

ICC Government Relations Chapter Monthly Update – November 2018

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Disaster Response Alliance: Your professional help matters to communities struck by disasters

The new [Disaster Response Alliance](#) needs volunteers. **Like you!** Your name, contact information and experience can be added to the DRA database which will allow local, state and federal entities seek help from code officials for major disaster events, [like Hurricane Michael](#). The Disaster Response Alliance is a joint project of the International Code Council and the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations (NCSEA). The United States has many skilled code officials, engineers and others across the country who are willing to step in to help with post-disaster safety assessments, building damage assessments, inspections and other code-related functions. The Disaster Response Alliance brings these skilled volunteers together for easy access and quick mobilization. For more information, to request help, or to sign up, visit www.disasterresponse.org. [NOTE: Those who registered to volunteer for ICC's former Disaster Response Network, must re-register with the DRA to serve as a volunteer.]

The Group A Public Comment Hearing in Richmond is done; soon it's your turn to vote on cdpACCESS

The Public Comment Hearing phase in Richmond, Va., is done and [online voting on Group A proposals](#) is expected to open soon for two weeks for those who were registered with their governmental units. If you need a [refresher on using cdpACCESS](#), the ICC website has helpful information. There is a [cdpACCESS instruction webinar](#), and you will need this password to get in: cdpACCESS2017. Other ways to find help:

- Log into cdpACCESS.com and click the question mark icon at the top right for a user's manual.
- Contact ICC staff for help with cdpACCESS by emailing cdpACCESS@iccsafe.org.

The Group A Codes include the IBC (egress, fire safety, general), IFC, IFGC, IMC, IPC, IPMC, IPSC, IRC (mechanical, plumbing), ISPC, IWUIC and IZC. [Group B changes are due Jan. 7, 2019](#).

Maryland's Bill Bryant takes the helm as ICC Board President after the 2018 ICC Annual Conference

[Bill Bryant](#) was elected to serve as President of the [ICC Board of Directors](#), assuming the lead position from California's [Jay Elbettar](#). Bryant is the assistant director of Inspections and Permits for Anne Arundel County, Md., a former president of the Maryland Building Officials Association and one of the first ICC-certified master code professionals. Other top officers elected in Richmond are [Greg Wheeler](#), City of Thornton, Colo., Board Vice President, and [Cindy Davis](#), Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Board Secretary-Treasurer. Elbettar will serve as Immediate Past President. Those elected to the Board were directors at large [Angie Wiese](#), [Steve McDaniel](#), [Jim Sayers](#), [Shirley Ellis](#) and [Mike Boso](#), and section directors [Jim Brown](#) and [Ron Hampton](#). [Read more here](#).

Building safety professionals honored at the 2018 International Code Council Annual Conference

The International Code Council honored outstanding individuals and organizations for their accomplishments and service to their communities, the building safety industry and the Code Council during the 2018 Annual Conference in Richmond, Va., Oct. 21-24. [Read more on these recipients](#):

- The late Ron Burton, **Bobby J. Fowler Award**
- Christine Rose, City of Fargo, N.D., **Gerald H. Jones Code Official of the Year Award**
- Mel Oncu, ICC General Counsel, **William J. Tangye Staff Recognition Award**
- Chief Tonya Hoover, superintendent of the National Fire Academy, **2018 Fire Service Award**
- Colorado Code Consulting, Denver, Colo., **ICC Educator of the Year Award**
- North Central Texas Permit Tech Chapter, **ICC Community Service Award**
- City of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning & Development Services, **Innovation in Code Administration Award**
- Virginia Building and Code Officials Association, **2018 ICC Chapter of the Year Award**
- Washington Association of Building Officials and Building Officials Association of Texas, **Chapter Merit Awards**
- Frank Bush, Los Angeles Department of Building Safety, **Excellence in Public Safety Award**
- Ron Flax, Boulder County, Colo., **National Leadership in Sustainability and Energy Efficiency Award**

- Abdulhameed Ali Al-Marzouqi, director of Policy, Contracts and Asset Management at the Department of Urban Planning and Municipalities, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and Chuck Ramani, founder and past president of the International Accreditation Service, **2018 ICC Global Awards**

International Code Council begins status as the newest corporate partner to PHCC on Nov. 1

The [Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors National Association \(PHCC\)](#) recently announced its new corporate partnership with the International Code Council, effective November 1. The developer of a comprehensive and coordinated set of International Codes (I-Codes) and standards used in the design, build and compliance process, the Code Council joins [Bradford White](#), [Federated Insurance](#), [InSinkErator](#), [Kohler Co.](#), [Milwaukee Tool](#) and [Viega](#) in this elite category of industry partners that support PHCC and its affiliates. Through this alliance, PHCC members will have increased access to I-Codes books and training, potentially through the PHCC associations. [Click here to read more.](#)

Cash prizes offered for first and second place in contest “How Do Standards Help Mitigate Disaster?”

To help foster greater awareness about the importance of standardization, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) 2019 Student Paper Competition asks you to consider the question, “How do standards help mitigate disaster?” Your paper should consider how standards have contributed to the mitigation, prevention, relief, or recovery of various types of disaster. You may choose to pick a real-life disaster and describe the standards that helped get things back on track, as well as potential standards that could have provided even greater assistance. Or, you may choose to get creative and make up a disaster scenario. You should refer to specific standards wherever possible. All entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. ET on April 30, 2019, to lrajchel@ansi.org. Click [here for more information.](#)

REScheck software is now updated for use with the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code

Software support for the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is now available in REScheck. The 2018 IECC is published by the International Code Council and represents the latest edition of the national model residential energy code for residential buildings. In addition to adding support for the new code, the updated version incorporates a variety of new features, including improved input validation, more informative error messaging, and additional user interface enhancements. REScheck is developed by the U.S. Department of Energy Building Energy Codes Program and assists designers, builders, code officials and others in the design and construction industry in demonstrating compliance with their residential energy code. [Learn more.](#)

The 2018 IgCC, now in publication, represents another step toward life safety and health benefit goals

Publication of the 2018 International Green Construction Code (IgCC), now under way, represents a watershed moment for green building regulation and an opportunity to focus on building safety topics not fully addressed by traditional building and fire codes. Like traditional building codes, the indoor environmental quality provisions of the IgCC are building-specific, intended to provide occupants with healthier environments within the regulated building. The remaining provisions of the IgCC also regulate a specific building or campus, but they are intended to have life safety and health benefits beyond that location; benefits that can literally impact the world. [Click to read more.](#)

Significant Changes guides provide valuable insights for 2018 IBC, IRC, IFC, IPC, IMC and IFGC

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. [Learn more.](#)

ICC is top sponsor four years in a row of Building Innovation 2019 Jan. 7-10 in Washington, D.C.

[Building Innovation 2019](#) — the [National Institute of Building Sciences’](#) (NIBS) seventh annual conference and expo — will be held Jan. 7–10, 2019, at the Mandarin Oriental in Washington, D.C. This year’s event will bring together building and fire safety from across the industry to explore strategies

aimed at Optimizing for Tomorrow. For the fourth year in a row, the International Code Council will hold a lead sponsorship role in the Building Innovation Conference series. [Click to learn more.](#)

Emerging Leaders Membership Council brings 2018 Annual Conference to members via Facebook

ELMC Governing Committee member John Hudgison uses Mevo equipment to carry his code instruction classes to bigger audiences online. So why not use the [ELMC Facebook page](#) to “live stream” ELMC events in Richmond last week for those who could not attend the 2018 ICC Annual Conference? The response from ICC Members has been impressive! The [ELMC Governing Committee Annual Meeting](#) was live streamed on Sunday morning, Oct. 20, and attracted 839 views. The second Mevo live stream was held [at the ICC Networking Luncheon](#) during the noon hour Monday, Oct. 21, and attracted more than 1,300 views. During the luncheon, Hudgison interviewed many young code professionals and asked the question “what makes you proud of your job?” The third live stream was held Tuesday morning, Oct. 22, during [the course instruction sponsored by ELMC](#), titled “The New Code Official: A Safety 2.0 Emerging Leader’s Perspective.” The instruction, which received more than 400 views, was conducted by Hudgison and ELMC Governing Council Member Jesse DeAnda.

GOT PULSE? Tiny homes and the challenges on code officials and housing affordability are subjects

Chief Building Official for Davis, California, [Greg Mahoney](#) joins us this month to share industry insight on the new phenomenon of tiny homes, including the challenges experienced by code officials and the overall impact on housing affordability. [Click here](#) to listen, and be sure to subscribe on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Google Play](#) and [Spotify](#).

Public officials and general public becoming more aware of the value and protections of current codes

Code officials and leaders in the built environment know this: Modern, regularly updated building codes are the key to preparing for and recovering quickly from a disaster. Now the public is catching on with this year’s numerous natural disasters. Studies consistently show that the adoption and implementation of current building codes is one of the nation’s strongest defenses against natural disasters and is a cost effective way of protecting what for many is their most important investment – their home or business. [Read more to see quotes from national leaders supporting codes.](#)

ANCR’s Buildings Benchmark Committee expects to deliver findings for community benchmarks soon

The [Alliance for National and Community Resilience](#) (ANCR) convened the [Buildings Benchmark Committee](#) this month in Washington, D.C., for final discussion and approval of the requirements resilient communities should demonstrate in the functional area of buildings. The 30-member committee — which includes a diverse and active group of subject matter experts representing industry leaders, regulators, designers and builders — expects to deliver its work to the ANCR Board of Directors for approval in late 2018. [Read more here.](#)

ICC serves as a key participant at the 2018 National Disaster Resilience Conference Nov. 7-9 in Florida

As a founding member of the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH), ICC shares a vision of making America a more disaster-resilient nation and has signed on to serve as the Titanium Sponsor for the [2018 National Disaster Resilience Conference](#) (NDRC18) to be held Nov. 7–9, 2018, in Clearwater Beach, Fla. Each year, the NDRC18 — an innovation incubator for the disaster resilience movement — brings together the nation’s foremost voices in the disaster safety and resilience movement, drawing a diverse crowd of the nation’s foremost experts and organizations. Presentations, discussion panels and spotlight topics will focus on the latest in science, policy and practice to create more resilient buildings and disaster-resilient communities in the face of natural and human-caused disasters. [Read more.](#)

New and improved access portal installed to help you with ICC’s “Online Building Codes”

The ICC website was recently updated to provide a streamlined, two-click process to access the code catalogue for all of the I-Codes, Publications and Standards in their various formats. I-Codes are typically available in printed formats, pdf downloads and may also include a free online public view (publicACCESS) and premiumACCESS. ICC’s powerful cloud based codes, premiumACCESS, are available through a subscription service. How does this new access portal work?

- From the ICC home page, click on “Online Building Codes” in the top dark green menu bar to learn more about accessing ICC’s Online Code Library and how the new changes benefit you.
- Click on “Find Codes” or “Map Search” to begin the search through the Code Library.
- Narrow your search by setting the search filters on the left side of the screen to the desired Category, Year and Format. **[Important note:** publicACCESS for a given I-Code is made by simply clicking on the cover of the desired code book displayed after the filtered search. Searching the ICC Code Library from the ICC Store web page works in a similar fashion by clicking on either premiumACCESS or public ACCESS as a starting point.]

Code adopting jurisdictions and others who have included links on their websites to ICC’s online code library and products, including publicACCESS, are encouraged to review and update these links to ensure they function as intended.

ICC supports authorization of EPA’s WaterSense Program, helping consumers save billions of dollars

The International Code Council applauds the authorization of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) [WaterSense Program](#). Since 2006, WaterSense has conserved more than 2.7 trillion gallons of water and saved American families \$63.8 billion in water and energy bills, according to the [EPA](#). WaterSense has also helped reduce the amount of energy needed to heat, pump and treat water by 367 billion kilowatt hours, which is equivalent to a year's worth of power for more than 34.1 million U.S. homes. The Code Council develops the International Codes, a family of fifteen coordinated, modern building safety codes used throughout the world, that cover structural, fire, plumbing, mechanical, resiliency and more. The International Green Construction Code (IgCC) references the WaterSense performance standards as they relate to the IgCC's water efficiency provisions. [Read more.](#)

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:

- **November 15** - [Inspector Skills](#).
- **December 6** - [Report Writing for Code Officials](#).
- **Jan 15-22** - Multi Day Virtual Event, [Inspector Skills](#).

The following is the updated list of [ICC Institutes](#) and other training opportunities across the nation. Find course listings you’d like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function:

- **November 15** at Focal Point Academy, Columbia, Md., [Inspector Skills](#).
- **December 3-4** at Atlanta, Ga., [Permit Technician Institute](#).
- **December 6** at MicroTek in Chicago, [Report Writing for Code Officials](#).
- **December 10-11** in Orlando, Fla., “[When Disaster Strikes](#)” Institute.
- **Jan 28-31**, in Brea, Calif., [Code Official Institute](#).

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 Academies:

- **November 5-8**, [64 Property Maintenance](#) in Country Club Hills, Ill.
- **November 5-8**, [B1 Res. Building Insp.](#) in Brea, Calif.
- **December 11-14**, [B2 Com. Build. Insp.](#) in Brea, Calif.