International Code Council Government Relations Update

September 2012

IMPORTANT: Governmental Voter Designations MUST Be Made Online by September 21

The International Code Council is launching a new way to ensure that Governmental Voting Representatives are eligible to vote on code changes. All Primary Member Representatives need to designate their Governmental Member Voting Representatives (GMVR) online by September 21, 2012, to be eligible to vote at the Annual Business Meeting and/or Final Action Hearings. Log on to www.iccsafe.org/EVDS to designate your voters, even if they have already voted in the past. All voters must use this online tool in order to be eligible to vote.

Unsure about how it works? Follow these step-by-step instructions:

• Access the Electronic Voter Designation area directly and use the email address and password connected to your Primary Representative account. You can also access the form if you either log on to “My ICC” and select “Designate Voters” or through the Electronic Voter Designation link in the Quick Links box on the left side of the ICC home page.

• Click on “Add Candidate” to designate GMVRs.

• You will be prompted to complete a questionnaire about each individual you designate. After the questionnaire is complete, the individual’s name will be added to the pending GMVR’s area. ICC will review each candidate and either approve the candidate as a GMVR or contact you for additional information.

Answers to frequently asked questions are available online and the ICC Member Services team is available to help you via telephone or email.

ICC Creates Corporate Membership Council and Call for Governing Committee Members

The International Code Council Board of Directors has announced the creation of the new ICC Corporate Membership Council, establishing a forum for the corporate and regulatory communities to foster stronger interaction and identify and examine issues of mutual interest related to the built environment. Other key objectives of the new Corporate Council include broadening the understanding of emerging construction trends and technologies and increasing the use of replicable buildings, commissioning and other approaches to streamline the building safety compliance process.

The ICC Board will appoint a nine-member Governing Committee for the Corporate Council that will advocate for its concerns and issues, provide feedback to the ICC Board and staff, and act as a voice regarding the Code Council’s activities and programs. The Corporate Council is open to any ICC individual or corporate member or any member in good standing of a closely aligned organization.

ICC is accepting applications for the Governing Committee. Click here for an application: http://www.iccsafe.org/cc/Pages/c-app.aspx

Online Registration Now Open for ICC’s 2012 Annual Conference

We invite you to register now for the International Code Council’s 10th Annual Conference, Final Action Code Hearings and Expo at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. Here are the important dates:
• Annual Conference: October 21 – 24
• ICC Expo: October 22 and 23
• (Group A) Final Action Code Hearings: October 24 – 28

The registration site is available here: http://s3.goeshow.com/icc/annual/2012/registration_info.cfm

**Call to Committee: ICC-ES Seeks 2013 Evaluation Committee Members**

The ICC Evaluation Service is seeking candidates to serve on the Evaluation Committee starting Jan. 1, 2013. Committee members evaluate proposed acceptance criteria prepared by staff concerning building products. The deadline for submissions is Sept. 28, 2012, and more information about the committee and an application can be found here: http://www.icc-es.org/News/PDF/EC_App_2013.pdf

**ICC, NASFM Offer Crowd Manager Training**

Fatal disasters such as the Indiana State Fair 2011 stage collapse and the 2003 The Station nightclub fire illustrate the need for "trained crowd managers" to prevent repeat catastrophes. A new training program is available through the Code Council and National Association of State Fire Marshals. The program aims at making public gatherings safer by teaching event staff how to be better crowd managers. Find out more about how to take advantage of this training program here: http://www.iccsafe.org/Education/Pages/crowdmanager.aspx?r=crowdmanager

**Don’t Forget About the Legislative Forum!**

The Government Relations staff will be hosting the Legislative Forum at this year’s Annual Business Meeting. In addition to finding out more about GR’s upcoming activities and earning CEUs, there will be information provided on how a jurisdiction can apply for the funding provided for by this law that recently passed: http://www.iccsafe.org/newsroom/Pages/07092012-NR-Federal-Bill.aspx

**Schedule Your 2012 Chapter Education Benefit Now Before Time Runs Out!**

This year, the International Code Council enhanced the Chapter training benefit. If you have not scheduled your benefit day for 2012, please act now. All qualifying Chapters are entitled to receive a live, training seminar at little or no cost to the Chapter. For details about the benefit, click here: http://www.iccsafe.org/Chapters/Pages/CEB.aspx

Your 2012 benefit expires at the end of the year and unfortunately there is no option to carry it over into 2013. To schedule your training event, contact the Training and Education Department today at 888-ICC-SAFE (888-422-7233), ext. 33818.

**Apply for the Membership Council Governing Committees Today!**

ICC is now accepting applications for various openings in the Governing Committees for each Membership Council, including the new Corporate Membership Council. Click here for an application: http://www.iccsafe.org/cc/Pages/c-app.aspx

The Governing Committees for each ICC Membership Council were established with staggered terms of office, so each Council will have vacant positions open at the end of this year. The Members of each Council present at the Council’s Annual Meeting must select candidates to fill these open
positions. The candidates’ names will be presented to the ICC Board of Directors for ratification.

ICC Membership Councils are discipline specific councils that have been established to serve as a forum for information exchange to keep the membership up-to-date on the activities of the Code Council and to build and improve relationships with stakeholders with an interest in the activities of the applicable Membership Council.

Travel is required. The Governing Committee of the respective Membership Council will typically hold 1-2 meetings per year. Governing Committee members are authorized to travel at ICC’s expense when participating at council meetings.