



# 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.

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## Calendar and Deadlines

### July 2017

- July 21, 2017 -- Schedule requests for the Fall 2017 Membership Meeting are due to staff liaisons.

### August 2017

- August 2, 2017 -- Ballots for the Fall 2017 ballot cycle are due to NFRC staff liaisons.
- August 11, 2017 -- Fall 2017 ballot cycle opens
- August 31, 2017 -- Fall 2017 ballot cycle closes

### September 2017

- September 25-28, 2017 -- NFRC Fall Membership Meeting, San Diego, CA. Details and registration will be available this summer.
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## Getting Involved at NFRC

Several task groups met at the Spring 2017 Committee Meeting in Alexandria, VA, on March 27-28. These task groups welcome new volunteers and are a great way to get involved and learn the skills needed for leadership roles.

If you are interested in any of these task groups, please click on the group name to go to the group's home page. There you will find the group's scope; agendas, notes from previous meetings (notes from this meeting will be added soon), calendars, other documents; and you can request to join the group. NFRC membership is not required for Task Group participation but an NFRC Community profile is needed. If you do not already have a community profile, [you may request one by completing THIS FORM](#).

- [CMAST Advisory Task Group](#)  
The CMAST Advisory Task Group is responsible for providing feedback about the usability of the CMAST software, and also for reviewing the CMA Technical/Ratings documents and CMAST User's Manuals, to provide feedback to the pertinent technical and ratings Task Groups.
- [Residential Component-based Calculation Task Group](#)  
To develop 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.

- [Meeting presentation](#)
- [Diffuse Glazing Task Group](#) (formerly Fritted Glass Task Group)  
Find a way to obtain spectral data for diffuse glazing in a manner that would allow WINDOW calculations of IGUs. Determine best practice how to obtain data and verify the accuracy of these practices.
  - [Meeting presentation](#)
- [CMA Technical Task Group](#)  
To maintain a component based nonresidential procedure for fenestration products that will yield accurate energy performance data for use in code compliance and for meaningful building energy analysis.
- [Vacuum Insulating Glass Task Group](#)  
The Vacuum Insulating Glass (VIG) TG mission is to conduct the necessary research, using recognized science and NFRC published procedures to accurately define, rate and label performance characteristics of fenestration incorporating VIG component(s).
- [Spandrel Validation Task Group](#)  
To provide a definition for spandrels so that they may be rated, in accordance with NFRC approved methods, for U-factor, solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC), visible transmittance (VT), and condensation resistance.
- [Door Task Group](#)  
The Door Task Group shall report to the U-factor Subcommittee and shall provide a forum for discussion and forwarding of proposals to develop or improve the simulation and testing methods and ratings, and certification and labeling procedures for exterior doors.
  - [Meeting presentation](#)

This group is in need of additional participation from representatives from test laboratories. Please contact the staff liaison, [Sherri Wendt](#), if you are interested.

In addition to these task groups, several groups are seeking leadership. If you are interested in submitting your name for consideration, please contact the staff liaison for that group (contact information provided below).

- [CMA \(Technical\) Subcommittee](#) is seeking either a chair or vice chair. The group's scope is "To maintain a component based nonresidential procedure for fenestration products that will yield accurate energy performance data for use in code compliance and for meaningful building energy analysis."

NFRC Membership is required for this position. Please contact [Steve Urich](#) at 240-821-9514 for more information or to volunteer.

- The [Ratings Committee](#) is seeking volunteers for either the chair or vice chair position. The Committee's scope is "The NFRC Ratings Committee is responsible for developing programs to assure the uniform application of ratings including the NFRC Label for NFRC technical procedures."

In addition to NFRC Membership, this rostered committee requires attendance at meetings to join the committee and leadership is approved by the NFRC Board of Directors. For more information, please contact the Ratings Committee staff liaison, [Scott Hanlon](#), at 240-821-9519.

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## **Commercial Program Update**

The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) envisions a future where every window, door and skylight purchase decision relies on NFRC ratings to evaluate energy performance. For this reason, we reinvigorated efforts to assess our Component Modeling Approach Program (CMA).

Several members have hosted NFRC staff and highlighted the unique challenges facing the commercial fenestration market. NFRC is working toward the development of a revised energy ratings solution to meet these needs. We have made considerable progress in constructing potential solutions and are moving from the data collection phase to a collaborative effort aimed at developing the next generation of the program. The commercial work group, consisting of board members and several additional industry experts, will be meeting in early May to evaluate staff's recommendations and to carve a path forward.

"NFRC staff and the board recognize, while improvements to the program are needed, it is important to ensure changes bring smart solutions to known issues," said April Rawson, NFRC's Commercial Program Manager. "We do not want to underserve or, equally important, overserve market needs".

Stay tuned! We will keep membership informed as the process continues to evolve. For questions, please contact April Rawson at 240-821-9508 or [arawson@nfr.org](mailto:arawson@nfr.org)

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## **NFRC Member Spotlight**

NFRC depends on the tireless work of our volunteers to move our programs forward. A tremendous amount of work happens at the task group level and is driven by the chairs of the task group.

Steve Jasperson is the chair of the Door Task Group and has gone above and beyond to serve NFRC. [Click HERE](#) to read more about Steve's involvement with NFRC.

Thank you Steve for all that you do.

If you know someone who deserves to be our next member spotlight, [please nominate them here](#).

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## **Applied Film Licensees**

### *Participating Applied Film Licensees*

NFRC Staff has submitted a request to existing applied film licensees for review and submittal of a new Applied Film License Agreement.

*Sign up for Applied Film Program*

Visit our [Become a PCP Applied Film Participant](#) page that provides the Applied Film License Agreement and supporting documentation. Sign and return all License

Agreement Materials or you may also contact NFRC staff directly by emailing [pcp@nfrc.org](mailto:pcp@nfrc.org) or calling 301-589-1776.

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## **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:

#### **2017**

- Fall Membership Meeting -- September 25-28, 2017  
San Diego, California

#### **2018\***

- Spring Committee Meeting -- March 19-21, 2018  
St. Louis, Missouri
  - Fall Membership Meeting -- October 8-11, 2018  
Albuquerque, New Mexico
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## **Meeting Survey**

Thank you for another wonderful and productive meeting. We want to know how we can improve, so please [take the post meeting survey here](#).

We look forward to seeing you in San Diego, September 25-28, 2017. Registration will be available in July.

If you have any questions about the meeting please feel free to contact me.

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

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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.

Volunteer opportunities are always listed on the [NFRC community](#).

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## **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](mailto:accounting@nfr.org).

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### **NFRC Billing Notice**

Invoices for the 2017 April Product Line Fees were emailed on April 3, 2017.

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](mailto:accounting@nfr.org).

NFRC is the recognized leader in energy performance rating and certification programs for fenestration products. Visit *NFRC News Now* for the latest fenestration-related information.

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