



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

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 5, 2016 -- Deadline for participation on the RCBC Feedback Survey ([details below](#))
- August 10, 2016 -- Deadline to submit ballots to the NFRC staff liaison for the Fall Membership Meeting ballot cycle.
- August 12, 2016 -- Deadline for nominations for the NFRC Board of Directors and the Dariush Arasteh Memorial Member of the Year Award. Details are provided below in "[Member Tips](#)."
- 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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The Residential Component-Based Calculation Task Group is Seeking Input for the Next Phase of the Project

One of NFRC's strategic objectives is to investigate and provide recommendations to streamline the certification and technical processes. One of the goals is to develop and implement a component modeling simulation methodology for the residential certification program. At the NFRC committee meeting in Alexandria, Virginia, in April, the Residential Component Based Calculation (RCBC) task group (TG) presented a summary of the work and initiatives for 2016.

The initiatives were to provide a draft of the RCBC whitepaper, create rules for developing trend lines, and continue research on simplifying grids (dividers).

The RCBC whitepaper provides technical information explaining the methodology using a trendline approach to calculate U-factor ratings. [The whitepaper may be downloaded from the RCBC TG webpage for your review.](#) The whitepaper will be updated as future research is completed.

To progress further with the other initiatives, NFRC requires some input from our

participants. If interested, [please participate in a feedback survey](#) by **Friday, August 5, 2016**.

NFRC Group Spotlight: Technical Interpretations Policy Committee

The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) is fortunate in its ability to rely on volunteers to guide and assist staff to carry out the business of NFRC. Despite the fact that this work affects the business of all members and participants, a bulk of the work is carried out by a minority of very active volunteers and often-overlooked groups.

The NFRC Member Spotlight and NFRC Member of the Year awards have long been used to express the gratitude for the individuals. This column is an attempt to recognize the hard-working groups.

This month, we are shining the spotlight on the [Technical Interpretations Policy Committee \(TIPC\)](#), one of the most active groups and one with the greatest implications for the program participants as the committee deliberates on and responds to questions related to NFRC's technical documents.

In addition to answering questions about the testing procedures to ensure fair and consistent results between all labs, IAs, and manufacturers, the TIPC also maintains the NFRC Simulation Manual, and the *NFRC 601: Unit and Measurement Policy* document. An updated [NFRC Simulation Manual](#) and [Technical Interpretations Manual](#) were released just this week.

This committee is currently seeking at least one new member in the Fenestration Product Manufacturer category. Other interested members are also invited to join, however the committee intends to maintain balanced representation.

NFRC would like to thank TIPC Chair Tom Culp and all of the committee members – Jeff Baker, Catherine Best, David Cooper, Charlie Curcija, Steven Johnson, Joe Jonely, Brad Schultz, and Michael Thoman -- for their time and dedication.

See the "Volunteer Opportunities" section below for more information on joining TIPC or contact the staff liaison, [Scott Hanlon](#), at 240-821-9519.

Member Spotlight

NFRC would like to thank Tom Culp for all of the time, work, leadership, and knowledge that he donates to NFRC on a regular basis. In addition to being the chair of the Technical Interpretations Policy Committee (TIPC -- [see above](#)), he has also served on the Board of Directors, at least six other committees, numerous subcommittees, and more task groups than can be listed here.

"Not only does Tom demonstrate ready and able willingness to volunteer," said Jessica Finn, NFRC Meetings and Membership Manager, "He also recognizes the importance of volunteerism as a primary resource for NFRC and he takes the time to encourage and foster it in others. I can not over-emphasize how much I appreciate his dedication."

More information on Tom Culp and the Member Spotlight may be found on the [Member Spotlight](#) page of the NFRC Community.

CPD Large Product Line Project Completed -- Support Materials Now Available

The redesign of the NFRC Certified Products Database (CPD) upload process and spreadsheet has been completed. The release completes Phase II of the Large Product Line project and provides the laboratories and Inspection Agencies (IAs) with a more streamlined work environment within the CPD when processing the new upload spreadsheet in CSV file format. Available for download [HERE](#) are new user manuals, CSV upload templates, the recent memo about the changes, and a link to review the recorded IA and laboratory trainings.

Please note the sunset date of **January 1, 2017** for uploading XLS reports to the CPD.

NFRC Meeting Information

- **Dates through 2018**

The following dates have been set for the NFRC's Spring and Fall meetings through 2018. 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 2018:

2016

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

2017

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

2018*

- Spring Committte Meeting -- March 19-21, 2018*
- Fall Membership Meeting -- October 8-11, 2018 (This is a corrected date from the last issue.)*

*dates may change

Member Tips

The following seats on the NFRC Board of Directors are open for nomination 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. [The nomination form may be accessed HERE.](#)

In addition to the open board seats, nominations for the 2016 Member of the Year will also be accepted now. This award is given to the NFRC Member who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to NFRC in the past year. [The nomination form for the Member of Year is available HERE.](#)

Nominating periods for both the Board of Directors and Member of the Year Award will run July 11 – August 12, 2016.

Any questions may be directed to [Jessica Finn](#), NFRC Meetings and Membership Manager, at 240-821-9512.

Volunteer Opportunities

- The [Technical Interpretations Policy Committee \(TIPC\)](#) is currently seeking members. TIPC is a board-appointed policy committee that handles interpretation requests relating to NFR12C's technical procedures, and governs the simulation manual. To maintain a desired balance, we are seeking an employee of a fenestration product manufacturer to fill the pending opening on the committee, although members of all types are welcome to submit their names for consideration. (In addition to the chair, the committee aims to include the chairs of the Technical Committee and the Ratings Committee, and at least two manufacturers, two lab representatives, and one inspection agency representative.) The time commitment is a one-hour conference call each month plus time to review submitted technical interpretations and changes to the simulation manual. This is an excellent employment development opportunity with little time commitment while providing a valuable volunteer service to NFRC. We appreciate your consideration. Please contact TIPC chair [Tom Culp](#) or NFRC staff liaison [Scott Hanlon](#) for more information.
- 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

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@nfr.org.

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