



# 2009 Annual Report

*“To be recognized throughout the industry as  
“preferred” quality contractors, manufacturers,  
consultants, distributors and reps of important fire and  
life safety systems.”*

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE ~

Our organization has grown unbelievably, in size and in knowledge, since the steering committee members first met in 1998. With the concept of developing an association solely devoted to fire and life safety through the proper installation of firestop systems, FCIA has greatly impacted the industry. I would like to extend thanks to these nine individuals, for their vision, program development and implementation, which has directed FCIA to where we are today.

Aedan Gleeson—President  
Ed Dougherty—Vice President  
Mel Tabor—Treasurer  
Don Murphy—Secretary

Blasdel Reardon— Director  
Breck Spain—Director  
Kathy Taraba—Director  
Mark Singley—Outside Counsel  
Bill McHugh—Vice President, Executive Director



Bill Hoos  
President

**As our mission statement reads “...through active participation in the FCIA and related forums, members contribute to the advancement of the firestop and compartmentation industry and maintain exceptional knowledge of this specialized service”, I ask that you encourage others to be part of FCIA, as you are ambassadors of this very important organization, and challenge you to become more involved in committees, the backbone of the group.**

I would like to also thank all FCIA members, for your support in our organization, as well as those who have held leadership roles this year, and the past ten. As we begin our next decade, I invite you to continue to be part of FCIA in promoting our industry... to bring fire and life safety to the community through the Specialty Firestop Contractor Concept, and make a difference in our industry.

Sincerely,  
*Bill Hoos, 2009 FCIA President*

## FCIA 2009 Board of Directors

**Bill Hoos**, JHC Firestop, Inc.— President; **Randy Bosscawen**, Multicon Fire Containment — Vice President; **Randy Perry**, Adler Firestopping — Treasurer; **Jodi Clem**, PREVENT— Secretary; **Gary Hamilton**, Hamilton Benchmark Inc.— Director; **Bob Hasting**, Specialty Firestop Systems — Director; **Don Sabrsula**, Fire Safe of Houston, Inc.— Director; **Mike Dominguez**, Firestop Specialties, Inc.— Past President; **Tom Hottenroth**, Firestop Solutions, Inc.— Past President



### FCIA CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE!

As FCIA Celebrates its 10 year anniversary, reflections of the first meetings come to mind for all who participated. Since 1999, the evolution of the Firestopping Industry and FCIA have been woven together.

At FCIA's Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show, Aedan Gleeson, FCIA's first President and a Charter Member, remembered the steering committee who formed the association. At the Charter Member Meeting in Chicago, January 1999, the group assembled committees that would guide FCIA's direction to making the Specialty Firestop Contractor Concept recognized in the industry by architects, specifiers, building officials, fire marshals, general contractors, building owners and managers, as a preferred provider of firestopping and compartmentation services. Over 40 members joined FCIA, and participated in the original four committees:

- Accreditation, -Technical, -Code and -Liaison

Each of these committees worked together to bring the programs that are making a difference in our industry today... details follow:

#### **Accreditation Committee**

- ◇ FCIA's Accreditation Committee worked with Jeff Gould to develop the FM 4991 Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors; with Betsy Titus and Gary Knef to develop the UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program; with International Accreditation Services to develop requirements for Inspectors at Special Inspection Agencies.
- ◇ In 2009, the Accreditation Committee also worked with MasterSpec and SpecLink to get these important programs in the master specifications of over 9,000 subscriber architectural firms, in Division 07-84-00 Sections, Firestopping. Additionally, FCIA's Accreditation and Standards Committees worked together at International Accreditation Services to add the FM or UL Firestop Exam for DRI's as a qualification for firestop inspectors, as part of AC 291, Accreditation Criteria for Inspection Agencies.

#### **Technical & Education Committees**

- ◇ The Technical Committee produced and maintains "The Standard", FCIA's Manual of Practice, the benchmark body of knowledge that a person involved in firestopping should know, and basis for the UL and FM Firestop Exams for DRI's.
- ◇ Several updates to the Manual of Practice have taken place and are available for free in PDF on the FCIA website, members only.

#### **Standards Committee**

- ◇ The Standards Committee in 2009 has been active at ASTM E-06, preparing corrections for the ASTM E 2174 and ASTM E 2393 Standards for the Inspection of Installed Penetration and Joint Firestop Systems, and then balloting over 60 items successfully. The committee commented on NFPA 1, NFPA 3, and NFPA 221 Standards. We also approached NFPA 80 to be an "included industry". At UL's Standards Technical Panel, FCIA is working to bring movement capabilities to testing of installed penetration firestop systems. And, the group is working at the American Society of Safety Engineers to address problems in ASME A 112.20.2, the Standard for Qualifications of Firestop Installers around Piping.

### **Marketing (formerly Liaison) Committee**

- ◇ The Marketing Committee brings FCIA's Message to the outside world. The committee displays FCIA and speaks at four major trade shows yearly, and liaisons with key influences in the Firestopping Industry including: Construction Specification Institute, Construction Specifications Canada, American Institute of Architects, Building Owners and Managers Association, Association of Walls and Ceilings Industries, National Insulation Association, Thermal Insulation Contractors Association of Canada, MasterSpec, SpecLink, and many more groups.
- ◇ FCIA articles appear frequently in magazines such as the National Insulation 'Outlook', 'Maintenance Solutions', the Construction Specifications Institute, and Construction Specifications Canada's Specifier Magazines.
- ◇ 'Life Safety Digest'—FCIA's industry leading magazine continues to bring firestopping and compartmentation to influences worldwide.

### **Membership Committee**

In 1999 there were 40 FCIA Members ... and in 2009, FCIA is 266 Members strong!

- ◇ Membership growth and retention is a reflection of FCIA's activity and programs throughout the years.
- ◇ FCIA's website continues to provide value to many with over 11,000 visits per month, and open access to those seeking information about Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation.
- ◇ FCIA grows internationally —The FCIA Dubai Firestopping Seminar brought excellent value to existing members while gaining new members and friends internationally from the Middle East and Far East.
- ◇ FCIA speaks at FCIA member events for 3M, HILTI, Specified Technologies, and others.
- ◇ What does FCIA Membership bring for your dues dollar?
  - \* FCIA Life Safety Digest Subscription; FCIA's hand-selected circulation of key decision makers provides a prime audience of building code officials, fire marshals, specifiers, architects, engineers, building owners (healthcare organizations and universities), and GC's.
  - \* FCIA.org Website Listing, Member Lists—Brings you work!
  - \* Discounts on Manual of Practice (\$600 value) plus free updates to MOP (\$195 at other associations) and Conference attendance discounts (\$150 per conference).
  - \* FCIA Enewsletter—Hear about what FCIA is up to on your behalf!
  - \* FCIA Advocacy Work for Firestop Contractors: - ASTM, UL, NFPA Standards, - ICC, IAPMO, NFPA Codes, - FCIA Department of Labor Apprenticeship (Created O-Net Classification 47-4099.99, North American Industry Classification System Submission for Firestopping filed by FCIA.) - FCIA at MasterSpec and SpecLink, -FCIA created & has advocated these important industry programs (FM 4991 Approval & UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Programs, ASTM E 2174 & ASTM E 2393 Firestop Inspection Standards, and International Accreditation Services AC 291 Inspector Qualifications.) - FCIA Education Programs for UL & FM Testing (\$295 value, free to members) - FCIA & UL Total Fire Protection Systems Symposiums, - FCIA promotes Firestop Contractor Value at Construction Specifications Institute, Construction Specifications Canada, Association of Walls and Ceilings Industries, National Insulation Association, Thermal Insulation Association of Canada, ICC Expo, Metro Fire Chiefs, FCIS Show ... and much more!

### Code Committee

- ◇ The Code Committee takes FCIA programs developed by FCIA committees and others, and works at implementing them into building codes to improve fire and life safety for all in buildings.
- ◇ FCIA's Code Committee hired consultant, Bill Koffel, Koffel Associates in 2001, to help us implement important firestopping installation and inspection process code requirements. For 2009, we have initial approval on adding the ASTM E 2174 & ASTM E 2393 Standards for the Inspection of Installed Penetration and Joint Firestop Systems to Chapter 17 of the International Building Code, Special Inspections.
- ◇ FCIA Executive Director, Bill McHugh, attended all International Code Council Code Technology Committee meetings, participated in ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Terrorism Resistant Buildings teleconferences and traveled to Baltimore in 2009 to testify on several important code change proposals. At the ICC Committee Hearings this October, several key issues made great strides:
  - ASTM E 2174 & ASTM E 2393 Inspection Standards—FCIA's Code Proposal for Independent Inspection of Firestopping passed the committee, becoming a code requirement if passed without opposition at final action hearings in May, 2010.
  - FM Approved & UL Qualified Firestop Contractors— FCIA's Code Proposal to add this requirement to Chapter 7 missed by one vote at the ICC Fire Safety Committee.
  - Occupancy Separation Table—FCIA's Code Consultant, Bill Koffel, wrote the justification for this code proposal in 2006, submitted by NAIMA's Tony Crimi.
  - IAPMO, ASME, ASSE —FCIA supports accuracy of standards regardless of publisher. ASME's A 112.20.0 Standard has a requirement that only a person with 4 years experience in piping systems installation can install firestopping. FCIA believes this move by the United Association of Plumbers, Pipefitters Union, is unfair. FCIA petitioned ANSI to have IAPMO's UPC-1 2009 Code not receive ANSI status, unless the code mandate requiring a journeyman plumber to be the only person qualified to install firestopping around piping is removed.
- ◇ At NFPA, FCIA participates as a member of the Fire Protection Features Committee, where debates about compartmentation requirements take place. Code Consultant, Bill Koffel, is also a member of this and other NFPA committees.

### Apprenticeship Committee

- ◇ FCIA's Apprenticeship Committee has gained Department of Labor approval for a model Apprenticeship Program in Washington State. We are assembling Years One and Two of the Apprenticeship Education Program for use by contractors worldwide.
- ◇ And in 2009, the committee assembled the application for a North American Industry Classification (NAICS) Code, creating an industry for firestopping.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Program Committee

- ◇ The Program Committee continues to recommend great locations and topics for FCIA Conferences, offering FCIA Members CEU Credit while receiving timely industry information that benefits businesses immediately.

### Legislative Committee

- ◇ The Legislative Committee has been tracking firestopping licensing efforts, and legislation that affects firestopping.

### MESSAGE FROM 2010 FCIA PRESIDENT...Randy Bosscawen

*As my term begins as FCIA President in January, I would like to help us continue the momentum of the last ten years! Please take the time to review the 2009 report so you are up to date on the accomplishments of this extraordinary group of talented professionals who have donated their time to further the firestopping industry. **Then, find a way to get involved!***

*The strides we are making as a group directly affects your business in a positive way... and it could not be done without the commitment of FCIA Volunteer Members!!*



### LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER YEAR... FCIA'S 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### IMPORTANT DATES!!

- **FCIA FIRESTOP EDUCATION & COMMITTEE ACTION CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO, April 27-30, 2010**
- **FCIA FIRESTOP INDUSTRY CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW, November 9-12, 2010**
- **FM TEST DATES:** April 28, 2010, San Francisco, CA  
November 9, 2010, TBD
- **UL TEST DATES:** February 17, 2010, San Jose, CA  
April 28, 2010, San Francisco, CA  
July 22, 2010, Melville, NY  
October 7, Toronto, ON  
November 9, 2010, TBD



### **GET INVOLVED!!**

- ~ **JOIN A FCIA COMMITTEE.** Visit [www.fcia.org](http://www.fcia.org), click on “committees”, click on “apply”.
- ~ **ATTEND A FCIA CONFERENCE,** Visit [www.fcia.org](http://www.fcia.org), details coming soon...
- ~ **WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR Life Safety Digest.**

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