



FCIA E-newsletter – Dec 12, 2012

2013 Membership Renewal Promotion

The FCIA keeps growing and growing, now with a whopping 310 members! In an effort to keep retention strong, FCIA is rolling out a membership renewal promotion.

The FCIA Board of Directors have voted to slightly increase membership dues for 2013. However, FCIA Members who pay membership dues in full before December 31, 2012 can renew their 2013 membership at the 2012 membership rate! Payment must be received by December 31, 2012 in order to take advantage of these savings! Renewals received after this date will follow the 2013 membership rate. Invoices have been mailed but if you have any questions, please contact evie@fcia.org.

As an association, FCIA's retention for 2012 is about 86%. In the association world, anything over 75% is considered stellar. Congrats, FCIA! The membership is a reflection on all the successful programs and committees our members serve on. FCIA has grown into an active group of more than 310 contractors, manufacturers, distributors and professionals from around the world committed to firestopping and compartmentation, plus life, smoke and fire safety. Here's to hoping for 100% retention going into 2013!



FCIA Members Tim Sanders and Ken Totherow

FCIA FIC Update

FCIA's Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show, Nov. 6-9, 2012 was a great success! Educational sessions from Dr. John Hall, NFPA's Chief Statistician, Gary Lougheed, the National Research Council of Canada, Anne Guglielmo, Joint Commission, Kevin Dale of Hendrick, Phillips, Salzman and Flatt, Clay Booth of Thermal Ceramics all brought new information to FCIA's Attendees. Presentations are in the FCIA Members Only section [here](#). Watch for details as the Spring FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference is being planned by the Program Committee. Save the dates....April 30, May 1-3, 2013!



Golf tournament winners (from left to right)
Jerry Dugan, Peter Logsdon, Ben Urcavich, and Rick Holmes



Speaker Clay Booth presenting at FIC 2012



Randy Bosscawen and Tracy Smith

Join FCIA on Facebook and LinkedIn!

FCIA is now on Facebook and LinkedIn with Twitter to follow shortly. If you don't have a Facebook page or LinkedIn profile, don't worry it's easy and fun! Visit www.fcia.org and click on the Facebook or LinkedIn icons. You'll be prompted to make either a page or profile. Remember to 'like' FCIA on Facebook, and join the conversation! FCIA social media outlets are designed to connect with firestop professionals and facilitate industry news and discussions. Postings will not be accepted for advertisements, job listings, job estimating or costing, anti-trust issues or inappropriate comments. Thank you for helping us keep the fire and life safety conversation going!

FCIA's Firestop DIIM Seminar in Dubai, United Arab Emirates

FCIA's DIIM Educational Seminar in the UAE welcomed 100 people over two days, Nov. 28 and 29, 2012.

"At this session, we broke the Firestop 'DIIM' into four different presentations", states FCIA Membership Chair, Bill Hoos.



FCIA Educational Seminar in Dubai attendees listening intently

For the **D-Design**, Bill McHugh presented about the advantages of firestop systems tested to ASTM E 814, UL 1479, and UL 2079. Specified Technologies, Inc.'s Tony Abou Rjeily presented about Perimeter Fire Containment Systems and ASTM E 2307.



SHOEB, STL, and Eastern Wings attending FCIA's Educational Seminar in Dubai
For the **I-Install**, FM Approval's Vidur Berry presented about the FM 4991 Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors and

UL's Romnish Kapoor spoke about the Qualified Firestop Program

In the **I-Inspection**, we covered the ASTM E 2174 and ASTM E 2393 Penetration and Joint Firestop Inspection Standards and International Accreditation Services IAS AC 291 Accreditation Criteria for Special Inspection Agencies.

To finish, HILTI's Amir Toma presented an updated program on **M-Maintenance** of Fire and Smoke Resistant Construction in existing buildings.



Bill McHugh, FCIA Executive Director and the Dubai attendees

Contacts were made with several FCIA's friends and colleagues from around the Persian Gulf Region. Dubai Municipality, consultants such as KEO, the Civil Defence, Department of Municipal Affairs and many more were in attendance. Visit www.fcia.org to check out the agenda and presentations.

ULC Qualified Firestop Contractors

FCIA Canada Members report they are seeing more specifications for UL Qualified Firestop Contractors in Canada. It's happened in the west, central and eastern parts of Canada. After several years of work, efforts are starting to pay off. Look for several FCIA visits to Canada in 2013.

Firestopping NAICS Code and Economic Census

The Economic Census is the U.S. Government's official five-year measure of American business and the economy. It is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, and response is required by law.

Forms go out to more than 4 million businesses, including large, medium and small companies representing all U.S. locations and industries. Respondents are asked to provide a range of operational and performance data for their companies.

As part of the U.S. Census Bureau's mission to measure America's economy, the next Economic Census will be conducted for the year ending December 2012. If contacted, we need YOU to respond that you are a 'Firestop Contractor' using the code "NAICS 238310". With this declaration, it proves that firestopping is a trade.

FCIA worked with the North American Industry Classification Code groups in the USA, Canada and Mexico to have this NAICS code created for Firestop Contractors. Thanks to Bill Hoos and Bob Hasting, for their diligence working with this group.

Call for Committees!

If you are interested in serving on an FCIA Committee, or it's been a while since you participated, we need you! Go to [FCIA's Committee page](#) on the website to see which Committee interests you and contact the Chairs to check availability and how to get involved. Thanks for volunteering! (All positions are appointed by the Committee Chairs and are volunteer. Most Committee commitments are one year starting in 2013.)



Thanks again to FCIA's 2012 Board!

Photos now available on FCIA Website from Orlando conference

Check out all the action from FCIA's Firestop Industry Conference and Trade Show in Orlando. Golf photos and the rest of the captions are yet to come, but visit <http://fcia.org/articles/photoalbum.htm> to check out all of the action. A quick preview from speaker photos is below.



FM Approvals' Jeff Gould



Hendrick, Phillips, Salzman & Flatt, PC's Kevin Dale



FCIA Executive Director Bill McHugh

Best wishes for a safe, successful winter construction season.

Happy Holidays!

Bill McHugh, FCIA

Executive Director

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