

January 2012

International Code Council Update

2012 is the Year of the Member!

Every International Code Council Member contributes to building a safer world through their individual commitment to public safety. The International Code Council always focuses on its Members, but 2011-2012 is a special time as ICC celebrates the Year of the Member. The Year of the Member recognizes the fact that ICC Members are industry leaders dedicated to building safe and sustainable communities.

Are you getting the most out of your membership? Click here to find out about all the opportunities you have as an ICC Member! <http://www.iccsafe.org/Membership/Pages/YearOfTheMember.aspx>

2012 Code Download Deadline Extended

The deadline for qualified Governmental Members to download the 2012 set of codes has been extended to January 31, 2012. To be qualified, your jurisdiction needed to be an ICC paid up member as of March 31, 2011. The primary member for the jurisdiction needs to have his or her email listed in the ICC membership data base. Notifications on download instructions were emailed to primary members in August of 2011. If you or your members feel you qualify for this free download and have not received the notice, please notify me by email at bneale@iccsafe.org and I'll ask the Membership Department to correct the situation. The free download can be loaded on to 2 computers. The free distribution of codes only applies to the 2012 version of the codes.

Changes to ICC National Certification Program

For 2012, the ICC Certification and Testing department has made a number of changes to the computer-based exam registration process and the exams. View a list of the changes that have taken place effective Jan. 1 by visiting: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Pages/2012Changes.aspx>

Call for Committee: ICC Accepting Applications for Building Official Membership Council Governing Committee

One opening is available on the Governing Committee of the Building Officials Membership Council (BOMC). Applicants must be Governmental Members of the BOMC prior to submitting an application.

The deadline for application submissions has been extended to Jan. 20, so apply now!

<http://www.iccsafe.org/Membership/Councils/Pages/Call-BOMC.aspx>

Call for Educational Programs: Opportunities Available for the 2012 Annual Business Meeting

The International Code Council (ICC) is seeking proposals for presentation for two education programs at the 2012 Annual Conference. We are looking for presenters who are interested in addressing an audience of code officials, inspectors, plans examiners, fire officials, city managers, engineers, architects, and others related to the code enforcement industry. The call is now open, and the deadline is March 2.

Find out more here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Education/Pages/Call-Presentations.aspx>

Call to Committee: ICC Accepting Applications for Exam Development Committee Members

Certification and Testing seeks volunteers to serve in several areas. View the responsibilities of Exam Development Committee here:

http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Documents/EDC_Applicant_Snapshot_2011.pdf, and then apply today! Applications link here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Pages/EDC.aspx>

ICC Membership Councils: New Opportunities to Enhance Your Profession and Career

The Membership Councils offer ICC Members a place to come together and be a more powerful force shaping your ICC, your industry, your career, and your future. The ICC Board, as part of ICC's celebration of the "Year of the Member," is pleased to announce five discipline-specific Membership Councils that will each serve to take your ICC Membership and profession to the next level. Share your expertise, voice, and vision with your peers – get started today!

ICC Membership Councils were formed after Members asked to have a greater role influencing how ICC serves to enhance Members' work performance, careers and professions. ICC's success is driven by the unity and diversity of its Members. The strength and solidarity of our organization allows us to better serve our membership and communities, and promote a shared vision of a safe and sustainable world.

Find out more about the new ICC Membership Councils here:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/Membership/Councils/Pages/default.aspx>

Think You're a Major Jurisdiction? Join the Committee!

The Major Jurisdiction Committee is open to representatives of state code enforcement agencies, the capital city of each state, the two largest jurisdictions in each state and jurisdictions with a population of 1,000,000 or more. Find out more about it here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/Pages/MJC.aspx>

2012/2013 Code Change Cycle Information Available.

The Code Council has recently posted the Code Change Proposal form online for the 2012/2013 Code Change Cycle. That form is available as both a Word Document and PDF file here:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/Pages/publicforms.aspx> .The list of the Group A and Group B

Committees responsibilities also is available on ICC's website here:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/responsibilities>

Additional information of interest:

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ICC News

Jan. 3, 2012 | Committee Approves Bill to Mitigate Wind and Earthquake Hazards. The Committee on Science, Space and Technology approved [H.R. 3479](#), which reauthorizes the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program and the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, supporting the development of hazard reduction measures, and the creation of disaster-resilient communities.

Jan. 2, 2012 | ICC Adopts Model Building Code Training for High School Students and Takes the Program Nationwide. The Code Council is supporting the [nationwide expansion of a pilot program](#) to prepare high school students for careers in code enforcement and the construction industry.

Dec. 29, 2011 | Call to Committee: ICC Accepting Applications for Exam Development Committee Members. Certification and Testing seeks volunteers to serve in several areas. [View the responsibilities](#) of Exam Development Committee, and then [apply](#) today.

Dec. 29, 2011 | 2012/2013 Code Change Cycle Information Available. The [Code Change Proposal](#) form for the 2012/2013 Code Change Cycle has been posted online. The list of the [Group A and Group B Committees responsibilities](#) is also available for download.

Dec. 27, 2011 | Call for Committee: ICC Accepting Applications for Building Official Membership Council Governing Committee, Deadline for Applications Extended. [One opening is available](#) on the Governing Committee of the Building Officials Membership Council (BOMC). Applicants must be Governmental Members of the BOMC prior to submitting an application. Deadline for application submissions has been extended to Jan. 20.

Dec. 14, 2011 | Code Council Recognizes Chapter Award Recipients. The Virginia Plumbing & Mechanical Inspectors received the [Chapter of the Year](#) award during the 2011 ICC Annual Conference. The Code Administrators Association of Kentucky and the Northwest Building Officials and Code Administrators of Illinois each received [Chapter Merit Awards](#).

Dec. 13, 2011 | Call for Committee: ICC Accepting Applications for Building Official Membership Council Governing Committee. [One opening is available](#) on the Governing Committee of the Building Officials Membership Council (BOMC). Applicants must be Governmental Members of the BOMC prior to submitting an application. Deadline for application submissions is Jan. 4.

Dec. 13, 2011 | Changes to ICC National Certification Program. In 2012, the ICC Certification and Testing department will make a number of changes to the computer-based exam registration process and the exams. [View a list of the changes](#) that will take place after Jan. 1.

Dec. 9, 2011 | ICC Members Elect Board Officers, Directors. [Code Council Members elected 2011-2012 Board officers and directors](#) during the 2011 Annual Conference in Phoenix.

Dec. 6, 2011 | Committee Approves Bill to Mitigate Wind and Earthquake Hazards. The Committee on Science, Space and Technology approved [H.R. 3479](#), which reauthorizes the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program and the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, supporting the development of hazard reduction measures, and the creation of disaster-resilient communities.

Dec. 5, 2011 | Conference Group Photos Available for Download. Photographs of delegates taken during the 2011 Annual Conference in Phoenix [are now available online](#).

Dec. 5, 2011 | ICC Adopts Model Building Code Training for High School Students and Takes the Program Nationwide. The Code Council is supporting the [nationwide expansion of a pilot program](#) to prepare high school students for careers in code enforcement and the construction industry.

Industry News

Dec. 5, 2011 | New York, San Francisco Receive Government Leadership Awards as UN Climate Change Conference. The World Green Building Council's Government Leadership Award for Excellence in City Policy [recognizes the cities](#) for their best practices on green building initiatives.

Dec. 5, 2011 | NBI Study Shows Impact of Design Decisions, Operations and Tenant Behavior on Building Use. The New Buildings Institute [released a study](#) showing operations and occupant behavior impact a building's energy use compared to design characteristics of the building.

Dec. 1, 2011 | Register Today for 'Exploring the International Green Construction Code' Seminar. Participants of the seminar will examine, understand and review the structure, scope and requirements of the IgCC in the Dec. 8 seminar in Natick, Mass. [Register today](#) by entering 11404 in the Quick Registration field, or [download the mail-in form](#).

Board News

2011: The Year in Perspective

The launch of the [Year of the Member campaign](#), [Membership Councils](#) and the [Codes & Standards Discussion Forum](#) are among the highlights of 2011 that will contribute to the continuous improvement of ICC and its initiatives to best serve Members, Chapters and other customers.

"We have to constantly strive to get better, because we know each season will bring a host of challenges," said ICC CEO Richard P. Weiland.



The weak housing and commercial real estate markets, along with constrained governmental budgets, created challenges for the ICC and its Members. Economic conditions continue to challenge the Code Council, but ICC remains focused on its Mission to provide the highest quality codes, standards, products and services. The organization has made timely, but well thought out tough decisions during a time when there were no easy answers.

"These choices allowed us to survive the toughest times in 70 years, and more importantly, it gave us the ability to once again make smart investments in the Council's future that will best position us for the inevitable changes that will confront our industry in the years ahead," Weiland said.

Here are some of ICC's news highlights during 2011:

- In January, the Board of Directors' Code Development Review Ad-Hoc Committee (CDRAC), charged with reviewing Member feedback regarding—and addressing critical issues impacting—the Code Council's current code development procedures, posted all four [committee reports and a summary of CDRAC Recommendations](#) online.
- In February, ICC announced the [re-engineering of its Code Councils and expanded Code Action Committee structure](#). More than 600 individuals applied following calls for committee members under a newly developed Codes and Standards Committee.
- In March, the United States Green Building Council [recognized the *International Energy Conservation Code \(IECC\)* and the *International Green Construction Code \(IgCC\)*](#) for their roles in a successful year for building energy efficiency and state and national codes. Also, ICC and the American Society for Healthcare Engineering announced the joint formation of the [ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Healthcare](#) to study code requirements for hospitals and ambulatory care facilities.
- In April, the ICC Board announced it would [appoint the Governing Committees](#) for the five new, discipline-specific Membership Councils (Building Officials; Fire Service; Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas; Sustainability; and Global), as well as [consider CDRAC recommendations](#) to strengthen ICC's code development process. The Board [adopted the CDRAC recommendations along with two additions](#) during its May meeting.

- Weiland announced that persistent requests during two administrations paid off when [President Obama declared May Building Safety Month](#). The Code Council [presented the 2011 Raising the Profile Award](#) to the Clark County, Washington, Building Safety Division and [honored three legislators](#) for supporting building safety.
- In June, ICC announced that more than 1,300 proposed changes to the IgCC and the *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code* (ISPSC) [were heard during Code Development Hearings](#) in Dallas. The ICC Board [approved changes to the code development processes](#) for the IECC and *International Residential Code*, and appointed a [new Codes and Standards Council](#) representing stakeholders across several disciplines, as well as [new discipline-specific Membership Councils](#).
- In July, the ICC [participated in the in the Safer Alabama Summit](#) along with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Storm Shelter Association, architects and contractors, where safe rooms were encouraged during the state's rebuilding process following devastating tornadoes. Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Chief Building Official Alan Boswell reported, ["There's some good coming from the bad, there's no doubt about that,"](#) after an EF-4 tornado struck the city on April 27.
- In August, the ICC Board [took action](#) on the new Membership Council Charters and proposed bylaw amendments, and [expanded the Code Action Committees](#) to include all 15 of the *International Codes*.
- In September, Joplin, Missouri, [continued the recovery process](#) from a "granddaddy of them all" tornado. The Code Council [hosted a meeting with key standards developing organizations](#) to discuss how revisions to the ICC code development process will impact the standards developing community. The [Code Action Committees](#) met for the first time discuss logistics and procedures and activities for the 2012/2013 Code Cycle.
- In October, [members of the new Codes & Standards Council](#) reviewed 2012/2013 Code and Related Committee Applications and considered proposed emergency bylaw amendments presented by the U.S. Chemical Safety Board concerning the use of combustible gas to clean pipes during power plant construction.
- In November, at its Annual Conference in Phoenix, the [Code Council honored several individuals for their contributions](#) to the building safety industry.
- In December, The Code Council announced the [nationwide expansion of a pilot program](#) to prepare high school students for careers in code enforcement and the construction industry.

Looking ahead, Weiland said there is a lot of work to do in 2012 and beyond to help ICC's Members perform their vital public service. "Your professional work will seldom show up on the front page, but you should take great pride in the work that you do," he said. "The communities you serve rely on you."

Code Council Accepting Applications for Building Official Membership Council Governing Committee

The Code Council is accepting applications for one opening on the Governing Committee for the Building Official Membership Council (BOMC). Applicants must be part of the BOMC prior to submitting an application. [Applications will be accepted](#) to the **extended** deadline of Jan. 20.

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.

For the available position on the BOMC Governing Committee travel is required as the Governing Committee of the respective Membership Council will hold 1-2 meetings in various locations throughout the United States. Governing Committee members will be reimbursed for travel.

The [International Code Council](#) is a member-focused association dedicated to helping the building safety community and construction industry provide safe and sustainable construction through the development of codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process. Most U.S. communities and many global markets [choose the International Codes](#).

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