- **General Interest** (*not specified*) currently held by Bipin Shah

All nominees must be current NFRC members and they must fit the category for the seat nominated. Only NFRC members may nominate people for the board.

In addition to the open board seats, nominations for the 2016 Member of the Year will also be accepted beginning on July 11. This award is given to the NFRC Member who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to NFRC in the past year.

Nominating periods for both the Board of Directors and Member of the Year Award will run July 11 – August 15, 2016.

Links to the nomination forms, as well as any additional instructions and qualifications will be distributed by NFRC Bulletin in early July. Any questions may be directed to [Jessica Finn](#), NFRC Meetings and Membership Manager, at 240-821-9512.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

- The [ANS Standards Committee](#) is seeking members, particularly in the User and General Interest categories. This group is responsible for the adoption and revisions to ANSI/NFRC 100, ANSI/NFRC 200, and ANSI/NFRC 400, and to ensure the ANSI consensus process is followed. Additional information (including definitions of the member categories) and the applications for the committee may be found on the group page linked or you may contact [Robin Merrifield](#) at 240-821-9513.
- The [NFRC 700 PCP Certification Subcommittee](#) is looking for a new Chair. The scope of this group is "to create and maintain Product Certification Program (PCP) document and procedures." To volunteer for this position, please submit your name to [Scott Hanlon](#).
- [Certification Process Streamline Task Group](#) was formed at the NFRC 2016 Spring Committee Meeting. The scope of the group is: "Review all requirements of NFRC Product Certification Procedures with the goal of removing non-value added steps to streamline the whole certification process." For more information on this group, please visit the group page (where you may request to join), or contact [Sherri Wendt](#) at 240-821-9516.
- [TDD Labeling Work Group](#) was formed at the NFRC Spring Committee Meeting to determine a process that is acceptable to NFRC for TDDs that have a common element with additional options at time of customer purchase. For more information on this group, please visit the group page (where you may request to join) or contact [Sherri Wendt](#) at 240-821-9516.
- Volunteer opportunities are always listed on the [NFRC community](#).

## **NFRC Billing Notice**

Invoices for the 2016 April Product Line Fees were emailed on April 4, 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 choose to pay by credit card, click here: [PAYMENT PORTAL](#).

Information on the NFRC billing and invoices may be found in a brief explanatory video, located [HERE](#).

If you have any questions regarding billing or the new portal, please contact us at [accounting@nfrc.org](mailto:accounting@nfrc.org).

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