



# FCIA E-newsletter – Jan 8, 2013

## FCIA's Active in Canada

FCIA's efforts in Canada really pick up steam in 2013. Here are a few things we're doing:

- FCIA Firestop Symposium with the National Research Council of Canada - Feb. 27, Ottawa
- FCIA Speaks & attends Construction Specifications Canada National Convention - May 22-26
- FCIA Education before UL & FM Firestop Exams - Feb. 28, Ottawa
- FCIA committed to two Construction Specifications Canada Chapter Programs in 2013
- Canada's National Research Council speaks again at FCIA Conference

FCIA Membership 'In Good Standing' changes made.



## FCIA's Active in the USA

FCIA's Marketing Committee and staff continue to advocate for better reliability of installed firestopping at regulatory influences and with potential customers.

FCIA is working with, on the presentation program or has a Trade Show Booth:

- NFPA's Annual Convention
- CONSTRUCT2013 in Nashville
- ASHE's Annual Convention
- ICC's Expo
- Joint Commission
- Many more local and regional programs...

FCIA and volunteers participates at:

- ICC Code Hearings
- ICC's Fire Safety Committee until 2014
- ASTM E06 Task Groups
- ASSE's 9000 Development Committee
- International Accreditation Services Board of Directors
- NFPA's Fire Protection Features Committee

Add it all up and your association is getting the word out to create better reliability through advocating those contractors with '....a specific interest in the installation of firestop products that become firestop systems'. That's right from the FCIA By-Laws. Why? Specialty Firestop Contractors have the education, training, zero tolerance culture and resources to get the job done.



## FCIA's Active Worldwide

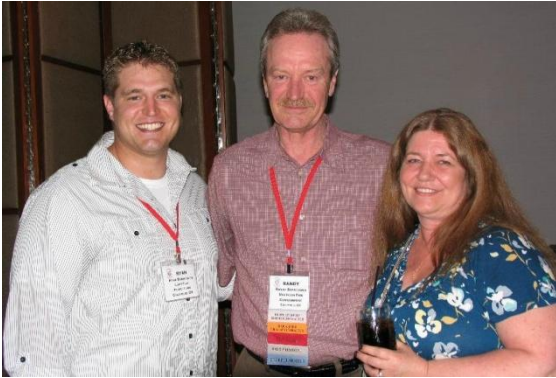
FCIA's International efforts continue. After a successful 2012 Firestopping & DIIM program in Dubai, FCIA is speaking in Muscat, Oman April 2&3. FCIA's Seminars in the Middle East continue with a program both in Abu Dhabi, UAE and Doha, Qatar planned as well.



Attendees at FCIA's Middle East Seminar

## FCIA Says Thanks!

FCIA's Past-Past President Randy Bosscawen's term on the FCIA Board of Directors expired Dec. 31. Thanks Randy for the 4 year President term commitment and work that comes with being a leader at FCIA. That's over and above the 2 year director commitment. Also, thanks Randy for past and future participation on the Code, Standards and Legislative Committees. Randy was also appointed to serve on the ICC Central Ohio Chapter Board of Directors. Leadership is recognized inside FCIA and with other organizations as well.



Randy Bosscawen and his family

## FCIA Conferences Bring Value

If you didn't attend FCIA's Conferences in 2012, you missed a lot including speakers such as the Past President of the International Code Council Ron Lynn, NFPA's Chief Statistician, Dr. John Hall, Gary Lougheed of the National Research Council of Canada, Anne Guglielmo of the Joint Commission and John Barrios, Chair of the Board at International Accreditation Services. Watch for details as the FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference is being planned by the Program Committee. Save the dates....April 30, May 1-3, 2013. FCIA's Firestop Industry Conference and Trade Show is set for November 5-8. Watch [FCIA.org](http://FCIA.org) as the FCIA Program Committee organizes another blockbuster event. Plus, check out the presentations in the 'FCIA.org/MembersOnly' section. Forgot your password? Email [webmaster@fcia.org](mailto:webmaster@fcia.org).

## Comment on FCIA's Facebook and LinkedIn!

FCIA's Facebook and LinkedIn postings happen frequently. Don't miss the action. FCIA social media outlets are designed to connect with firestop professionals and facilitate industry news and discussions.

Click through the icons below to find our pages!



## FCIA's New Board Meets

FCIA's 2013 Board of Directors meets in Denver later in January. The Board volunteers 2 days each in January and August to keep FCIA moving forward. FCIA's call for 2014 Directors starts with participation in FCIA Committees. (See below.)



2013 Board from Left to Right: Tracy Smith, Jodi Clem, Bob Hasting, Gary Hamilton, Ken Slama, Eric Keeton, Don Murphy, Scott Rankin

## Volunteer for a Committee!

Interested in serving on a FCIA Committee? Email [bill@fcia.org](mailto:bill@fcia.org) or [evie@fcia.org](mailto:evie@fcia.org) with your interest and we'll pass your name on to the Board of Directors who appoints committee members. [Here is a list of FCIA Committees.](#)

## FCIA's Commitment to Value for Membership Dues

FCIA offers many benefits not found at other associations. From the inception of FCIA, there's been NO 'Nickel and Diming'. Below are just a few benefits that add value to your business, all member benefits:

- FCIA's Firestop Manual of Practice updates are free to members.
- FCIA Conferences are the least expensive as compared to many other trade associations with more speakers and food. Compare to others at \$725+.
- FCIA Conference Locations - The Spring Education and Committee Action Conference is in the center of North America for easy access from East, West and Central locations. Hotel rates are based on 'travel first class at middle class' prices.
- FCIA Education for FM 4991 & UL Firestop Exams is free. Compare that to \$495-\$1495 for other group's education.
- FCIA's RPP-S-01, Recommended Practice for Survey of Existing Buildings - Free to members, \$295 for non members.
- FCIA Webinars - Free to all, compare to \$99+ at other groups.
- FCIA Management System 'Template' and Education – Free to members, \$295 to non members.

Most associations charge big money for webinars, publications, and other association resources. At FCIA, there's a lot of value in membership built in. It pays for your dues, and more. Take advantage and realize the benefits that come with your \$1225 investment in Annual Membership Dues by visiting FCIA.org, Members Only, attending conferences, and more.

Your association has been able to provide these benefits and advocate for better reliability of installed firestopping through the DIIM while remaining financially healthy. For those members who have stuck with us for years, thanks for being a member. To new members, we look forward to having you active in the association to keep the DIIM..proper Design, Installation, Inspection and Maintenance of Firestopping initiative improving

the performance of installed firestopping for fire and life safety in buildings.



FCIA Members listening in at the Orlando conference

## FCIA Membership Classification Change for Contractors, Contractor Branches, International Contractors, International Contractor Branches

Throughout North America, specifications in MasterFormat Section 07-84-00 call for a 'FCIA Member in Good Standing'. When meeting in November 2012, the FCIA 2012 Board voted new requirements for 'Member in Good Standing' to add value to membership. To attain 'Member in Good Standing' status, members joining after Dec. 21, 2012 must have paid dues for at least the previous two years. This helps provide value to members who continue membership.

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***Best wishes for a safe, successful winter construction season.***

***Happy New Year!***

***Bill McHugh, FCIA***

***Executive Director***

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