

March 25, 2020

The FCIA Board of Directors met to discuss <u>ECA '20</u>, the <u>FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference</u>. Due to the current global situation and the Board's efforts to act in the best interest of the membership, the FCIA Board has decided to cancel the program.

FCIA's Board feels strongly that the value brought to the membership and attendees through the Association update, first-class technical education, FCIA Committee meetings, industry networking, and more at the annual FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference is always amazing.

The Board also appreciates all of the Members who take time from their busy schedules to attend, as well as all that the Manufacturers and Suppliers contribute through sponsorship of FCIA events.

Those members who have already paid to attend ECA '20 will receive a refund of paid registration fees.

ECA '20 Sponsors will be contacted with a proposed program designed to bring equivalent, or greater, value to your company – with exposure and opportunity – than the value that would have been received through ECA '20 sponsorship.

For FM & UL DRI's, both the <u>FM 4991, Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors</u> and <u>UL -ULC Qualified Firestop</u> <u>Contractor</u> Programs' management has established an extended deadline to those who needed CEUs and were counting on ECA '20 attendance to meet the requirements. For more information, <u>contact FCIA Staff</u>.

We regret that we have to take such dramatic steps to ensure the safety of our membership, but please rest assured that this decision was made with the membership's best interests and safety in mind.

Look for information about <u>FIC '20</u>, the <u>FCIA Firestop Industry Conference and Trade Show</u>, and other <u>upcoming FCIA</u> <u>events</u>, including FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams and the <u>FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams</u>, in the coming weeks and months. Look for news on additional <u>FCIA Webinars</u> as well.

On behalf of FCIA's Board of Directors, thank you for being members – and stay safe.