



NFRC UPDATE

April 28, 2017

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

May 2017

- May 28, 2017 -- The ANS Standards Committee approved a second public comment period to add a missed change to the NFRC 100-207 document; the public comment period will run from April 28 - May 28, 2017. The change under review applies to the Component Modeling Approach (CMA) for Non-residential Section 5.9.3.1.3.D. [The change may be viewed HERE.](#)

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.

NFRC Staff Spotlight

April Rawson joined NFRC in 2016 as the Commercial Program Manager. From her roots in the steel industry throughout her work within the building products industry and with manufacturers of top consumer brands, April has been creating comprehensive marketing strategies and leading product development initiatives. As a recipient of a Stanley Black and Decker Worldwide Incentive Nomination Award, April further demonstrated her leadership skills and innovative thinking as she volunteered to create and lead a successful global wellness program. April is an honors BBA graduate of Kent State University with a double major in Marketing and Management and earned her MBA from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Contact April for information on the NFRC Commercial Program. She may be reached at ARawson@nfr.org or 240-821-9508.

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

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

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](#).

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 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.

NFRC envisions a future where every window, door, and skylight purchase decision is made using the NFRC label to evaluate energy performance.

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