



NFRC UPDATE

NFRC Staff

August 5, 2016

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 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 -- [Registration and details of the meeting are now available HERE.](#)
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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.

The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) invites you to attend the NFRC Fall Membership Meeting in Denver, Colorado, October 3 – 6, 2016

Registration: Registration is available on the NFRC website: [click here to register now](#). The draft schedule will [may be viewed HERE](#).

Early Bird Registration: The deadline for early registration is September 2, 2016. Register before the deadline to have your name in the program booklet and to save \$100 on registration.

Book Your Stay: Hotel accommodations with the NFRC meeting hotel, the Grand Hyatt, Denver, are significantly discounted. NFRC has negotiated this rate for a limited number of rooms. You can [reserve your room online](#) or call 1-888-421-1442 (ask for NFRC group rate -- \$209/night). *The deadline to obtain the NFRC discounted hotel rate is Friday, September 2, 2016.*

Highlights of the Meeting:

- **Prospective Leaders Network (PLN):** NFRC is excited to introduce the PLN track at the fall membership meeting. This is for anyone who is new to NFRC, who wants to refresh their understanding of NFRC's documents and software, or who is interested in pursuing leadership opportunities. There will be various sessions throughout the day on Monday, October 3, and a PLN networking reception.
- **British Fenestration Rating Council (BFRC):** A representative from the British Fenestration Rating Council will talk about the role of the BFRC and Fenestration Self-Assessment Scheme (FENSA) in the UK.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Join other decision makers at these 3 networking opportunities.
 - Welcome Reception: Sunday, October 2 – Network with other meeting attendees as well as NFRC staff.
 - Networking Reception: Monday October 3 – Join other meeting attendees and staff for a casual evening of networking.
 - Networking Lunch: Tuesday, October 4 – There will be a networking lunch open to all registered meeting attendees.

More to Come: Document ballots for review (ballots will open August 19, 2016), agendas, past draft minutes, and rosters will be available as the meeting gets closer. Continue to check the [NFRC's meeting site](#) for additional details. NFRC members will get email alerts when available.

Please contact NFRC's Meetings and Membership Manager, [Jessica Finn](#), at 240--821-9512, if you require assistance. Thank you for your continued support of the NFRC.

Member Spotlight

NFRC would like to thank Tom Culp of Birch Point Consulting, LLC, 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), 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 -- Sunset of Excel Upload Spreadsheets

NFRC reminds all Accredited Simulation and Test Laboratories that the last day to submit CPD data in Excel upload spreadsheets is December 31, 2016. Laboratory preparation of the new CSV upload spreadsheet is requested and each lab shall notify staff when their reporting systems will be ready and when they will begin using the new version. Implementation of the CSV upload spreadsheet is on January 1, 2017.

Visit the [CPD project page](#) for additional details.

Questions or comments about the new CSV upload spreadsheets may be sent to support@nfr.org.

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 Committee 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 [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](#).
- [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](#).

Fee Adjustments Aim to Keep Programs Strong

NFRC will implement an adjustment to its fee schedule on January 1, 2017.

Despite numerous increases in operating costs over the years, NFRC has absorbed these expenses to minimize the impact on its licensees. The cumulative effect, however, necessitates adjusting participation fees.

These fees cover NFRC's operating costs and allow the organization to maintain the programs that support its rating and labeling process.

These include the Certified Products Directory (CPD) and the Attachments Product Directory (APD). Both have seen unprecedented growth that brought with it significant investments in maintenance and improvement over the last few years.

"Our licensees are investing in their products through NFRC certification, and we strive to keep this affordable while also evolving to meet their needs," said CEO, Deb Callahan, "These adjustments will help us accomplish that."

The 2017 Fee Schedule may be viewed [HERE](#); a brief bulletin outlining the fee changes can be found [HERE](#). Questions may be directed to accounting@nfr.org.

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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