

ICC [Government Relations](#) Chapter Monthly Update – July 2019

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Code Council seeks subject matter experts/trainers with expertise in PMG field, including pools, spas

The Code Council is currently seeking subject matter experts and trainers to share their code knowledge and expertise in the plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas fields (PMG) – specifically for the International Plumbing Code (IPC), the International Mechanical Code (IMC), the International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), and the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) – to:

- Develop new technical training content for instruction purposes, including on-site instruction, online webinars and virtual classroom venues.
- Repurpose existing technical content for related training courses.
- Customize and/or integrate state-specific content.
- Provide classroom training or webinar instruction.

The Code Council's aim is to ensure that quality training is available to meet the needs of all members, customers and certification holders. Read more [here in this news story by Neil Burning](#), vice president of technical resources for the International Code Council's Government Relations division.

Code of Honor Scholarships application deadline is August 9 for those seeking aid to attend PCH

The application period for Code of Honor Scholarships ends on August 9. It's intended to support participation in the Public Comment Hearings (PCH) held October 23-30, 2019 in Las Vegas and to help ensure that the I-Codes reflect the consensus view of officials at all levels of government by providing funding to Governmental Member Voting Representatives seeking to attend and participate in the PCH. Currently the program includes the following categories:

- **Architect Leaders** – Governmental Member Voting Representatives who are licensed architects (financial support by AIA).
- **Emerging Leaders** – Governmental Member Voting Representatives who have served their jurisdiction between 4 and 9 years.
- **Future Leaders** – Governmental Member Voting Representatives who are new to the profession, serving less than four years.
- **International Leaders** – Governmental Member Voting Representatives who reside outside of the United States.
- **Match Scholarship** – Governmental Member Voting Representatives who have a 50% financial match from their Code Council Chapter, jurisdiction or personal. [Click here for ICC Chapters](#).
- **Small Town Leaders** – Governmental Member Voting Representatives whose city or county population is 50,000 or less.
- **Veteran Leaders** – Governmental Member Voting Representatives who have served their jurisdiction for 10 years or more. Membership in the Legacy organizations will be counted toward years served.

Click the following hyperlinks to [obtain more information](#) and to find [the application form](#).

July 31 is application deadline for candidates for Membership Council Governing Committee positions

The official Call for Committee application deadline is July 31 for candidates seeking positions on any of the [six Code Council Membership Council](#) Governing Committee positions. All but the Emerging Leaders Membership Council (ELMC) offer three-year terms of the Governing Committees. The ELMC offers two-year terms. Each Governing Committee has a nominations committee which selects names to be voted upon at the Joint Membership Councils Meeting which will be held on Wednesday morning, October 23, in conjunction with the ICC Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Joint Membership Councils meeting, which will start at 8 a.m. [Click here for applications](#).

Early registration and arrangements save money for your trip to the 2019 ICC Annual Conference

Participants in the [2019 ICC Annual Conference](#), Group B Public Comment Hearings and [Building Safety and Design Expo](#) are encouraged to use the Code Council website to make their reservations and take

advantage of reduced costs. The events will be held at the [Rio Hotel & Convention Center](#) in Las Vegas. Here is what you need to know to plan for a fun and professionally successful trip:

- [Register for the Annual Conference](#) as soon as you can. Receive a free conference t-shirt when you register by September 15.
- [Get your hotel room](#). To receive your special ICC hotel rates, you can choose [government rate](#) or [standard rate](#), make your housing reservations at the Rio online by September 27.
- [Click here to get your Conference schedule](#) of all the events October 20-30.
- Check out the list of education programs by [clicking here](#).
- If you need to know more about travel options, [click here](#).

The 2019 Public Comment Hearing on Group B will be October 23 – 30, 2019, in Las Vegas, Nev. If you have input for the Public Comment Hearing via cdpACCESS, the [deadline for comments is July 24](#). To review videos from the 2019 Group B Committee Action Hearings in Albuquerque, [click here](#).



Grab your clubs and start swinging at the 5th Annual Ron Burton Golf Outing in Vegas

The Code Council's Past Presiding Officers will hold its fifth annual fund raising event, the **Ron Burton Annual Golf Outing**, in conjunction with the ICC 2019 Annual Conference in Las Vegas on Sunday, October 20. This event includes a number of sponsorship opportunities and funds raised will go towards training and resources for the next generation of code officials. The Ron Burton Golf Outing celebrates the life and work of William Ronald "Ron" Burton, who was a renowned code expert. He worked on many code-related projects for ICC, BOMA and NAHB. The tournament will use a shotgun-start at 8 a.m. at the Desert Pines Golf Club, Las Vegas, Nevada. [Golfer and sponsor information is available here](#).

15th Annual Bob Fowler Motorcycle Ride is the first social event at the 2019 ICC Annual Conference

With start times of 8 a.m. Saturday, October 19, and Sunday, October 20, the 15th Annual Bob Fowler Motorcycle Ride will be the first charitable event held in conjunction with the 2019 ICC Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Ride October 19 will depart The Rio Hotel and travel down the Las Vegas Strip. Riders will experience desert landscapes as they pass through Searchlight, Laughlin, Oatman, Kingman and Boulder City. Stops include Hoover Dam Bridge, Colorado River at Laughlin, Nevada, and Oatman, Arizona. The route is 224 miles or 5.5 hours of riding time before returning under the night lights of the Las Vegas Strip. On October 20, the Ride heads up I-15 to the Valley of Fire State Park and then to Lake Mead National Recreation area and Red Rock Canyon National Park. Planned stops include The Valley of Fire, Red Rock Canyon, and Mount Charleston Lodge. The Sunday route is just over 246 miles or 6 hours of riding time. [For more information, click here](#).

Featured speakers focus on high-rise fires, missing and exploited children and the future of water use

The featured speakers at the [2019 ICC Annual Conference](#) in Las Vegas October 21-23 represent a wide diversity of experiences and topics:

- [Dame Judith Hackett](#) will keynote the Annual Business Meeting on Monday, October 21. Following the tragic fire which occurred at Grenfell Tower in London in June 2017, she led an independent review into Building Regulations and Fire Safety related to high rise buildings.
- [Mike Murphy](#) will keynote the Members Luncheon on Tuesday, October 22. Murphy is the program manager for The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. He brings forty plus years of law enforcement and public service experience to the position.
- [David Johnson](#) is the featured speaker at the [Global Connections Day](#) on Wednesday, October 23. Johnson serves as Chairman of the Board for Nevada's [WaterStart](#) and participates on other boards and committees, including the Silver State Energy Association.

Building Safety Journal concludes three-part series on ICC's Government Relations' legislative efforts

We on the Code Council's Government Relations team are the primary contacts for ICC Chapters and members and our friends among the stakeholders, and we enjoy working with you at meetings and events in all 50 states. A major part of our job is to also be ICC's "boots on the ground" for monitoring and responding to state legislatures, local governments and agencies developing public policy. A new three-part series in **Building Safety Journal**, which just concluded, provides a glimpse of the men and women on our team and some of the key legislation so far in 2019. This year, the Government Relations

team has tracked 882 bills in 44 states and in the District of Columbia and the United States Congress. Click [here for Part I](#), or click [here for Part II](#), or click [here for Part III](#) of this series.

The online ICC Chapter Meeting Request form “fast-tracks” your Chapter’s ability to obtain speakers

We want to make it easier for ICC Chapter officers to notify ICC Board Members or senior ICC professional staff of an upcoming meeting where they could participate. That’s why your Chapter should use the [ICC Chapter Meeting Request form found here](#) on the Code Council’s website. It’s so simple to use. Fill in the form on your computer with the Chapter’s name, contact information, meeting purpose, location and dates. Then list the names of the officers you want in priority order and suggested roles as presenters. And then click **SUBMIT**. With nearly 400 ICC Chapters, the online Meeting Request allows everyone concerned to check their calendars and make arrangements as quickly as possible.

Deadline is July 15: FEMA requests feedback on building codes for disaster mitigation grants

FEMA is requesting comment on its newest grant program -- **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities** (BRIC). For the first time, through BRIC, FEMA will be able to offer assistance to communities to adopt/update and improve enforcement of up-to-date building codes pre-disaster. Communities that have adopted current codes could be in a more competitive position for funding. For additional info on the draft program, [click here](#). To provide feedback on several building code specific questions FEMA has posed, [click here](#). You can also submit comments on other issues relating to the BRIC program by sending an email to BUILDBRIC@fema.dhs.gov. The deadline for comments is July 15th. ICC members’ feedback would be useful in this comment period.

The 2018 Significant Changes guides help save time seeking the most critical changes in the 2018s

The [2018 Significant Changes guides](#) are available for the International Building, Residential, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes. This valuable series can help any code user save time by zeroing in on the most critical changes in the 2018 International Codes (I-Codes). The Code Council’s technical experts provide summaries, analysis and graphics for these changes making them clear and easy to understand. Click here for [a summary of what’s highlighted](#) in the 2018 IBC, IRC, IFC and IPC.

Assessment Center offers free PRONTO 101 overview course on the PRONTO system and functionality

Are you thinking about taking a certification exam with the ICC Proctored Remote Online Testing Option (PRONTO)? Are you curious about what an ICC PRONTO online exam is all about? The Assessment Center is offering a free PRONTO 101 overview course that covers the PRONTO system and functionality. Take a sample quiz at the end of the course to get a first-hand example of what taking a PRONTO exam is all about. Read [Shannon Homolka’s](#) article [explaining the program here](#).

ICC-ES issues evaluation reports on using shipping containers for housing to three companies

The ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES), a member of the International Code Council Family of Companies, issued evaluation reports to three companies offering shipping containers for housing – SG Blocks, Inc. ([ESR-3764](#)), Sea Box, Inc. ([ESR-4082](#)), and Falcon Structures ([ESR-4163](#)). These evaluation reports show compliance to AC 462, the Acceptance Criteria for Structural Building Materials from Shipping Containers, and ensure that these products meet applicable codes and standards. The global container homes market alone, as reported by [Allied Market Research](#), is expected to reach over \$73 billion by 2025. [Read more here](#). ICC-ES also issued [ESR-4074](#) to Tesla, Inc. for their Tesla Solar Roof System. This report provides evidence that the Tesla Solar Roof System is in compliance with code requirements of the [International Building Code](#) (IBC) and [International Residential Code](#) (IRC) and California Building Code (CBC) and California Residential Code (CRC). The Tesla Solar Roof System is a complete roof covering system composed of electrically active building-integrated photovoltaic (BIPV) and (inactive) nonBIPV roof tiles, along with flashing and other accessories. [Click here to read more](#).

PMG Membership Council makes videos of PMG Roundtable sessions in Albuquerque available online

A special PMG roundtable discussion — **Mitigating Water Leaks in Premise Plumbing Systems** — was held April 27, the day before the Committee Action Hearings began in Albuquerque, N.M. The International Code Council and other plumbing industry experts discussed water leak prevention solutions in sanitary drainage, indirect waste and storm drainage; water supply and distribution,

fixtures, appliances and solar; and landscape irrigation and rainwater harvesting in three panels during this signature event. The panel discussions were very well received and, fortunately, the PMG Membership Council's [webpage includes videos from the panels, photos and a podcast](#).

Weather Channel's Kait Parker interviews former FEMA deputy on value of current codes in disasters

You can [hear the half-hour podcast here](#) of former FEMA Deputy Administrator of Mitigation Roy Wright on the federal agency's process of determining how current building codes will save money, property and lives. Wright, now CEO of the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety, tells homeowners and buyers current building codes are a protection they should demand.

***GOT PULSE?* Episode 17 zeroes in on the ICC Major Jurisdiction Committee's mission and progress**

Pulse interviews [Wendy Wan](#) from the New York City Department of Buildings and [Terry Whitehill](#), Portland Oregon's Building Official. Both are on the Major Jurisdiction Committee. They share ideas about the committee, as well as how their respective jurisdictions handle requests for alternate means and methods of construction. [Click here](#) to listen.

Upcoming from the [ICC Learning Center](#): Institutes, training, seminars, webinars, etc.

Online learning is available from the ICC Learning Center. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function. Single-day training events are an opportunity to focus on topics to ensure your code knowledge stays up to date, with some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- **August 6** - Leadership Webinar Series [Challenging Discussions](#).
- **September 10** - Leadership Webinar Series [Building Your Bench](#).
- **October 16** - Leadership Webinar Series [Public Speaking](#).
- **November 19** - Leadership Webinar Series [Coaching for Success](#).
- **December 10** - Leadership Webinar Series [Public Speaking for the Code Official](#).

The following is the updated list of [ICC Institutes](#) and other training opportunities across the nation, many of which offer virtual options for those who cannot travel. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function:

- **July 9** at Chicago, [2018 IRC® Significant Changes](#).
- **July 11** at Santa Rosa, Calif., [Getting the Most of the IPMC®](#).
- **July 22-24** at Mesa, Ariz., [Principles of Building Safety](#).
- **August 5** at Edison, N.J., or Virtual, [2018 IRC Performing Residential Plumbing Inspections](#).
- **August 5-9** at Myrtle Beach, S.C., [Plan Review Institute](#).
- **August 6** at Edison, N.J., or Virtual, [2018 PMG Significant Changes](#).
- **August 13** at Herndon, Va., or Virtual, [2018 IBC® Means of Egress](#).
- **August 15** in Chicago, Ill., or Virtual, [Legal Aspects of Code Administration](#).
- **August 26** at Edison, N.J., or Virtual, [2018 IFC® Significant Changes](#).
- **September 5** at Overland Park, Kans., or Virtual, [2015 IBC Special Topics Day 1](#).
- **September 12** at Overland Park, Kans., or Virtual, [2015 IBC Special Topics Day 2](#).
- **September 26** at Brea, Ill., [Inspector Skills](#).
- **October 13** at Atlanta, Ga., or Virtual, [Procedures for Officers and Inspectors](#).
- **November 5** in Chicago, [Advanced Legal Aspects of Code Administration for Fire Inspectors](#).
- **November 6-8** in Portland, Ore., [Fire & Life Safety Institute](#).
- **November 18 and 25** in Atlanta, Ga., or Virtual [2018 IBC® and IFC® Fire Protection Systems](#).
- **November 18 and 25** in Atlanta, Ga., or Virtual [2018 IBC® Fire and Smoke Protection Features](#).
- **December 13 & 20** at Miami, Fla., [2018 IPMC® Overview](#).

Certification Test Academies feature interactive and question-based review for the exam. Students will receive a voucher to take the exam at a later date. Upcoming opportunities:

- Available daily online, [2015 Permit Technician 14 Study Guide](#).
- Available daily online, [IRC® Online Study Guide for Residential Building Inspectors B1](#)

- **July 15-18** at Atlanta, Ga., [B2 - Commercial Building Inspector](#).
- **August 19-21** at Dallas, Texas, [66 - Fire Inspector I](#).
- **August 21-23** at Columbus, Ohio, [64 - Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector Certification Test Academy](#).
- **August 26-29** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [B1 – Residential Building Inspector](#).

LAST NOTE! New “Codes Save” webpage puts important information at your fingertips!

Building codes are highly cost effective in protecting communities and individuals from the impacts of hazards. However, most people don’t know the important role of up-to-date codes. This [Codes Save](#) webpage introduces consumers and policy makers to the results of the **Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves 2018 Interim** report and resources to help assure their community is capturing the full benefits of codes. Features you can use from this webpage include:

- A nearly three-minute video explaining how current building codes can save money, lives and property based on the recent National Institute of Building Sciences study.
- An interactive national map with state-by-state listings of which editions are adopted.
- Comparison chart of how each state adopts its codes.
- An interaction national map with contact information for key ICC staff, Board Liaisons and Chapter leadership.