

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

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If you're going to the 2019 Annual Conference events in Las Vegas, registering early will save money

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](#).
- Here's the [list of the featured speakers](#) for the Annual Business Meeting, the Members Luncheon and [Global Connections Day](#).
- If you need to know more about travel options, [click here](#).

NOTE: The application period for **Code of Honor Scholarships** is open and ends on August 9. It's intended to support participation in the Public Comment Hearings held October 23-30, 2019 in Las Vegas. [Click here to obtain information and to apply](#).

Voting ends June 6 on four assembly floor motions from the 2019 Group B Committee Action Hearings

The Group B Committee Action Hearings were held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and [voting is under way](#) on cdpACCESS until June 6 on four assembly floor motions. The 2019 Group B Committee Action Hearing results are available by [clicking here](#). The over 1,300 code changes considered at the 2019 Committee Action Hearing have been captured on video. [Click here](#) to view the hearing videos. 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](#).

NOTE: The primary representative must complete the online validation process by September 23 for new GMVRs to be eligible to vote at this year's Annual Business Meeting, Public Comment Hearings and Online Governmental Consensus Vote. Remember, if a GMVR's credentials were validated during 2018, the credentials [do not have to be revalidated](#) in 2019.

Joint Membership Council Meeting at 2019 Annual Conference moved from Sunday to Wednesday

To allow members more flexibility to attend events at the [2019 ICC Annual Conference](#) in October, the Joint Membership Council Meeting was moved from the Sunday before official start of the Annual Conference to Wednesday. It should allow members to participate in pre-conference events like the [15th Annual Bob Fowler Motorcycle Ride](#) on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20, and the [Ron Burton Annual Golf Outing](#), on October 20. The Joint Membership Council Meeting will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, October 23, to vote on nominees for the six Membership Councils' Governing Committees. Membership Councils will meet separately afterward. The ICC Global Membership Council will meet Tuesday, October 22 at 2 p.m. to allow for their participation in the Global Connections Day on Wednesday morning. The Call for Membership Council Governing Committees was made and candidates for Governing Committee positions are open. [Click here for applications](#) which are due July 31.

Today's Chapter Leaders Roundtable phone conference is hosted by ICC Board President Bill Bryant

A virtual roundtable will be hosted today (Tuesday, June 4) at 9:30 a.m. Mountain Time (11:30 a.m. Eastern) from the 2019 Chapter Leader Academy in Denver, Colorado. The roundtable will be hosted by ICC Board President Bill Bryant. Chapter Leader Academy attendees and Chapter leaders who call in will have the opportunity to share ICC questions or ideas with Board members. The roundtable is scheduled to last roughly an hour and will include a brief ICC update before a question and answer session. The conference call information is below. No need to RSVP, but if you have questions or suggestions, contact ICC Chapter Relations staff at chapters@iccsafe.org. **To call in toll free: 844-740-1264 & 93793040#.**

Download applications here for 2019 ICC College Scholarship program to meet July 1 deadline

The application cycle for the 2019 ICC College Scholarship program is now available for children of code enforcement agency personnel. (The William J. Tangye scholarship is available to children of all active ICC members.) To download program information and requirements, a list of sponsored scholarships and an application, [click here](#). To take advantage of this exclusive scholarship opportunity, your application and all accompanying materials must be submitted no later than **Monday, July 1, 2019**. For additional information, email scholarships@iccsafe.org.

June 20 is the application deadline for serving on the ICC Professional Development Council

The [application deadline is June 20](#) according to the International Code Council's call for new members of the Professional Development Council, which has a say in the governance of the ICC National Certification exams and/or the ICC Education program. The [Professional Development Council](#) is comprised of two committees: the Certification Committee and the Education Committee. Committee members will be required to meet via web/telephone conference and/or in person up to several times per year as needed. In-person meetings are held at least once a year for a one- to two-day period, with travel expenses reimbursed by the Code Council. [Read more about it here](#).

Deadline to apply is June 12 to serve on committee to update standards on wide range of hazards

The International Code Council is [accepting applications](#) to serve on the newly formed Consensus Committee on Multi-Hazard Resiliency for Residential Construction. In collaboration with the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS), the committee will develop a comprehensive set of standards to increase the resiliency of residential structures in the face of hazards like high winds, earthquakes, flooding and wildfires as well as make it easier for builders to achieve compliance. It will consist of 12-15 members. [Read more about the Consensus Committee](#) and who can apply.

ICC helps launch two coalition joint resolutions aimed at more federal support for fire prevention

The International Code Council joined the National Fire Protection Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs to address the issue of preventing wildfires by sponsoring a joint [resolution on wildland fires](#) through the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) National Advisory Committee (NAC). The CFSI resolution is endorsed by 38 national fire and emergency services organizations and expresses concern about the growing damage from wildfires. The resolution encourages increased support by Congress for implementing and enforcing the most current consensus-based codes and standards, implementing coordinated community risk reduction efforts, supporting further wildland fire research, and providing additional support for wildland fire suppression efforts including adequate equipment and personnel resources. The Code Council also introduced a separate [CFSI resolution](#) expressing support for using the latest codes and standards in the design and construction of federally supported infrastructure investments. [Read more about this accomplishment here](#).

Code Council and Association of State Floodplain Managers unite for public protection from floods

A memorandum of understanding recently signed by the International Code Council and the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) should enhance the partnership between the two organizations, recognizing the mission code officials and floodplain managers share in protecting communities and the environment. The signing occurred at ASFPM's annual national conference in Cleveland. The Code Council and ASFPM will work together to promote sound policies that reduce the negative effects of flooding on human life, buildings and property, communities, wildlife, and critical ecosystems. Representatives from both organizations will collaborate on the development of issue papers, advocate for responsible development in accordance with national codes and standards, and collaborate on mutually beneficial training and education. [Read more about it here](#).

Code Council certification programs receive American National Standards Institute accreditation

The International Code Council's [Assessment Center](#) recently announced it has received accreditation from [ANSI](#) for its B1 Residential Building Inspector and B2 Commercial Building Inspector certifications. Recognized across borders, ANSI accreditation is critical to public health, national security, safety and the environment. While certification agencies are not mandated to receive it, accreditation

by ANSI under its consensus and due process-based system acknowledges certification organizations with an exemplary level of integrity, distinction and trust. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Interior design professionals are important partners to code officials' mission for building safety

The interior design profession, supported by the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), has come a long way since its strictly residential, decorative, and aesthetic roots of the early Twentieth Century. Today's interior designers work in hospitals, hotels, houses of worship, convention centers, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and countless other public and commercial spaces where significant numbers of the public meet. They are educated, trained, and tested on topics that go to the core of the building code. Interior designers are design professionals who promote and uphold the tenets of building and design safety that are essential to a well-functioning structure. Here are a few facts about the modern interior design profession:

- **Scope of Practice:** Interior design is far more than selecting colors, finishes, and space planning. Interior designers have a wealth of knowledge on subjects that include needs analysis; site inspection and analysis; preparation of schematic and design drawings; space planning; application of building codes and regulations; interior non-loadbearing architectural detailing; engineering coordination, including electrical, mechanical, and plumbing; permitting; construction administration; post-occupancy evaluation, and pre-disaster mitigation planning. Interior designers work on elements of construction documents including non-loadbearing partition plans, reflected ceiling plans, power and data plans; finish plans; occupancy plans; fully dimensioned elevations, construction details; path of egress documents, and ADA compliance.
- **Building Code Knowledge:** Interior designers are tested on building code principles and building code application. For example, 25 percent of the practicum portion of the interior design professional qualifying exam ([the NCIDQ](#)) tests on building codes. Interior designers must know about interior accessibility requirements, fire compartmentalization, fire separation, egress, exit requirements, and travel distance, among several other code-impacted topics.
- **Permitting:** Interior designers are allowed to independently submit construction documents for permit in twelve US states and jurisdictions. Is your jurisdiction one of them? Find this out and much more concerning the practice rights of interior designers here - [ASID Practice Map](#).

Interior designers are a valued member of the built environment community and there is an ASID and/or IIDA chapter in your area/region/state/city (find out where: [ASID Chapter List](#), [IIDA Chapter List](#)). These interior designers can be an excellent knowledge resource, source of sponsorship, or stakeholder (code review committees, testifiers in favor of current code adoption, state/local building commission candidates, etc.). Don't hesitate to reach out to them and build stronger ties with your local interior design community. For more information contact former ICC Regional Government Relations Manager and current ASID VP of Government & Public Affairs, Bryan Soukup, at bsoukup@asid.org.

Correlation with the IECC/IgCC among major advantages of using the International Plumbing Code

As sustainability grows more and more in importance with home buyers and commercial building owners, it's important to know that the International Plumbing Code is the only model plumbing code that is correlated to work easily with the International Energy Conservation Code. ICC's Lee Clifton writes about the Code Council's leadership in green initiatives and sustainable construction and the IPC's role in innovative technologies like waterless urinals and detailed engineered designs permitting the installation of smaller, more precise water and drainage systems. [Click here to read Lee's insights.](#)

THE HILL features an opinion piece on the value of building codes in minimizing disaster costs

Code Council Board President Bill Bryant is joined by James Lee Witt and R. David Paulison in a guest editorial published in Washington, D.C.'s premier political periodical, THE HILL. Titled "[Natural disasters could be far less damaging with better building codes,](#)" the article points to the mitigation value of codes and why the federal government should require infrastructure investments to adhere to the latest codes. Paulison and Witt are former FEMA directors under, respectively, Republican and Democrat administrations.

High-rise building fires are the focus of a recent article in Code Council's Building Safety Journal

Freelance writer and journalist Paul Lagasse is the author of a recent Building Safety Journal article on lessons learned from last year's spate of high-rise building fires around the world, such as London's Grenfell Tower in June, Honolulu's Marco Polo in July and Dubai's Torch Tower in August. The article is titled "[High-rise fires: understanding what happened.](#)" The infamous Grenfell Tower fire will also be the [topic of the ICC Annual Business Meeting](#) on Monday, October 21, when the Annual Conference audience will hear from [Dame Judith Hackitt](#) on her independent review of high-rise fire preparation.

Building codes instructor Steve Thomas wants to turn technical standards into armchair reading

Steve Thomas is a very familiar face among building code officials as the author of "Building Code Essentials" and president of Colorado Code Consulting. In a recent issue of [Architect](#), Thomas offers straight talk on key updates to design standards and how architects can better work the system in an article titled "[Q+A: Steve Thomas on Turning Building Codes into Everyday Reading.](#)"

GOT PULSE? New water ratings standard, water efficiency and conservation are this month's focus

This month's Episode 16 we are joined by guest host [Bill Spohn](#), host of RESTalk, as he interviews RESNET's [Ryan Meres](#) and the Code Council's [Dave Walls](#) about the new water ratings standard, water efficiency and conservation. [Click here](#) to listen. Be sure to subscribe on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Google Play](#) and [Spotify](#). Follow the International Code Council on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#), and spread the word about our podcast using the hashtag #ICCPulsepod.

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:

- **June 5** - IPMC® Webinar Series [Fire and Life Safety](#).
- **June 6** – Permit Tech 200 Webinar Series [The Not So Simple Plan Review Webinar](#).
- **June 6** - [Masonry Shear Wall Design by Strength Design](#).
- **June 11** - Leadership Webinar Series [Getting Connected](#).
- **June 12** - IPMC® Webinar Series [Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical](#).
- **June 13** - Permit Tech 200 Webinar Series [IBC® Chapters 3 and 4](#).
- **June 18** - Leadership Webinar Series [Say What You Mean and Mean What You Say](#).
- **June 18** - [Wind and Seismic Design of Precast Concrete Parking Structures](#).
- **June 18** - Permit Tech 200 Webinar Series [Inspection Nitty Gritty](#).
- **June 19** - IPMC® Webinar Series [Light, Ventilation and Occupancy](#).
- **June 20** - [Post-Tensioned Concrete Construction and Observation Issues](#).
- **June 26** - [CFS Shear Wall Design Examples and Solutions](#).
- **June 26** - IPMC® Webinar Series [Property Conditions](#).
- **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:

- **June 9** at Chicago, Ill., or [Virtual](#), [2018 IRC® Significant Changes](#).
- **June 11** at Chicago, Ill., [2018 IBC® 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 15** in Chicago, Ill., or [Virtual](#), [Legal Aspects of Code Administration](#).
- **August 26** at Edison, N.J., or [Virtual](#), [2018 IFC® Significant Changes](#).
- **September 26** at Brea, Ill., [Inspector Skills](#).

- **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](#)
- **June 12-14** at Denver, Colo., [P1 Residential Plumbing Inspector Certification Test Academy](#).
- **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](#).