



ICC INTERNATIONAL
CODE
COUNCIL®

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2016

Government Relations

Year-End Report

Accomplishments:



701 RECORDED CODE
ADOPTIONS



111 MEETINGS WITH
MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS

564

ICC CHAPTER
MEETINGS
ATTENDED

479

PIECES OF LEGISLATION
TRACKED



469

BUILDING SAFETY
MONTH PROCLAMATIONS



40

SCHOOLS ENROLLED IN THE
ICC HIGH SCHOOL TECHNICAL
TRAINING PROGRAM (HSTTP)



55

PIECES OF LEGISLATION
FAVORABLY AMENDED
OR DEFEATED



79 ARTICLES
PUBLISHED

336



HSTTP CERTIFICATES OF
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDED
AS OF JUNE 2016

149

COMMENTS
OR TESTIMONY
PROVIDED



3,751

SOCIAL 
MEDIA IMPRESSION



651+

MEETINGS ATTENDED
WITH STAKEHOLDER
ORGANIZATIONS

Notables:

Implementation of new government relations management and tracking tool providing a collaborative platform for S&L and Federal/Congressional staff to capture and analyze legislation/rulemaking across the ICC family of companies.

Created the ICC Government Relations “Innovation in Code Administration” Award in conjunction with the ICC Fire Service and Building Official Membership Councils, the National Association of State Fire Marshals and The Fire and Life Safety Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs beginning in 2017.

Developed and broadcasted the “House of Codes” YouTube series, which features informational videos of Government Relations activities.

Developed an infographic on the Zika virus with the National Center for Healthy Housing, which highlighted provisions of the 2015 IPMC that can help prevent spread of the epidemic.

GR created two promotional videos: one for HSTTP and the other for ANCR.

GR staff member appointed Secretary of the Building Seismic Safety Council (BSSC) Board of Direction.

Collaborating with industry stakeholders such as the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH), National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS), Building Owners and Managers, American Institute of Architects, National MultiFamily Housing Council (NMFHC), American Gas Association (AGA), UL, National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), ANSI, ASTM, ASHRAE, Dow, Hanley Woods, Portland Cement Association, Meridian, US Resiliency Council, Target, ICMA, Kaiser Permanente, ISO, AECOM, Vision 20/20, American Wood Council, and many others.

Building Safety Month recognized for the sixth year in a row with a Presidential Proclamation. Other recognition included remarks in the Congressional Record, 35 gubernatorial proclamations, more than 220 local ordinances or proclamations, and 168 ICC Chapter and association proclamations. There were a total of 38 sponsors, including 14 major BSM sponsors for this year’s national campaign.

Published CodeNotes, in conjunction with the PMG Membership Council as part of its goal to serve the needs of plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas officials, providing informative code support documents. Topics include backflow devices and protection of water supply, gas pipe sizing based on the 2009 IFGC and IRC, and bonding of corrugated stainless steel tubing gas piping system.

Coordinated the development of “Highlighted Changes to the 2016 California Codes” and **“California Codes Adoption Workshop,”** which are YouTube videos supporting the adoption and code development process in CA.

Effectively petitioned an eleventh hour **executive order** in Indiana to salvage the commercial energy code from expiration at years end.

Awarded American Society of Interior Designers’ Leadership Award and recognized as a distinguished organizational leader in Maryland for furthering the interior design profession and bringing greater safety to the built environment.

Served as staff liaisons to ICC Building Official, Fire Service, PMG and Emerging Leaders Membership Councils and the Major Jurisdiction Committee.

Issued more than 650 letters to new fire code officials congratulating them on their appointment and introducing them to ICC products and services.

Built, maintained and advocated for a coalition in Minnesota to ensure due process and the integrity of code-related rulemaking process in legislative challenges.

Led a national and state coalition in Utah to oppose an extended code adoption cycle that resulted in the adoption of the 2015 I-Codes.

Successfully reduced amendments to the Louisiana IPC/IRC Plumbing provisions from the 2012 to 2015 codes by approximately 50% **and restored adoption of the IECC.**

NYC Comptroller signed an \$8.25M amendment to the ICC/NYC Department of Buildings agreement for the purpose of reviewing for adoption the IEBC. This project could serve as a pilot for other large cities or counties.

Federal actions impacting ICC

- 1 Official White House Report
- 2 Official FEMA policies
- 2 Presidential Executive Orders
- HUD minimum 2009 IECC compliance
- 1 BSM Presidential Proclamation

Highlights

White House Seismic Summit

In February, ICC's CEO was a panelist at the "Building for Earthquake Safety" session at the White House Earthquake Resilience Summit, where an Executive Order from President Obama was announced, requiring buildings to meet seismic safety provisions outlined in the IBC and the IRC within two years of publication.



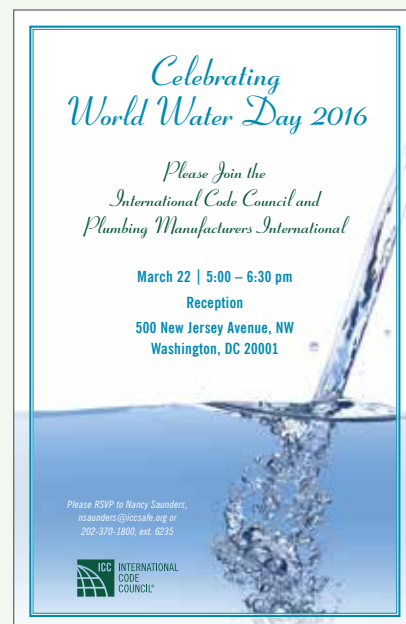
ICC Board President Alex "Cash" Olszowy, Eric Letvin, Leslie Chapman Henderson (FLASH), and ICC CEO Dominic Sims at White House Earthquake Resilience Summit



Government Relations Federal Affairs Vice President Chris Ochoa and Sr. Vice President of Government Relations Sara Yerkes at the White House Earthquake Resilience Summit

Reformation of the Federal Water Coalition

In March, ICC participated in the White House Water Summit to raise awareness of water issues and potential solutions in the United States. The Code Council also partnered with the Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI) to host a reception at ICC's office in Washington, D.C., to commemorate World Water Day 2016.



White House Summit on Resilience

In May, ICC's CEO participated in a White House panel entitled "Incorporating Resilience into Building Codes and Standards." ICC announced that it will co-lead an effort to organize a nationwide coalition to create and develop the country's first Whole-Community metric for resilience to incentivize America's communities.



Ryan Colker, Director of Consultative Council and Presidential Advisor to National Institute of Building Sciences; Dominic Sims, CEO, International Code Council; Kathleen Almand, Executive Director, National Fire Protection Research Foundation; Jim Rossberg, Managing Director for Engineering Programs, American Society of Civil Engineers Mick Schwedler, Board Member, ASHRAE

Building Safety Month Hill Briefing

As part of Building Safety Month in May, ICC and NFPA hosted a briefing on Capitol Hill focused on resilience and building codes, which featured panelists from Congress, federal agencies, and the private sector.



Sara Yerkes opened the briefing. Panelists: Chris Ochoa, ICC; Roy Wright, Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation/FEMA, Michele Steinberg, Wildland Fire Division Manager/NFPA; General Warren Edwards (ret.) Community and Regional Resilience Institute; Dan Mathews, Staff Director, House Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management and Stephen Cauffman, Research Engineer, Materials and Structural Systems Division, NIST

Building Safety Month Hill Day and Rooftop Reception

Government Relations Department Staff and Executive Members of the ICC Board of Directors met with Members of Congress to discuss ICC initiatives and hosted an evening reception on the rooftop of the ICC headquarters in Washington, D.C. to celebrate Building Safety Month.



ICC Government Relations Staff Ochoa, Roblee and Yerkes meet with staff of Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) on his private balcony overlooking the National Mall



ICC Board of Directors Vice President Dwayne Garriss, President Alex "Cash" Olszowy, Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY), ICC GR VP Chris Ochoa and GR Sr. Manager Corey M. Roblee meet on Capitol Hill



Garriss and Olszowy speak with Congressman John Lewis (D-GA)



Ochoa, Garriss, Olszowy and Roblee with Congressman Gary Palmer (R-AL)



Rooftop reception at the ICC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. overlooking the U.S. Capitol (left)

Representation at the Republican National Convention (RNC)

Government Relations staff attended the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, OH and met with elected officials and staff from throughout the country including Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI), Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Governor Nikki Haley (R-SC), Governor Scott Walker (R-WI), Governor Chris Christie (R-NJ), Governor John Kasich (R-OH) and surrogates for President Elect Donald J. Trump.



Vice President-Elect Mike Pence addresses the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, OH



ICC Government Relations Sr. Manager Corey M. Roblee meets with President-Elect Trump Chief of Staff Reince Priebus, Speaker Paul Ryan and Governor Scott Walker

HSTTP Works with Chapters to Equip Students with Tools for Success

The ICC High School Technical Training program continues to partner with State and Local ICC Chapters and trade association to enroll new students and schools into the program and prepare the next generation of code enforcement.



Members of the Ohio Building Officials Association welcome students to the ICC HSTTP in Cincinnati, OH



Rhode Island Building Officials host their 3rd Annual HSTTP event providing students with educational materials, tools and gift certificates from participating sponsors

Sara Yerkes led a building industry task force under the NIBS Consultative Council on Developing a Skilled Workforce. The recommendations from this group will be included in the 2016 Findings and Recommendations from the Consultative Council to the President and U.S. Congress.

State and Local Staff Lead Legislative Visits for Building Safety Month

Government Relations staff across the country worked with ICC Chapter Members to meet with State and Local elected officials to advocate for Building Safety Month.



Chapter Members of the California Building Officials prepare to meet with State Senator Richard Roth



The 11th Annual New York State Lobby Day with representatives from the NYS Codes Coalition with Senator Betty Little and ICC Government Relations VP of State & Local Dottie Harris (middle)

High Performance Building Week Hill event

In June, ICC hosted a Congressional briefing on Capitol Hill entitled OMB A-119 – The U.S. Government’s Standards Policy – A Prime Example of Congress and the Executive Branch Working Together.



Gordon Gillerman, NIST; David Karmol, ICC; Christopher Lindsey, IAPMO and Sara Yerkes, ICC

Government Relations Forum

In October, the Government Relations Forum hosted approximately 150 guests in Kansas City, MO and featured presentations from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Chemical Safety Board (CSB), and the Community and Regional Resilience Institute (CARRI).



Dr. Joshua Kneifel (NIST) gives remarks during his presentation on “Measuring Sustainability Performance of Buildings”



Gen. Warren C. Edwards (ret.) (CARRI) discusses “Building and Supporting Community and Regional Resilience”

ANCR Launch

On October 17, 2016, the International Code Council launched its newest charitable subsidiary, the Alliance for National & Community Resilience (ANCR). ANCR seeks to create the nation’s first whole-community resilience benchmark. The ANCR Board of Directors appointed ICC’s Director of Resilience Initiatives, Bryan J. Soukup, Esq., as Executive Director and CARRI’s Maj. General Warren C. Edwards (Ret.) as Chairman. Founding Board members include public officials from the city of New York and the District of Columbia among others.



General Warren C. Edwards (ret.) announces ANCR launch at the ICC ABM in Kansas City, MO

Congressman Meets with ICC Chapter Members

Congressman Andy Barr (R-KY) met with ICC Chapter Members of the Code Administrators of Kentucky (CAAK) in Lexington. ICC Government Relations staff worked with the Congressman to submit comments into the Congressional Record recognizing Building Safety Month and CAAK honored Rep. Barr with their 2016 Patron of the Year Award for raising the profile of the Code Council and the public safety profession.



CAAK Members speak with Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY) and present him with Patron of the Year Award

PMI Fly-in Summit

ICC Government Relations staff participated with the Plumbing Manufacturers Institute on a “Fly-In” Summit to Sacramento, CA to advocate for PMG initiatives among industry stakeholders and policy makers.



Participants of PMI Fly-In

ICC Successfully Defeats Complete NSPC (National Standard Plumbing Code) Takeover Legislation in Maryland

In the Spring 2016, ICC GR staff successfully defeated legislation negating use of the International Plumbing Code (IPC) in the State of Maryland.



ICC Government Relations Regional Manager Bryan Soukup and Members of the Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association, LIUNA, and the Maryland Building Officials Association before the Maryland Senate

IPC Adoption in Sedgwick County, KS

For the first time in the County's history, Sedgwick has adopted the International Plumbing Code as an equivalent alternative for usage.



IPC Proponents testify at the Sedgwick County Board Meeting

Adoption of State Building and Fire Codes in Connecticut

In May, Governor Dan Malloy authorized Public Act 16-215, which streamlined the adoption process for building and fire safety codes in Connecticut.



Gov. Malloy signs legislation with Members of the Connecticut Building Officials Association and ICC Regional Manager Bill Nash looking on.

Wyoming Adopts 2015 I-Codes

The Wyoming State Fire Marshal announced the state's adoption of the 2015 I-Codes during the Wyoming Conference of Building Official's 40th Anniversary celebration in conjunction with the ICC Board of Directors summer meeting in Casper, WY.



Wyoming Conference of Building Officials with the ICC Board of Directors and CEO Dominic Sims

Annual Region VI Tour

In August, a conglomerate of ICC Board Members and staff held their annual tour of the Northeast region of the U.S., meeting with ICC Chapter leaders and stakeholders in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island. The ICC contingent also met with Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) officials and toured their training facility in Pomfret Center, CT.



ICC BOD President Alex “Cash” Olszowy, SE MA Building Officials Association President Mendoza and Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, Karyn Polito



ICC CEO Dom Sims, Board Member Rob Drexler, GR staff members Dottie Harris and Bill Nash with LiUNA officials toured the Laborers’ Pomfret training facility.

Welcoming new Chapters to the ICC

With assistance from the Government Relations Department, three professional Chapters have become new ICC Chapters. We welcome the National Chapter, Permit Tech Nation, and State Chapters, Florida Association of Code Enforcement and Michigan Fire Inspectors Society.



ICC BOD Member Jim Brown installs the newly elected officers of the Permit Tech Nation Chapter of the ICC



Michigan State Fire Marshal Julie Secontine installs the newly elected officers of the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society

GR Staff serve as liaisons to ICC Membership Councils

Government Relations staff all ICC Membership Councils as they conduct business throughout the year holding in person meetings in Louisville, KY and during the ICC ABM in Kansas City, MO. Cooperation between the Building Official and Fire Service membership councils led to the ICC Board of Directors supporting the Federal Fire Sprinkler Incentive and the Nicholas and Zachary Burt Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention acts.



GR Vice President of Fire Services serves as staff liaison to the Fire Service Membership Council during their annual meeting in Kansas City, MO



GR Manager of PMG Lee Clifton serves as liaison to the PMG Membership Council



GR Senior Manager Corey M. Roblee serves as staff liaison to the Major Jurisdiction Committee during their meeting in Kansas City.



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