



2019

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
YEAR END REPORT



GENERAL
CODE



GR BY THE NUMBERS

Recorded Code Adoptions

 235

Legislation or Regulation
Comments Filed or Testimony
Provided

 229

@ICC_GR Twitter Impressions

 37,600

First time PMG Adoptions

 42

Building Safety Month (BSM)
Proclamations

 394

Meetings Attended with
Stakeholder Organizations

 1,770

ICC Chapter Events Attended

 710

Articles or Videos Published

 111

Speeches or
Presentations Given

 624

Meetings with Elected or
Administrative Officials

 1,470

Social Media Posts

 3,899

Safety 2.0 Initiatives

 295

Pieces of Legislation Tracked

 1,248

Travel nights

 1,958

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Organized Smart Buildings and Smart Cities in India** with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the U.S. Trade Administration.
- **Presented to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)** on the U.S. building regulatory system and the incorporation of climate risk at their biannual meeting in Chile.
- **Conducted PMG training in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on the IPC, IMC and IPSDC** to the Saudi Council of Engineers.
- **Testified before the U.S. House Science Committee** Research and Technology and Environment Subcommittees on reauthorization of the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program.
- **Led efforts to require adoption of a property maintenance code** for the U.S. Department of Defense.
- **Successfully advocated for legislation to authorize** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) disaster recovery **funding requiring up-to-date codes and standards** for rebuilding.
- **Submitted comments that** ensured the National Mitigation Investment Strategy **recommends grant programs require up-to-date and well enforced codes and standards.**
- **Released the housing benchmark for the Alliance for National and Community Resilience (ANCR)**, which addresses affordable and quality housing, availability of shelter and continuity planning.
- **Collaborated with NIBS on a report demonstrating current codes provide \$11 in mitigation benefits** for every dollar invested.
- **Ensured funding eligibility for states utilizing IFC/IRC provisions** through a proposed Consumer Product Safety Commission grant program for carbon monoxide poisoning prevention activities.
- **Secured a Congressional amendment to protect ICC-ES's past composites work** and promote ES and IAS products as a future clearinghouse on composites offerings.
- Ensured legislation requiring Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) supported housing **utilize standards consistent with the 2018 IFC.**
- **Worked to require adherence to the latest codes and standards** in the Rebuild America's School Act (RASA), a grant and tax credit program, passed by the U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor.
- **Obtained increases in FY2020 federal funding** for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Building Energy Codes Program, WaterSense, NIST research funding, and the CDBG program.
- **Led a panel on building codes** at the HUD/NAHB Innovative Housing Showcase in Washington, D.C.
- **Provided comments at the White House and HUD roundtables** in response to an Executive Order on Housing Affordability.
- Commented on the following key federal regulatory considerations:
 - » **Leveraging ICC water reuse provisions** in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Water Reuse Action plan.
 - » **Supported DOE using the latest I-Codes** as minimum building standards where appropriate for electric infrastructure.
 - » **Urged HUD to continue supporting efforts to advance up-to-date building code adoption** and enforcement in the Fair Housing Act disparate impact standard.
 - » Recommended FEMA leverage DRRA provisions **to provide resources to update and enforce building codes** in its pre-disaster mitigation grant program.
- **Appointed to the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) Advisory Committee** on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR).
- **Celebrated the 39th annual Building Safety Month** with a total of 29 sponsors and 394 proclamations including gubernatorial, state and local, recognition in the U.S. House of Representatives and remarks in the Congressional Record.
- **Introduced a Congressional Resolution designating May as Building Safety Month** for the first time since 1983.
- **Supported FEMA Mitigation Assessment Team (MAT)** deployment in the Panama City/Gulf Coast Region.
- **Presented at the FEMA Building Science Workgroup/ FEMA Mitigation meeting** on codes, Building Safety Month, legislation and disaster response.
- **Sponsored and attended the 31st Annual Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) Dinner** in Washington, D.C.
- **Secured passage of a CFSI resolution** that supports requiring federal infrastructure investments **adhere to current codes and standards.**
- **Guest speaker at the World Standards Day** panel, "Protecting America's Energy Infrastructure & the Built Environment" in Washington, D.C.
- **Participated in the 17th Annual Truman Legacy Forum** in Key West, FL and Washington, D.C. to discuss fire service challenges and priorities.
- **Panelist at ANSI's "Future of America's Workforce"** focusing on technical high school education.

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Developed and published the 5th edition of “Reducing Flood Losses through the International Codes”** in partnership with FEMA.
- **Discussed Safety 2.0 as a panel presenter** at the Workforce Conference during World Standards Week in Washington, D.C.
- **Served on the FEMA-NIST Panel** for the Functional Recovery of the Built Environment and Critical Infrastructure Project.
- **Guest appeared on “Ask the Masters,”** a podcast dedicated to design and construction of watershapes, poolscales, landscapes, and architecture in the ISPSC.
- **Facilitated a PMG roundtable discussion,** “Mitigating Water Leaks in Premise Plumbing Systems,” in Albuquerque, NM.
- **Participated as a panelist** at Greenville Technical College in South Carolina **to develop a Building Technology Program.**
- **Hosted the Government Relations Forum at the ICC ABM** featuring guest speakers from FLASH, NIBS, National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Austin College, ISO/Verisk, FEMA and the City of Chicago Buildings Department.
- **Continued as Co-Chair for the Coalition for Current Safety Codes (CCSC),** a coalition of over 550 members representing code officials, jurisdictions, corporations, manufacturers, the insurance industry, associations, private individuals and others.
- **Served as staff liaisons** to the Major Jurisdiction Committee and the Building; Emerging Leaders; Fire; and Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas (PMG) Membership Councils, and National Disaster Response network.
- **Managed the “Vote for Your Codes” Campaign** to increase participation in the code development process.
- **Modernized the Philadelphia, PA plumbing code** based on the 2018 IPC.
- **Updated the Chicago Building Code** for the first time in 70 years **based on the 2018 IBC.**
- **2018 IRC PMG provisions adopted in Hawaii** for the first time.
- Passed legislation in Washington that **delegates inspections to third-party entities that employ ICC certified inspectors.**
- **Defeated 5-year code adoption legislation** in the State of WA.
- **Prevented passage of detrimental plumbing legislation** in WA.
- **Inserted ISPSC standards for energy efficiency requirements** for pool heaters in WA legislation.
- **Successfully supported Texas legislation adopting the ISPSC** for use in municipalities across the State.
- Replaced the National Standard Plumbing Code in Maryland **with new adoptions of the IPC and IFGC.**
- **Successfully worked on legislation authorizing MD municipalities to designate an ICC-certified code official** to testify in municipal infraction proceedings.
- **Lobbied for successful adoption of the Indiana Residential Code** for the first time since 2005 based on the 2018 IRC.
- **Led legislative efforts in Maine to adopt the 2015 IMC** for the first time.
- **Attained a first-time adoption of the ISPSC** in New Hampshire.
- **Defeated detrimental legislation in Minnesota** for the third consecutive year, preserving the effort to update the state codes to 2018 editions.
- **Successfully opposed six-year IRC legislation** in South Carolina.
- **Served on the California State Fire Marshal’s Wildland Urban Interface Task Group.**
- **Mentored at the “Women in Structural Engineering Symposium”** hosted by the Structural Engineers Association of Southern California.
- **Organized and co-hosted with CALBO the Seismic Roundtable** in California, hosting over 80 subject matter experts to address building methods and earthquakes.
- **Published the report for the “Seismic Roundtable: Next Steps Forum”** held at the ICC Annual Conference in Las Vegas.
- **Coordinated ICC custom code publishing** for the State of Indiana.
- **Coordinated the Region VI Northeast Tour,** covering 5 states in 6 days.
- **Produced two building safety public service announcements** that were aired on local television in New Jersey.
- **Awarded “Affiliate of the Year”** by the Building Officials Association of South Carolina (Stephen Jones).
- **Received the “Industry Achievement Award”** from the California Building Officials (Susan Dowty).
- **Given the “Meritorious Service Award” for advancement of building safety** by the Pennsylvania Liberty Chapter (Shawn Strausbaugh).
- **Generated the ICC Government Relations Monthly Update reports,** which are circulated to Members, Chapters and key stake holders throughout the country and abroad.

CODE UPDATES AND ADOPTIONS

Tim Schmitz and Sara Yerkes with Mayor Emanuel and city officials following the building code update ceremony in Chicago, IL.



Sara Yerkes and Mayor Emanuel bid farewell following the ceremony.



Gary Gauthier argues the merits of the IPC to the Massachusetts Board of State Examiners and Gas Fitters in Boston, MA.



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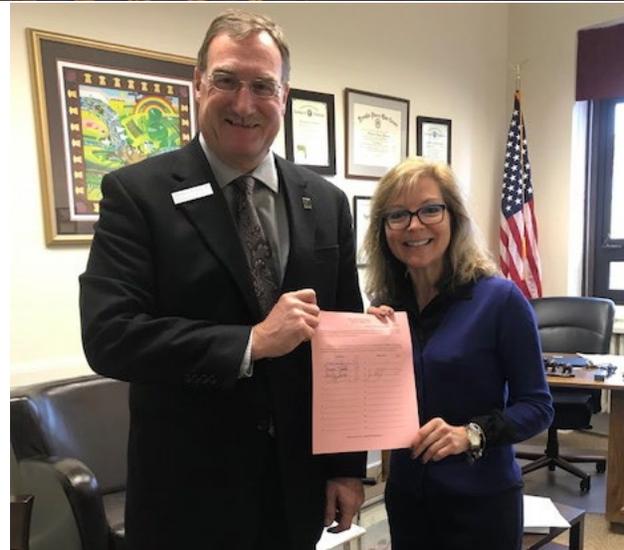
Mayor Jim Kenney authorizes the 2018 IPC as the new plumbing code for the city of Philadelphia, PA.



Sara Yerkes and Shawn Strausbaugh following the IPC signing ceremony in Philadelphia.



Kraig Stevenson and Washington State Senator Sharon Brown as she co-sponsors legislation that created a uniform process for acceptance of ICC-ES Reports.



WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT

Ryan Colker provides testimony before the U.S. House Science Subcommittee in Washington, D.C.



Gabe Maser participates in the HUD Affordable Roundtable discussion with Secretary Ben Carson.



Sara Yerkes and Neil Burning participate in the inaugural Innovative Housing Showcase in Washington, D.C. co-hosted by NAHB and HUD.



WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT

Corey M. Roblee attends the inauguration in Columbus with Ohio's First Lady and Governor, Fran and Mike DeWine.



Dave Nichols meets with FEMA Region VIII staff in Denver, CO.



WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT

Bill Nash and friends present an ICC resolution to Governor Janet Mills, recognizing her for her support of life safety, in Augusta, ME.



Shawn Strausbaugh with members of the Saudi Council of Engineers during a Code Council training event in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.



WORKING WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS

Sara Yerkes as a panel speaker during World Standards Week in Washington, D.C.



Susan Dowty and Lee Clifton appear on “Ask the Masters” podcast to discuss the ISPSC.



Mark Roberts sits on a panel during a World Standards Day briefing on Capitol Hill.



WORKING WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS

Karl Fippinger, Bill Bryant, Sara Yerkes and Dave Nichols host members of the Fire Membership Council at the CFSI Annual Dinner in Washington, D.C.



Lee Clifton and Chris Ochoa attend the annual PMI Fly-in in Sacramento, CA.



WORKING WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS

Gabe Maser as a panel speaker at the Texas General Land Office Building Synergy in Disaster Recovery event in Austin, TX.



Lee Clifton and Neil Burning at the PHCC Connect conference in Indianapolis, IN.



WORKING WITH OUR CHAPTERS & MEMBERS

Susan Dowty receives the “Industry Achievement Award” from the California Building Officials (CALBO) during its Annual Business Meeting in San Diego, CA.



Shawn Strausbaugh receives the “Meritorious Service Award” from the PA Liberty Chapter for his work in advancement of building safety in the City of Philadelphia.



Corey M. Roblee and the Code Officials Conference of Michigan Board of Directors during their annual conference in Bellaire.



WORKING WITH OUR CHAPTERS & MEMBERS

Gary Gauthier, Sara Yerkes, and Bill Nash worked with Region VI members to welcome ICC Board Members and Senior Staff to the Northeast Regional Tour which included stops in VT, ME, NH, RI and MA.



Neil Burning installs the officers of the Building Officials Association of Palm Beach County (BOAPBC) in Boynton Beach, FL.

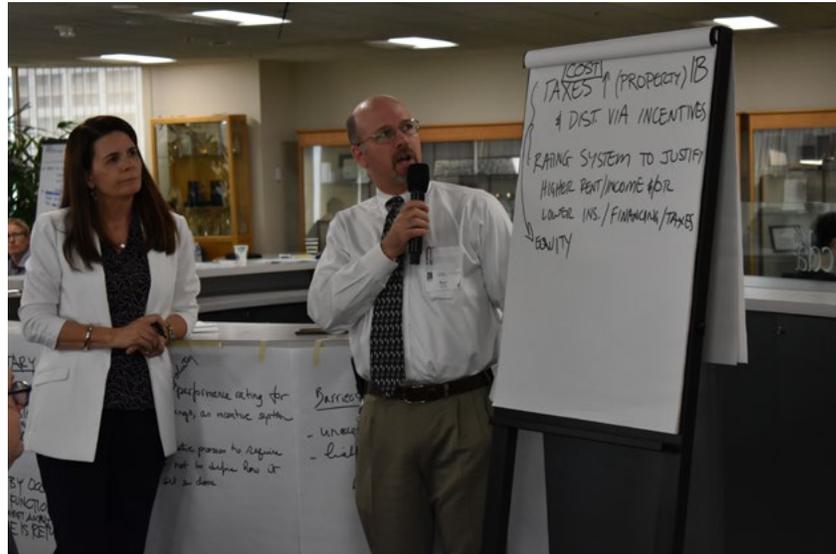


Corey M. Roblee and Gary Gauthier join Mike Boso to welcome the Michigan delegation to the Building Safety & Design Expo in Las Vegas, NV.



WORKING WITH OUR CHAPTERS & MEMBERS

Susan Dowty moderates the Seismic Roundtable in Sacramento, CA.



Sara Yerkes, Susan Dowty and Jacob Karson with attendees at the Seismic Roundtable in Sacramento.



Dave Nichols at the National Association of State Fire Marshals Annual Conference in Annapolis, MD.



WORKING WITH OUR CHAPTERS & MEMBERS

Chris Ochoa presents the “Raising the Profile” award to CBO Lydia Cole in Stockton, CA.



Corey M. Roblee and the Major Jurisdiction Steering Committee in Las Vegas, NV.



CELEBRATING BUILDING SAFETY MONTH (BSM)

Dottie Mazzarella celebrates BSM in Bronxville, NY with Mayor Mary Marvin.



Susan Dowty celebrates BSM at the ICC offices in Brea, CA with CALBO President Sharon Goei and CA BSC Executive Director, Mia Marvelli.



Corey M. Roblee joins Department of Planning staff and the Cayman Islands Code Association to celebrate BSM in Georgetown, Grand Cayman.



CELEBRATING BUILDING SAFETY MONTH (BSM)

Bill Nash and members of the New Hampshire coalition join Governor Chris Sununu as he presents a BSM proclamation in Concord, NH.



Mark Roberts attends the BSM proclamation signing ceremony with Governor Kay Ivey in Montgomery, AL.



Kelly Sadler and Governor Asa Hutchinson as he presents a BSM proclamation in Little Rock, AR.



CELEBRATING BUILDING SAFETY MONTH (BSM)

Dottie Mazzarella hosts her annual BSM Lobby Day at the NY Capitol in Albany with State Senator Pamela Helming and NYSBOC President Chris Jensen.



Sara Yerkes welcomes guests to the annual BSM reception in Washington, D.C.



CELEBRATING BUILDING SAFETY MONTH (BSM)

Gabe Maser and Sara Yerkes with friends at the BSM reception in D.C.



Corey M. Roblee, U.S. Senate Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms Lynden Armstrong and friends at the BSM reception in D.C.



HOSTING THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM IN LAS VEGAS, NV

Dominic Sims and Sara Yerkes offer welcoming remarks at the GR Forum during the ABM in Las Vegas, NV.



Sara Yerkes and Karl Fippinger present the “Innovation in Code Administration Award” to the City of Rock Hill, SC.



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Sara Yerkes and Alan Boswell present the “Community Service Award” to the Puerto Rico Construction Code Committee.



Packed house for the forum speakers.





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