

**September 2010**  
**International Code Council Update**

**IGCC Update** – The International Code Council IGCC Public Hearing Committee took action on more than 1,500 comments and nearly 120 hours of testimony on Public Version 1.0 of the *International Green Construction Code* (IGCC) during eight days of public hearings in Chicago. The outcome of the hearings will result in Public Version 2.0 of the International Green Construction Code, scheduled for release in November.

For the latest information, visit: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/IGCC/Pages/default.aspx?r=IGCC>

**The Blueprint to 2015.** The ICC Strategic Plan, known as the "Blueprint for the Future," is being updated after five years. This next five-year plan will provide a framework for the business decisions and mission-relevance of the activities of the Code Council through 2015. In the coming weeks, you will be asked to provide feedback as the new Blueprint begins to take shape. A special page on our website is already dedicated to this project, and can be accessed at:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/AboutICC/Pages/blueprint2015.aspx>

**Code Development Review Ad Hoc Committee (CDRAC).** The Code Council Board of Directors has appointed a special committee to review our code development process on an ongoing basis, ranging from the schedule to issues addressing procedures and participation.

The CDRAC is Chaired by Board member Cindy Davis, and composed of seven code official board members and six industry members, the CDRAC is charged with addressing critical issues impacting the code development process. In August, the CDRAC met to discuss an integrated approach to issues ranging from ratification to remote voting and other issues, which collectively require a strategic focus. Your ongoing feedback is very much appreciated as the CDRAC continues its work. To review a summary of the CDRAC meetings, visit the website at:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/AHC-CDR/Pages/default.aspx>

**Annual Business Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina** - Charlotte Convention Center October 24-31

***Notice of Annual Meeting & By Law Changes*** – see attached

***Register today:*** <https://www.eshow2000.com/iccbwi/splash.cfm>

***Education Program*** – see attached brochure for a description of this year's educational program

***Confirm Your ICC Membership Information to Vote at Code Hearings, ABM.*** The Code Council's Annual Conference and Group B Final Action Hearings (Administrative, IECC, IPMC, IRC – Energy, and IZC) are scheduled to begin Oct. 25 in Charlotte, N.C. In accordance with Council Policy 28, new and updated membership information must be received no less than 10 days prior to the first day of the meeting in order for members to exercise their voting privileges, both for the Annual Business Meeting and the Final Action Hearings. The membership deadline for this meeting is close of business on October 15, 2010. Governmental Member voting designation form attached.

***When Can Governmental Member Voting Representatives Accept Financial Assistance to Attend Code Hearings?***

The objective of this email is to help you understand when Governmental Member Voting Representatives (GMR's) can accept financial assistance to attend code hearings based on Council Policy 36. Financial assistance from trade associations or other groups is permitted as long as it is explicitly authorized by the "elected governing body or chief administrative authority" of the GMR's unit of government. The rationale for this approach is that it is neither practical nor appropriate for ICC to police a local government's compliance with its ethics or other rules regarding that jurisdiction's acceptance of financial assistance from outside entities (including entities who may be subject to the jurisdiction's regulatory authority). For more information, including a link to the policy, visit:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/Membership/Pages/2010FinancialAssistance.aspx>

**ICC Needs You – Please renew your membership** - We need your continued support this year to build on our accomplishments and to maintain the strength we've worked so hard to achieve. ICC is dedicated to ensuring building and fire safety while delivering top notch education and professional development. It might be helpful to point out some of the latest developments at ICC that affect our membership:

- ✓ In late 2009, ICC launched a new and improved website that is complete with interactive features, enhanced navigation, members-only resources and an updated design.
- ✓ In parallel with the new site, we launched the Communities of Interest portal. ICC's communities are free, interest based and interactive areas on the site dedicated to your area of focus.
- ✓ Members can now create and maintain a member profile including personal and professional data, areas of interest and other important information. Member profiles, which are available 24 hours a day and seven days a week, allow members to customize their online experience.
- ✓ *Building Safety Journal* has been redesigned in an innovative new format – without the limits of a printed publication. *Building Safety Journal Online* is delivered to your inbox with improved presentation, interactive content and in-depth coverage of critical issues.

Visit: <https://av.iccsafe.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?WebCode=LoginRequired&expires=yes&Site=ICC>  
Or call Membership Services at 1-888-422-7233 ext 33804

**Free IES Webinar** - This webinar will provide important information about how fire and building code officials can use ICC-ES Evaluation Reports to verify that innovative building products comply with code requirements. Next webinars are October 5<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Visit: <http://www.icc-es.org/webinar/>

**GR Adoptions Toolkit** - The Code Adoption Toolkit contains briefing papers on technical issues, samples of ordinances, endorsements and support materials from national organizations. Several new items have been added in the past month. Please visit the Toolkit for valuable information that can assist with code adoption issues on the state or local level. Visit:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Pages/resources.aspx>

**ICC Plan Review Institute: October 5-8 in Chicago, IL. Space is limited – sign up now!** Plan reviewers require a comprehensive understanding of the steps required to perform an effective plan review. At ICC's Plan Review Institute, you can learn how to perform reviews in a step-by-step fashion from nationally recognized practitioners.

The 4-day Institute - which is critical for entry-level, intermediate or advanced plan reviewers - features interactive practice exercises, question-and-answer sessions, detailed checklists and other valuable tools. Included on the agenda will be requirements for completing a structural review (including the application of the 2009 *International Building Code*) and residential plan review (including the application of the 2009 *International Residential Code*).

To register, visit: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Education/Courses/Pages/institutes.aspx>

#### **New Chapter Area on ICC website:**

The new website has an area for ICC Regional and Chapter News. Please visit this page for news and updates. If your Chapter has news to share, please forward to GR Senior Regional Manager Corey Roblee [CRoblee@iccsafe.org](mailto:CRoblee@iccsafe.org)

Direct link: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Communities/ChaptersRegions/Pages/default.aspx>

**Community Building Code Administration Grant Act (CBCAG)** re-introduced into Congress. Please show your support by sending letters and a Supporting Resolution from your Chapter.

<http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Pages/code-grant.aspx>

#### **Stimulus Tool Kit.**

Tools to help ICC members and member jurisdictions apply for funding available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

<http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Content/Pages/toolkit-recovery.aspx>

For other important ICC member news, visit the ICC website: [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)