

2010 Firestop Contractors International Association HIGHLIGHTS

~ **FCIA 2010 Board Elections - 2011 Board of Directors:** FCIA Board Elections took place at the FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show in November. The new board includes: **Bob Hasting**, Specialty Firestop Systems — President; New Director **Don Murphy**, PPMI Firestop, Inc.; New Director & Vice President **Jodi Clem**, PREVENT; **Gary Hamilton**, Hamilton Benchmark Inc. — Director; New Director **Scott Rankin**, Pyro-Stop, LLC; **Ken Slama**, National Firestop Ltd.— Director; New Director **Eric Keeton**, Dalton Maintenance, Inc.; **Bill Hoos**, JHC Firestop, Inc. — Past President; **Randy Bosscawen**, Multicon Fire Containment — Past President

~FCIA Committees Make Things Happen

FCIA Accreditation Committee, Aedan Gleeson & Tom Hottenroth, Co-Chairs - The FM 4991 and UL Qualified Contractor Programs are growing. Between the two programs, there are well over 90 contractor firms covering the major cities in the US, Canada, and United Arab Emirates. FCIA Consultant Members are also applying for IAS AC 291 Accreditation. The FCIA Accreditation Committee's Sample Management Systems Manual will help contractors and inspection agencies alike. Watch for more firms getting approved or qualified in 2011.

FM/UL Firestop Exam dates:

- March 29, 2011 – UL, Toronto
- April 27, 2011 – FM/UL, FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference, New Orleans
- June 2, 2011 – UL, Northbrook, IL
- July 21, 2011 UL, Melville, NY
- November 9, 2011 – FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show, TBD

FCIA Apprenticeship Committee – Bob Hasting & Don Donnelly, Co-Chairs - FCIA worked with US Dept. of Labor to create new firestop worker apprenticeship standards. FCIA Apprenticeship Chair Bob Hasting received an announcement from the US Department of Labor that 'Firestop Containment Worker is a new emerging industry'. We also received approval for the FCIA Firestop/Containment Worker Standards in December for Oregon and Washington State.

FCIA Code Committee – Gary Hamilton & Bob LeClair, Co-Chairs – FCIA's Code Committee's big accomplishment this year was the ICC Code acceptance of the ASTM E 2174 & ASTM E 2393 Standards for the Inspection of Firestop Systems for buildings 75' and higher, and Type IV and V Buildings referenced in table 1601, mostly assembly and iconic structures. The requirement for independent inspection of firestopping to these standards we believe will result in more FCIA Member Specialty Firestop Contractors needed to meet detailed demands for correct systems installed right the first time. FCIA's support for key concepts at NFPA continues to help our industry. Look for FCIA to be more involved in the National Building Code of Canada in the future.

FCIA Legislative Committee – Bill Weber & Eric Keeton, Co-Chairs – FCIA's Legislative committee has been tracking legislation for Firestopping at State Legislatures. Look for more action from this group next year.

Marketing Committee – Don Murphy & Mike Wellons, Co-Chairs - FCIA's Marketing Committee continues to gain FCIA exposure at local & regional trade shows by attending and/or presenting. For 2010, FCIA exhibited at the American Society of Healthcare Engineers Show, International Code Council (ICC) Expo, had Life Safety Digest on display at the CONSTRUCT Show, and more.

- FCIA's Website continues to be well travelled. Visits at FCIA.org are up to about 10,000 per month
- FCIA Offers a Free FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice in PDF to Architects, Engineers, Specifiers, Facility Managers, Building Owners, Fire Marshals and Building Code Officials...check out the announcement at FCIA.org. It creates a knowledgeable buyer for your services.
- FCIA's 4 Specs Ad, brings architects to FCIA.org.
- FCIA liaisons with CSI, CSC, AIA, DBIA, AGC NFPA, ICC ASTM FM Approvals & UL, UL Canada and ABC creates visits to FCIA.org, where your popup listing is visited by key purchasers of Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation services look for contractors.

FCIA Life Safety Digest - Scott Rankin & Don Murphy, Co-Chairs - Life Safety Digest continues to expand its reach in the fire and life safety industry. Life Safety Digest's new Circulation is up over 10,000 firms, with about 25,000 readers including: building owners and managers, healthcare facilities/universities, specifiers, architects, engineers, building code officials, fire marshals, GCs and firestop contractors. Great articles are a big benefit to members.

FCIA Membership Committee – Bill Hoos & Jodi Clem, Co-Chairs – FCIA's 2010 Membership Growth & Retention continues, outstanding for groups the size of FCIA. With 282 Members total and great retention, FCIA continues to grow. Plus, FCIA's International reach now includes 12 Contractors and 4 Associates from the UAE, England, Bangkok and Taiwan. Most of the FCIA Manufacturer Members are also participating internationally.

FCIA Program Committee – Jodi Clem & Scott Rankin, Co-Chairs – The FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show in Scottsdale had interesting speakers, beautiful hotel and a challenging golf course. Renee Jacobs, CHFM, Vice President, Facilities and Construction at St. Luke's, KS, spoke on "Importance of Fire Barrier Management"; Andrew Streifel, Infection Control at Univ. of Minnesota Hospitals, on "Infection Control and Firestopping"... and more. The FCIA Ray Usher Golf Tournament to raise funds for the scholarship at the University of Maryland was loads of fun and well attended with 50+ golfers and 16 golf sponsors. Scholarship Applications will be evaluated and then awarded to a deserving Fire Protection Engineering Student for the fall 2011 semester. Check out FCIA.org to see the programs.

SAVE THE DATE: FCIA Firestop Education and Committee Action Conference, April 26-29, 2011, New Orleans. JAZZ FEST is the weekend following the conference. Look for hotel information in the next few weeks!

FCIA Standards Committee – Randy Bosscawen & Mike Dominguez, Co-Chairs – The Standards Committee's big accomplishment in 2009 and 2010 was getting the ASTM E 2174 & ASTM E 2393 Standards balloted and completed for the ICC Code submission, which was approved by the ICC in 2010. FCIA's Standards Committee continues to participate at UL's Standards Technical Panels on movement, shrinkage, while inputting the field perspective to the ASTM Standards Development Process at ASTM E 06, Performance of Buildings and E 05, Fire Standards. Members participated in the ASSE 9000 Series standards for firestop installers getting the Firestop/Containment Worker as an acceptable alternative.

FCIA Technical & Education Committees – Mike Dominguez & Bob Hasting, Co-Chairs – The Technical and Education Committees have been working on technical content for the FCIA Apprenticeship Education Program, while editing the FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice.

Phoenix Group Insurance Program – Working with Bill Hoos, Membership Chair, FCIA Member The Phoenix Insurance Group is an industry expert in providing insurance coverage to

meet the needs of US based firestop contractors. The Phoenix Group spoke at the FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show, "If you are performing Surveys, Inspections, giving recommendations to engineers on products/applications to use, or are party to engineering judgments, then you need to speak with us about appropriate coverage." Contact them for your general liability insurance, errors & omission, pollution liability, bonding, business automobile, property insurance and worker's comp insurance. **Leigh Hays** at **908-879-2446** or lhays@phoenixinsgrp.com.

As you can see, FCIA has been busy this year, with lots going on in all the committees. When looked at in total, the philosophy of Design, Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Management are all wrapped up in the committee activity.

Don't miss 2011's FCIA Events. They will be great programs, with much technical information for you to be better at your business.

IMPORTANT DATES to remember

- FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference – April 26 – 29, 2011, New Orleans
- Life Safety Organization Conference – February 23 – 25, 2011, Las Vegas
- FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show – November 8 – 11, 2011, place TBD

We look forward to having you as a member of FCIA in 2011 and beyond.