

## International Code Council Government Relations Update – August 2017

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### **Bring your clubs** and show your support for PPO's work for future professionals

The ICC Past Presiding Officers will hold its third annual [Ron Burton Annual Golf Outing](#) to help kickoff the 2017 ICC Annual Meeting Sept. 10-13 in Columbus, Ohio. The tournament will be a shotgun-start on Sunday, Sept. 10, at the **Royal American Links, 3300 Miller-Paul Rd, Galena, OH 43021**. The tourney will include a 50/50 drawing; prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin; a hole-in-one contest; golf ball launching contest; and gifts for all participants. Transportation, breakfast and lunch will be provided. The Ron Burton Golf Outing celebrates the life and work of William Ronald "Ron" Burton. Ron was a renowned code expert on many code-related projects for ICC, BOMA and the NAHB. The PPOs is an organization of all past presidents and chairmen of ICC and its predecessor organizations, who raise money to assist in the preparation of a new generations of young professionals. *Sign up today as a [sponsor](#) or [player](#) — space is limited.*

### **Hotels are filling quickly for the ICC 2017 Annual Conference Sept. 10-13 in Columbus, Ohio**

The latest word from Columbus, Ohio, is hotels are filling quickly with code professionals and others attending the International Code Council's (ICC's) 2017 Annual Conference and Expo set for Sept. 10 – 13. This year's conference features [industry-leading educational sessions](#), networking, [historic tours](#), [the Building Safety & Design Expo](#), the Ron Burton Annual Golf Outing and inspiring keynote speakers such as the only two-time winner of the prestigious [Heisman Trophy, Archie Griffin at the Members' Luncheon](#) on Tuesday, Sept. 12. The ICC Board of Directors will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT on Sept. 9 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown in the Elijah Pierce Room located at 401 N. High Street in Columbus, Ohio. In all, this year's conference will be a great opportunity to engage with building industry experts, share ideas, expand your code knowledge and take home information you can use on the job the next day. Spread the word and don't delay [signing up yourself to attend](#).

### **All Governmental Member Voting Representatives must be designated by Aug. 11 to be eligible**

All Primary Member Representatives need to [designate their Governmental Member Voting Representatives online by Friday, Aug. 11, to be eligible to vote](#) at the Annual Business Meeting during the 2017 ICC Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

### **ICC Board of Directors issues its report on code development process and requests more input**

In 2016, the ICC Board of Directors began a formal process to allow stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback to the board on the code development process. In May 2017, the board [reviewed the feedback and took the actions noted in this report](#). In response to a request from the Industry Advisory Committee, proposed changes to CP-28 Code Development for the 2018/2019 cycle are being considered by the board and can be found on page 8 of the report. You are asked to submit your comments by Aug. 21 using this email address [ICCCodeProcessFeedback@iccsafe.org](mailto:ICCCodeProcessFeedback@iccsafe.org).

### **ICC-ES approved by EPA for Formaldehyde Emission Standards certifications**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved [ICC Evaluation Services](#) as a recognized Third-Party Certifier under the Formaldehyde Emissions Standards for Composite Wood Products Rule. ICC-ES is presently one of approximately two dozen providers worldwide approved by EPA to certify that composite wood products sold, supplied, offered for sale, imported to or manufactured in the U.S. are compliant with the formaldehyde criteria found in the rule. In April, ICC-ES was approved by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to perform similar formaldehyde certifications for composite

wood products as required under Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations. Composite wood products include hardwood plywood, particleboard, medium-density fiberboard (MDF) and thin MDF.

**The 2018s are coming! Make sure you take advantage of early bird pricing before Aug. 31**

The 2018 I-Codes are expected in early September and many states and communities are anxious to get their first sets and start updating. Updated codes are your communities' best protections to remain resilient to human-caused and natural threats. Developed through ICC's time-honored consensus code development process that draws upon the expertise of hundreds of plumbing, building, and safety experts, the 2018s are supported by a wide range of ICC technical references, top-rate training through ICCU, and unmatched credentialing service. [Click here for your early bird prices!](#)

**Aug. 11 is deadline to receive applications for openings on ICC-ES Evaluation Committee**

The ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) seeks to fill openings on the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee, with qualified individuals who will evaluate proposed acceptance criteria prepared by staff concerning building products. For more information and how to apply [click here](#).

**Free FEMA course on flood resistant design and construction offered Aug. 28-31**

A [free course on the FEMA Coastal Construction Manual is being offered Aug. 28-31](#). Designed to provide a comprehensive approach to planning, siting, designing, constructing and maintaining homes in the coastal environment, this course is perfectly timed for the apex of hurricane season. Contact Course Manager [Prasad Inmula](#) at 301-447-1374 for details.

**New House of Codes video features presentation on how building codes benefit community resiliency**

Recently Chris Ochoa, ICC Vice President of Federal Activities in Government Relations, was a panelist at an ANSI forum on 21st Century Infrastructure and Resiliency, discussing the impact building codes have on maintaining resilient communities. [Click here to watch Chris on Episode 13 of GR's House of Codes.](#)

**New coalition to teach prevention techniques that reduce fires in multi-story building projects**

The recently formed Coalition for Construction Fire Safety is working to educate stakeholders on prevention techniques aimed at reducing the occurrence and severity of fires in multi-story commercial and residential projects while they are most vulnerable. The group also is also considering the development of performance guidance and a training program for the fire prevention program superintendent that is required by Chapter 33 of the International Fire Code. The Coalition, ICC and the National Association of Fire Marshals are meeting to further discuss these initiatives and other opportunities to educate stakeholders. For more information on and to join the free Coalition, contact Kenneth Bland at the American Wood Council ([kbland@awc.org](mailto:kbland@awc.org)). [Click here for free resources on construction fire safety practices.](#)

**International Swimming Pool and Spa Code developed to prevent pool and spa tragedies**

With summer heating up — along with swimming pool and spa activity — the Consumer Product Safety Commission's Pool Safely campaign seeks to raise visibility and educate the public about preventing drowning and entrapment incidents involving children. Pool Safely, a national educational initiative, supports Section 1407 of the Virginia Graeme Baker Act, which calls for the creation of an education and media campaign that serves as a call to action to prevent such horrific deaths of children. The **International Swimming Pool and Spa Code** is developed by the Code Council with the support of the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals and encompasses the design, installation and inspection of aquatic facilities based on current American National Standards Institute standards technology and code provisions. [Click here for more information on the ISPSC.](#)

### **New FEMA publication provides tool to schools to reduce natural disaster risks**

The new FEMA publication, “Safer, Stronger, Smarter: A Guide to Improving School Natural Hazard Safety, FEMA P-1000,” provides up-to-date, authoritative information and guidance that schools can use to develop a comprehensive strategy for addressing natural hazards, including earthquake, tsunami, flood, hurricane, tornado, and high wind. It is intended to be used by administrators, facilities managers, emergency managers, emergency planning committees, and teachers and staff at K through 12 schools. It can also be valuable for state officials, district administrators, school boards, teacher union leaders, and others that play a role in providing safe and disaster-resistant schools for all. Parents, caregivers, and students can also use this Guide to learn about ways to advocate for safe schools in their communities. The Guide includes:

- Identifying natural hazards that could potentially impact a school;
- Making new and existing school buildings safer for children and staff, and more resistant to damage during natural disasters;
- Planning and preparing for effective and successful response during a natural disaster;
- Recovering after a natural disaster as quickly and robustly as possible, and being better prepared for future events; and engaging the whole community in the entire process in order to improve school and community disaster resilience.

[Click here to download a copy.](#)

### **IMPACT to reimburse contractors for AC478 accreditation to assure the quality of metal buildings**

Ironworkers and the Ironworkers Management Progressive Action Cooperative Trust (IMPACT) believe the International Accreditation Service (IAS) [AC478 accreditation program](#) for metal building assemblers will elevate the credibility of the metal building industry. The result will be quality buildings erected in the safest possible way. To assist in the full implementation of AC478, [IMPACT will reimburse its contractors the cost of obtaining IAS AC478 accreditation for a limited time](#). IAS accredits the inspection practices of companies that assemble metal building systems. The accreditation is based on requirements in IAS Accreditation Criteria AC478 and the International Building Code®. Getting accredited involves an assessment of the company’s management system, which includes the assembly processes, internal safety, training programs, periodic jobsite inspections, etc. IAS accreditation establishes a benchmark for companies qualified to assemble and erect metal buildings.

### **Pooled resources research and evaluate building, energy and plumbing products more efficiently**

ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES), the Premier Product Evaluation/Listing Agency in North America, and Innovation Research Lab (IRL), one of the most respected product testing/research labs, have entered into a cooperation agreement in order to better serve the manufacturers of innovative building and plumbing products.

- ICC-ES and Innovation Research Labs work collaboratively to help clients get products to market faster and put innovative, affordable products in the hands of consumers.
- The cooperation offers a vast scope of testing including: Air, Water & Vapor Barriers, Cladding, Doors, Fasteners, Roofing Accessories, Wall Coverings, Windows, Floor/Deck Systems, Flooring Materials, Manufacturers Wood, Plastic Lumber, Roofing Materials, Wall Systems and Plumbing Products.
- ICC-ES Reports save time and resources, and permit quick and easy access to compliance information relevant to a product to determine its code or standard compliance and installation requirements.
- ICC-ES Reports are the most widely used and accepted product evaluations, by engineers, specifiers and code officials, providing the most up-to-date and comprehensive information about codes and standards.

- ICC-ES is a subsidiary of the International Code Council (ICC) and the United States' leading evaluation and certification service for innovative building products.
- ICC-ES is accredited by the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17065 and the Standard Council of Canada (SCC).

For more details please [click here](#) or phone 800-423-6587 ext. 1, or email [es@icc-es.org](mailto:es@icc-es.org).