

## **International Code Council Government Relations Update – February 2016**

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### **Public Comment Hearing Results To Be Posted This Month**

The second step in the online voting process to resolve the voting issues at the 2015 Group A Public Comment Hearings closed on February 1. The results will be audited and posted online. These results, combined with the Long Beach PCH results for those code change actions determined by the Moderator, will be the basis to conduct the Online Governmental Consensus Vote (OGCV), which is scheduled to start on February 8 and be open until February 21. All 2015 Group A cycle voters who have been validated per procedures are eligible to vote on the OGCV.

### **2016 Voter Validation Delayed Due To Ongoing Group A Voting**

If you're a governmental member who has tried to go on the website and designate your voting representatives now for 2016, it hasn't been opened yet. Unfortunately, with the delay in the Public Comment Hearing voting, ICC has had to keep the Group A voters "live" on cdpACCESS due to ongoing Group A voting. With the way the system is set up, if ICC allowed members to validate now, it will set aside the eligible Group A voters. An announcement will be made this month about when voter validation will be opened for 2016.

### **Registration Now Open for the 2016 Committee Action Hearings**

Register now for the International Code Council's 2016 Committee Action Hearings, April 17–27 in Louisville, Ky. Your expertise is needed! The Committee Action Hearings are free to attend and offer code and fire officials, architects, builders, engineers, designers, and energy conservation professionals an opportunity to provide input on proposed code changes to the 2018 *Group B International Codes*:

- Administrative (all codes)
- Structural chapters in the *International Building Code* and the *International Existing Building Code*,
- Building and energy chapters in the *International Residential Code*, and
- All chapters in the *International Fire Code*, *International Energy Conservation Code* and *International Wildland-Urban Interface Code*.

Be sure to view the 2015/2016/2017 Code Development Schedule here:

[http://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/2015\\_2016\\_2017\\_Schedule\\_July2015.pdf](http://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/2015_2016_2017_Schedule_July2015.pdf) with special attention to the second page, which indicates the specifics of the applicable codes and contains a link to the "2015/2016/2017 Code Committee Responsibilities" document for details on Group A vs. Group B code changes. Click here for the registration page:

[http://media.iccsafe.org/2016\\_MarComm/\\_2016\\_CAH/index.html](http://media.iccsafe.org/2016_MarComm/_2016_CAH/index.html)

### **ICC Announces Themes for 2016 Building Safety Month**

The International Code Council's (ICC) theme for 2016 Building Safety Month, a public safety awareness campaign celebrated in May, is *Building Codes: Driving Growth through Innovation*,

*Resilience and Safety*. This main theme will be supported by weekly themes that spotlight a specific area of building safety and fire prevention:

Week One, May 2-8, Building Solutions for All Ages

Week Two, May 9-15, The Science behind the Codes

Week Three, May 16-22, Learn from the Past, Build for Tomorrow

Week Four, May 23-29, Building Codes: A Smart Investment

For more information, click here: <http://media.iccsafe.org/NR/2016/012616-BSM.pdf>

### **I-Codes Referenced in New Federal Earthquake Risk Management Standard**

By executive order, the U.S. Federal Government has issued an Earthquake Risk Management Standard that will apply to every building owned, leased, financed, or regulated by the Federal Government. The standard states that those buildings shall be constructed in compliance with the earthquake-resistant design provisions of the 2015 editions of International Building Code or International Residential Code. The order also states that each time a new edition of the IBC or IRC is released, all buildings constructed after federal review of the new edition will have to be in compliance with the provisions of the new edition. Read the full press release here:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/02/02/executive-order-establishing-federal-earthquake-risk-management-standard>

### **Pennsylvania Builders Association's Workforce Development and Education Committee Endorse HSTTP**

A year ago, ICC's High School Technical Training Program (HSTTP) received an invitation to provide a presentation outlining the operation of the HSTTP at the state meeting of the Workforce Development and Education Committee (EDEC) at the Pennsylvania Builders Association (PBA) annual meeting in Hershey, PA. Warren Peter, the previous chairman of the committee and past President of the PBA, introduced a motion that the Workforce Training and Education Committee should recommend that the schools currently participating in the PBA's Endorsed Trade Program should consider participation in the HSTTP. The motion passed unanimously. For more information on the Endorsed Trade Program, visit

<http://pbaendorsedtrade.org>, and visit [www.iccsafe.org/hsttp](http://www.iccsafe.org/hsttp) for additional information about the ICC's High School Technical Training Program or contact Jim Ellwood [jellwood@iccsafe.org](mailto:jellwood@iccsafe.org)