

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

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New ICC Board decision: Voter validation extended from one to three years for GMVRs

The validation cycle for Governmental Member Voting Representatives (GMVR) has been [extended from one to three years](#). This means that all currently validated GMVRs now remain active for the course of this three-year code development cycle.

- Any credentials validated and approved since January 1, 2018, are active through December 31, 2020, as long as the Governmental Member account is kept fully paid and current.
- The Primary Contact may edit the voting roster during indicated times throughout the cycle. If no changes occur to an approved voter's status, the credentials do not need to be revalidated until the next code development cycle.
- New or revised applications for voting representatives must be submitted 30 days prior to a voting event (committee action hearings, public comment hearings, or Annual Business Meeting) in order to be eligible to vote at that event. To participate in the Committee Action Hearings in Albuquerque and the online voting afterward, new or revised applications for GMVRs **must be submitted by March 29**.

[Check your voter status online today](#). You must be validated to vote on the 2021 Group B proposals during the Committee Action Hearing set for April 28 to May 8 at Albuquerque, N.M., and afterward online using cdpACCESS. Should you have any questions, please contact Member Services at members@iccsafe.org or phone 888-422-7233 x33804.

March 11 is the date for the Chapter Leader Virtual Roundtable to discuss 2019 ICC events and issues

Karla Higgs, Vice President, Member Services, issued an invitation to each ICC Chapter President notifying them of the Chapter Leader Virtual Roundtable to discuss upcoming events and issues. It will be Monday, March 11, 2 p.m. Central (Noon Pacific, 1 p.m. Mountain, 3 p.m. Eastern) to discuss:

- The March 15 deadline to submit [nominations for ICC's major annual awards](#), including Chapter of the Year.
- The April 27-28 ICC Membership Council Governing Committee meetings in Albuquerque.
- The April 27 [PMG Roundtable in Albuquerque](#) on Mitigating Water Leaks in Premise Plumbing Systems.
- 2019 Building Safety Month activities during May and throughout the year.
- The June 4-5 Chapter Leadership Academy in Denver, Colo.
- The October 20-23 ICC Annual Conference and Building Safety & Design Expo at the Rio Hotel and Convention Center in Las Vegas, and the Public Comment Hearings October 23-30.

Call-in information was sent to Chapter Presidents for their leadership teams to participate.

In person or online, don't miss out on the excitement of the 2021 Group B International Codes

Experience ICC's Code Development Process in action April 28 to May 8 at Albuquerque and online. You can provide your input on the latest proposed code changes to the 2021 Group B International Codes®.

[Check out the Committee Action Hearings schedule here](#). If you're planning to attend, don't wait about registering (it's free!) and making your flight and hotel arrangements. [Register now](#) to participate.

You're invited to the special PMG roundtable on Saturday afternoon, April 27, in Albuquerque, N.M.

Code Council Board President Bill Bryant invites all ICC Members to attend the special PMG roundtable discussion titled **Mitigating Water Leaks in Premise Plumbing Systems** while at the Committee Action Hearings on Saturday, April 27, in Albuquerque, N.M. The PMG roundtable discussion takes place the day before the Committee Action Hearings begin and will feature plumbing industry experts discussing water leak prevention solutions in the following systems:

- Sanitary Drainage, Indirect Waste, and Storm Drainage
- Water Supply & Distribution, Fixtures, Appliances, and Solar
- Landscape Irrigation and Rainwater Harvesting

The roundtable will be 1-5 p.m. at the Albuquerque Convention Center. [RSVP here](#) by **March 15**. Space is limited. If you have questions, please contact [Lee Clifton](#). And speaking of PMG, have you seen the new **2018 PMG Product Catalog** yet? [You can get yours today by downloading it here](#).

ICC Government Relations assigns new PMG Technical Resources Team to states across the nation

In order to serve our Members better, ICC has added a few positions to the Government Relations Department. These Technical Resources Team Members will assist your Government Relations Regional Managers in the field. The team members and their [assigned states can be seen in this map](#). They are responsible for developing, coordinating and implementing programs to ensure the successful completion of the ICC Government Relations' goals and objectives as they apply to the Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas (PMG) I-Codes and related services and programs of the International Code Council. This includes training and education, providing the subject matter expertise to Government Relations Managers as well as representing ICC at the PMG Chapter meetings, state plumbing and mechanical boards, task forces, committees and councils where PMG subject knowledge is required.

CEO Dominic Sims and ICC Board President Bill Bryant announce 2025 strategic planning process

In a recent announcement, ICC Board President Bill Bryant and Code Council CEO Dominic Sims outlined the new 2025 strategic planning process to update the [20/20 Vision](#) document. "As a member association, we are focused on providing the best services for our membership," they wrote. "As such, the updated strategic plan will seek feedback from all our key stakeholders – including Code Council members, board members, partners and staff – and will entail phone interviews, surveys, small work groups and a visioning workshop." [Click here to read more on this important announcement](#).

Obtaining CEU Certificates now takes less time and can be done on your own computer and printer

Those attending ICC courses this year will be able to [print their own Certificates of Completion](#) or download them directly from the ICC Learning Center starting at 72 hours after the education event. Follow the instructions below:

1. Go to [learn.iccsafe.org](#)
2. Click **Sign-In** in the upper right
3. Enter your email address in the Username field and your Password then click the **Login** button.
4. Click the **My Transcript** link at the top of the page.
5. Click the **Completed Satisfactorily** link to the right of the course name and your completion certificate will display. Print or download using the icons in the upper right.

If you do not know your username and password, please email learn@iccsafe.org to get assistance.

Emory R. Rodgers Fellowship enables building safety professionals to advance their leadership skills

The International Code Council recently announced a [new fellowship to commemorate the life and legacy of Emory R. Rodgers](#). This fellowship enables deserving building safety professionals to advance their leadership skills by attending a nationally recognized executive development program. The fellowship covers up to \$20,000 toward the full cost of the educational program and the award recipient's travel to and from the program. For more on the program and the compelling legacy left by Mr. Rodgers, [click here for the Building Safety Journal](#) feature story. [Applications](#) are due by June 30, 2019, to Karla Higgs at khiggs@iccsafe.org or 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, AL, 35213.

MUST READING! ICC Government Relations' Ryan Colker outlines how codes are nation's foundation

International Code Council Vice President of Innovation Ryan Colker discusses the role building codes play in establishing resiliency in an article in **Masonry Magazine**. "The ability for buildings to contribute to community resilience depends on the standards they are built to," Colker writes. "As presented in the recent ICC and ANCR publication, *Building Community Resilience through Modern Model Building Codes*, well-constructed buildings, designed to the latest building codes, are a significant factor in avoiding and reducing potential losses when disaster strikes. Communities cannot be resilient without resilient buildings." [Click here to read this important article](#).

Grenfell Tower fire expert to deliver keynote address at the 2019 ICC Annual Conference in Las Vegas

[Dame Judith Hackitt](#), a world renowned expert on the Grenfell Tower fire, will deliver the keynote address at this year's Annual Conference. Her report "[Building a Safer Future](#)" was published in May 2018. Dame Judith Hackitt is a chemical engineer and is currently Chair of EEF, the UK manufacturers' organization. She has been [making presentations to audiences around the world](#) on the tragic 2017 high rise fire in England which killed 72 people. The 2019 ICC Annual Conference will be October 20-23, preceding the Public Comment Hearings on Group B codes October 23-30, all [at the Rio Hotel & Convention Center in Las Vegas](#).

ICC Government Relations' Gabe Maser elected vice chair of the High Performance Building Coalition
International Code Council Government Relations Vice President of Federal Relations Gabriel Maser was recently elected vice chair of the High Performance Building Coalition where he will work to keep the Coalition operating under by-laws drafted by ICC and approved by the Coalition during the 116th Congress. The Coalition is led by representatives of the private sector who dedicate their time supporting policies that protect life and property, promote innovative building technologies, enhance U.S. economic competitiveness, increase energy and water efficiency in the built-environment, advance sustainable and resilient communities, and support the development of private sector standards, codes and guidelines that address these concerns.

Have you answered the survey yet for online remote voting on ICC Annual Conference business?

If you haven't done so yet, you can participate in a brief survey on allowing voting members to participate in online remote voting to transact Code Council business during the ICC Annual Conference. Code Council Board President Bryant set a goal this year to assess the feasibility of online remote voting during the Annual Business Meeting. The concept of online remote voting would include Code Council Board of Directors elections and bylaw amendments. As part of this exploratory initiative, President Bryant appointed the Ad Hoc Committee on ABM Business & Elections, whose first priority is to obtain membership input and guidance. To participate in this effort, please complete [this brief survey](#).

Dave Walls provides roadmap tool to help jurisdictions update and adopt IgCC from 2015 to 2018

The Code Council's Executive Director of Sustainability Programs Dave Walls provided this tool to help communities update and adopt the 2018 International Green Construction Code, published last November. Called a roadmap, the chapter-by-chapter indexing can help save time in making comparisons and updates. [Click here for the IgCC Roadmap](#). Walls also cites the benefits of adopting the IgCC as part of a jurisdiction's portfolio of codes.

Joint final flood insurance rule regarding private flood insurance policies takes effect on July 1

A final joint rule to implement provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 takes effect on July 1 to require regulated financial institutions to accept private flood insurance policies. Federal financial institution regulators recently [issued](#) the final rule which affects the Farm Credit Administration, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Reserve Board, National Credit Union Administration, and Comptroller of the Currency. [Click to read the full article in National Law Review](#).

GOT PULSE? ASTM International President Kathie Morgan is interviewed on global standards

Code Council Vice President of Global Services [Judy Zakreski](#) appears as the guest host for Episode 13 of the Code Council Pulse Podcast. ASTM International President [Kathie Morgan](#) joins Judy for a conversation about global standards. With more than three decades of experience in increasingly strategic and managerial roles at ASTM, Kathie is a respected industry leader and one of the world's prominent voices on standardization-related issues. [Click here](#) to listen.

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:

- **March 5 - [Cold-Formed Steel Design – Explore the Latest Developments](#).**
- **March 5 - Commercial Building Inspector Webinar Series [Building Planning](#).**

- **March 6** - Commercial Building Inspector Webinar Series [Wall Construction](#).
- **March 7** - [Alternative Design of Masonry Veneers and Shelf Angle Supports](#).
- **March 7** - Permit Technicians series [Legal Principles](#).
- **March 12** - [2018 IEBC®: An Introduction](#).
- **March 14** - Permit Technicians series [Finding the Answers in the I-Codes®](#).
- **March 20** - [Significant Wood Design and Construction Changes to the 2018 IBC® and NDS®](#).
- **March 20** - Commercial Building Inspector Webinar Series [Public Safety and Special Construction](#).
- **March 27** - Commercial Building Inspector Webinar Series [Footings and Foundations](#)
- **April 11** - Code Enforcement Webinar series [Drug Awareness for the Code Enforcement Officer](#).
- **May 7** - Code Enforcement Webinar series [Gang Awareness for the Code Enforcement Officer](#).

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:

- **March 5** at Charleston, S.C., [Significant Changes from ASCE 7–10 to ASCE 7–16](#).
- **March 6** at Philadelphia, Penn., [2015 IBC® Essentials](#).
- **March 6** at Philadelphia, Penn., [2015 IRC® Essentials](#).
- **March 8** at Brea, Calif., [Report Writing for Code Officials](#).
- **March 11-15** at Las Vegas, Nev., [EduCode 2019](#).
- **March 13** at Philadelphia, Penn., [2015 IBC® Essentials](#).
- **March 13** at Philadelphia, Penn., [2015 IRC® Essentials](#).
- **March 18-22** at Austin, Texas, [Residential Inspection Institute](#).
- **March 19** at Brea, Calif., [Procedures for Officers and Inspectors](#)
- **March 25-27** at Myrtle Beach, S.C., [Fire & Life Safety Institute](#).
- **April 4** at Denver, Colo., [Marijuana & the Building Code](#).
- **April 9-10** at Memphis, Tenn., [2018 IRC® Performing Residential Building Inspections](#).
- **April 10** at Chicago, Ill., [2018 IFC® and IBC® Hazardous Materials Provisions](#).
- **April 12** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [Report Writing for Code Officials](#).
- **April 15** at Sacramento, Calif., [Permit Tech Institute](#).
- **April 17** at Atlanta, Ga., [2018 IBC® and IFC® Fire Protection Systems](#).
- **April 17** at Atlanta, Ga., [2018 IBC® Fire & Smoke Protection Features](#).
- **April 19** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [Significant Changes to the A117.1 2017 Edition](#).
- **April 22** at Seattle, Wash., [Building Department Accreditation #101 Using AC251](#).
- **April 23** in Seattle, Wash., [Fire Prevention Department Accreditation #101 Using AC426](#).
- **April 24** at Atlanta, Ga., [2018 IBC® and IFC® Fire Protection Systems](#).
- **April 24** at Atlanta, Ga., [2018 IBC® Fire & Smoke Protection Features](#).
- **April 29** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [2018 IRC® Performing Residential Mechanical Inspections](#).

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](#)
- **April 30-May 3** in Austin, Texas, [B1 Residential Building Inspector Certification Test Academy](#)
- **May 6-8** at Sacramento, Calif., and online, [14 - Permit Technician Certification Test Academy 2015](#).
- **June 12-14** at Denver, Colo., [P1 Residential Plumbing Inspector Certification Test Academy](#).