



# California Fire Chiefs Association

## Fire Prevention Officers Section

### Southern Division

#### General Membership Meeting

**Date:** December 8, 2017

**Location:** Old Ranch Country Club  
3901 Lampson Ave  
Seal Beach, CA 90740

*The following minutes were documented as noted below. The minutes are not intended to be an exact notation but are general in nature.*

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

##### Board of Directors

Present	Absent		Present	Absent	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Dossett, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Janice Van Mullem, Secretary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patty Koch, 1st Vice-President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gabriel Reza, Director of Ops
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason Nailon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandie Hastings, Judge Advocate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Reinertson, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Espinosa, Liaison Chief

#### I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1015 hours.

**Flag Salute/Pledge of Allegiance**..... Andrew Henning, OSFM

**Greeting from Host Agency/City**..... Mark Dossett

**Visiting Chiefs Recognition**..... Robert Espinosa, Chief, City of Manhattan Beach

**Visiting Building Officials**..... *none present*

**Past President Recognition**..... Don Oaks (1981)

..... Lynne Michaelis (1985)

..... Eileen Salmon (1991)

..... Penny Overstreet-Murphy (2003)

..... Jill Perumean (2010)

..... Adria Reinertson (2012)

..... James Carver (2013)

..... Randy Metz (2015)

..... Sandie Hastings (2016)

..... Also recognized past recipient of Fox Award, Tommy Thompson

**Self Introductions**..... OCFPO Board, General membership, Board members

**Declaration of Quorum**..... Randy Metz

**President's Time/Announcements**..... Mark Dossett

Mark announced that the Executive Board wishes to fill the open Sergeant-at-Arms position, with James Carver. James was presented with the Sergeant-at-Arms fire extinguisher.

Chief Espinosa has been the Liaison Chief for Cal Chiefs since 2009. He is leaving to retire and was presented with a commemorative gift shadow box for his years of service.

Chief Espinosa provided a history of his involvement with fire prevention starting as a Captain in Long Beach. When he became Fire Chief in Rialto, he was invited to be Socal FPO Liaison. Chief Espinosa recognized FPO members and past presidents Adria Reinertson, James Carver, Randy Metz, Ian McDonald, and Julie Frazier. He is also very proud that he received the Fox Award.

### **Elections**

Ballots were collected from all members present. Ballots were counted by the Election Board (Kevin Reinertson, Janice Van Mullem, and Gabe Reza) and Darcy Davidson, San Diego Fire, was selected as incoming executive board member. She will be installed as the new Director of Operations at CFPI in March 2018. All other board members will move up with their positions.

## **II. ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- A. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**.....Mark Dossett  
No corrections to last month's minutes.  
Motion to Approve –Randy Metz; Second – Adria Reinertson; All in favor – motion passes.

**B. BOARD & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Program Coordinator & Meeting Locations**.....Jason Nailon  
January 2018 – Brea (ICC regional HQ)                      February 1-2, 2018 – Palm Springs (CAAFA) @ Hilton  
March 2018 – CFPI, Buellton, CA

- C. Treasurer's Report**..... Kevin Reinertson  
Kevin reported that we have 168 due paying members and \$71,965.40 in bank account.

- D. Secretary's Report** ..... Janice Van Mullem  
Nothing reported.

- E. Committee Reports** .....Patty Koch

**Equipment and Devices Committee** .....James Carver  
The committee met December 11, 2017. They meet via GoTo Meeting or at El Segundo fire department conference room. Topics discussed:

- SFM device review concerning smoke alarm disable switches on UL listed devices.
- Section 907.4.2.3.3 modification of code for ADA to expand alarm visible notification. James will provide an update at January 2018 meeting.
- James discussed the recommendation of the American Wood Council to have smoke/heat detectors in attics due to issues in Santa Rosa and other CA cities. There are issues with ambient temperatures exceeding 100F degrees and with the UL listing.

**Fire Service Education Committee**.....Jason Nailon  
Jason announced that the committee has a third co-chair, Nicole Pesqueira from Brea FD. If anyone has recommendations for training, contact Jason Nailon, Jeff Halpert, or Nicole Pesqueira. Upcoming training:

- General plan review, Kevin Scott training in Corona. January 18, 2018

#### **Code Committee.....**Adria Reinertson

Code proposals for 2021 IFC are due January 8, 2018. Current proposals the committee is working to submit in coordination with the Norcal FPO Code Committee are:

- Strobes for ADA (907)
- Commercial reloading proposal.
- Wide rise proposal for fire control rooms.
- Tarpaulin and other barrier language.
- UST monitoring panels
- Storage in elevator lobbies.

The committee will discuss ERRC coverage at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Next meeting Wednesday Dec 28, 2017 OCFA Headquarters

#### **WUI.....**Don Oaks

Don provided an overview of the objectives of the WUI committee: (1) as a brokerage/clearing house for information on new technologies; (2) code change agent involved with the ICC and OSFM; and (3) education. At CFPI there will be a 90 minute training session that the SoCal WUI group will present. Greg Anderson, OSFM, discussed progress with the OSFM WUI Task Force. Greg mentioned that bills may be coming based on issues from the recent fires. Task force topics being discussed include: weather-stripping in garages, roofs, decking and vents, and garage door openers. The WUI committee is seeking new members; contact Don Oaks for more information.

#### **Public Education Committee .....Penny Overstreet-Murphy**

.....Cathy Mattingly (*not present*)

PubEd committee hasn't met for a few months. There will be discussions on moving toward Community Risk Reduction at the next meeting, which is scheduled for meeting is February 6, 2018.

#### **Workshop Committee/CFPI .....Penni Overstreet-Murphy**

The conference/workshop is scheduled for the week of March 12 – 16th, 2018. The Marriott Hotel is booked, but other hotels are available. Refer to CFPI.org web site for more information. Penni confirmed that CFPI 2019 will also be in Buellton.

#### **Legislative Report.....Randy Metz**

Randy reported that the legislative session is closed. Most bills moved to two year bills. The bills on accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are expected to die in committee. February 16, 2018 is the deadline for legislators to introduce new bills. Randy expects that there will be a lot of bills as a result of the Tubbs and Thomas fires, such as garage doors not opening. Dan Oaks mentioned that if anyone's city is contact with legislators, he suggests that they coordinate and provide input early to the FPO committees. Randy also expects bills related to Oakland Ghost Ship disaster this period. Sandie Hastings asked if ADU bills have been analyzed for their impact on affordable housing.

### **F. ALLIED COMMITTEES / ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **OSFM/CAL FIRE .....Greg Anderson**

Greg reported that there are several task forces that are addressing leading topics including: WUI, L occupancies, E occupancies, and I3s. He reminded that the intervening code brings forward a few ICC model code updates including energy storage systems, and cannabis/plant processing.

**OSFM/State Fire Training** .....Andrew Henning

Andrew provided an update on State Fire Training news.

- Retiring:
  - Plans examiner and Training will retire in 2017
  - Chief Officer, Fire Investigator I, II will retire in 2018.
  - Fire Marshal will retire in 2019.
- New Fire Instructor I, II
- Course updates for Fire Inspector I, II based on NFPA 1031.
- Looking at Community Risk Educator pre-requisites.
- Fire Investigator now has 1 level based on NFPA standard.
- Fire Marshal is now a stand-alone certification.
- There are some task book changes that will allow simulations.

**ICC** .....Susan Dowty (*not present*)

2018 I-codes are available to view for free at ICCsafe.org. See attached notes.

**CalChiefs Liaison Chief** .....Robert Espinosa

No report.

**CALBO** .....Raj Patel (*not present*)

No report.

**ICC Region 1** .....Randy Metz

Region 1 will have an executive board conference call on December 19, 2017 and a chapter conference call at the end of January. They are working on a tutorial to validate voters.

**ICC FCAC** .....Kevin Reinertson

Kevin gave an update on the FCAC working groups. Working groups are addressing a range of small to extensive code proposals. Topics that the FCAC working groups are working on for the 2021 IFC include higher education labs, tents/special events/bounce houses, HPS, modifications for fire alarms, mobile fueling, photovoltaic, distilleries, and Section 510 radio coverage.

**CAFAA** .....Kirk Greenwood

The 2018 annual CAFAA conference is scheduled for Palm Springs February 1 and 2, 2018, with golf tournament on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meeting is free for members of CAAFA, free for AHJs.

**NFSA** .....Bruce Lecair (*not present*)

No report.

**CSFA** .....Ed Foster (*not present*)

No report.

**NFPA** .....Ray Bizal (*not present*)

No report.

**SFPE** .....Jeff Halpert/Ray Bizal(*not present*)

The group meets once a month in Monterey Park. Go to [SFPEsocal.org](http://SFPEsocal.org). January 11, 2018 will include a presentation on energy storage systems featuring Howard Hopper.

**California Sprinkler Coalition**..... Ray Bizal (*not present*)  
No report.

**California Conference of Arson Investigators** ..... John Kitchens (*not present*)  
No report.

**G. NEW BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE**

- Pasadena FD has an opening for Fire Plans Examiner.
- There was a discussion regarding an incident with DAS where there were high winds. The winds put half the fire communications out of service and it took a half a day to identify.

**J. LUNCH**

**K. PROGRAM**

“myFD Brush Inspection/Weed Abatement” Demonstration by Don Christof, 3Disystems

Gift lottery and fundraiser, sponsored by AHJs and associated member donations.

**L. BUSINESS CARD DRAWING WINNER**.....James Beebe

Card winner for CFPL..... Janice Van Mullem  
Includes a free stay at the Buellton Marriott courtesy of TNT Fireworks.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**



## December 2017 ICC Announcements

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### Upcoming Dates:

- **Now** 2018 I-codes available for free viewing online: [codes.iccsafe.org](http://codes.iccsafe.org) (click on "Public Access")
- **Dec 20** [ICC Online Library webinar](#) from 10 – 11 am PT to learn more about premiumACCESS
- **Jan 2018** Nominations for ICC awards will open...be thinking!
- **Jan 8, 2018** Deadline for Group A Code Changes
- **Jan 31** Last day to submit presentation for 2018 ICC Annual Conference [Call for Presentations](#)
- **Mar 26** **Region I** in-person meeting, 4-5 pm, CALBO Annual Meeting, Burlingame, CA  
[www.ICCRegion1.com](http://www.ICCRegion1.com)
- **Apr 15–25** Group A Code Action Hearings, Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH
- **Jun 4 -6** **2018 Chapter Leadership Academy in Denver.** This is designed to help ICC Chapter officers learn best practices and share ideas on building successful chapters. Save the date!

### Notes:

- ICC has a cloud-based testing system, Proctored Remote Online Testing Option (PRONTO) which enables candidates to take ICC certification exams at their convenience on their home or office computer, 365 days a year, 24 hours/day. Here is a great resource for more information: <https://www.iccsafe.org/education-certification/assessment-center/pronto-administration/>.
- Value of the Code Official. Visit our campaign webpage for valuable support materials: [click here](#)
- Free video on solar updates: National expert Jim Rogers discusses new solar updates and additions to the NEC in this video from a previous, sold-out webinar. Content includes large-scale photovoltaic electric supply stations, energy storage systems, rapid shutdown and photovoltaic systems grounding. [View the video.](#)
- Raj Nathan will be heading up the International Accreditation Service, Inc. after Chuck Ramani's retirement scheduled for March 31, 2018.
- It's not too early to plan for ICC's 2018 Annual Conference:  
**2018 Annual Conference and Group A Public Comment Hearings:**  
Annual Conference: October 21–23, 2018  
Public Comment Hearings: October 23 – 31, 2018  
Greater Richmond Convention Center  
403 N 3rd Street, Richmond, VA, 23219

## International Code Council [Government Relations](#) Update – December 2017



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### ICC website and Government Relations' webpage offer public relations tools for Members to use

ICC Members have some tools that can be used to educate the public and other interested parties about their jobs as code officials, how codes are developed and updated, the importance of updated codes and other related issues. One big asset is the webpage "[Value of the Code Official](#)," developed by ICC Membership. It includes a video "Code Officials: Building Safety Today for a Stronger Tomorrow" and related materials, including a PowerPoint presentation, talking points and a flyer which can be printed as a handout. The [ICC Government Relations webpage](#) also lists the [video](#), as well as:

- "[ICC's Code Development Process](#)" four-minute video on how codes are updated.
- "[Resilient Communities Come Back Quicker & Better](#)" from the Alliance for National & Community Resilience.
- "[How to use the new ICC Voting System](#)" the new Voting System at the 2018 ABM.
- "[Building Safety Month! Code Officials: Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth](#)"
- "[The High School Technical Training Program](#)" meets the challenge for better skilled labor.

### ICC Member Services makes information easier to retrieve and use on 'My Chapters' webpage

Check out improvements to the **My Chapters** area of your [My ICC](#) webpage. Log in with your ICC email address and password. Then click on "**My Chapters**" in the box on the left side. You'll see the information is divided into tabs along the top of the box to help you find what you need. For example, "**Annual Reports**" are on a tab by themselves so it's easy to see where and how to add a report. Information can be edited on other tabs. Feedback is welcome by emailing [Karla Higgs](#), Vice President, Member Services.

### The Code Council applauds the introduction of the SMART Rebuilding Act to incentivize resiliency

The International Code Council supports bipartisan House Resolution 4455, the Supporting Mitigation Activities and Resiliency Targets for Rebuilding Act or SMART Rebuilding Act, sponsored by Congressmen Jeff Denham (R-Calif.) and Mike Capuano (D-Mass.). This bill aims to help communities rebuild stronger and recover more quickly after natural disasters by incentivizing communities to build replacement structures to the most up-to-date building codes available. Working in partnership with the BuildStrong Coalition, the Code Council has advocated for the adoption of the latest building codes and met with dozens of Congressional members and their staffs to highlight the importance of pre-disaster mitigation. [Read more about this important legislation.](#)

### ICC Chapter and Member involvement are highly valued by ICC Government Relations staff

Government Relations staff rely on the vigilance of International Code Council's Chapters and Members to support code adoptions, address key legislation and rulemaking in state and local governments and meet the challenges facing all of ICC's stake holders. With most states preparing to open the 2018 sessions of their state legislatures, GR staff are watching for pending legislation and regulations that may be of interest to, or that may have an impact on ICC. Even national decisions have an impact on local governments and members, and ICC's Government Relations office has a team working with the U.S. Congress and federal agencies that are important to the overall mission and goals of ICC. [Click here for more](#) on ICC's Government Relations' work in Washington and across the nation.

### ICC issues Annual Conference Call for Education Program Presenters for Oct. 21-23, 2018, at Richmond

The International Code Council is seeking professional expertise for its 2018 Annual Conference Education Program in Richmond, Virginia, October 21–23, 2018. All presentation proposal topics should focus on providing educational and technical information. Presentations should help to educate attendees about building code compliance, building safety, leadership and/ or building technology. The deadline for application submittal is Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Session categories are:

- **TRADITIONAL TOPICS:** Focus on basic provisions in the I-Codes. These courses will be valuable to those wanting to learn about fundamental Code topics and the intent behind the Code.

- **INNOVATIVE TOPICS:** Address leading-edge topics in the building safety industry. These courses revolve around topics that will position participants to become aware of practices that will affect this industry in the future.
- **SPECIAL TOPICS:** Closely examine specialized topics applicable to code administration, leadership and multigenerational communication and development.
- **BUILDING SAFETY & DESIGN EXPO TOPICS:** Provide technical and non-technical training sessions that run no longer than 45 minutes. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **ICC's Building Safety Journal wins 2017 Marcom Gold Award for its June and August editions**

The International Code Council was awarded a 2017 Marcom Gold Award for the June 2017 and August 2017 editions of the [Building Safety Journal](#). ICC was also awarded honorable mentions for both the [April 13](#) and [May 5](#) editions of ICC eNews. The Marcom Awards recognize the creativity, hard work and generosity of industry professionals in the marketing and communications sector. The Council is proud to receive these awards and we look forward to continuing to provide award-winning educational content to ICC members and stake holders.

### **ICC-ES adds new evaluation services for alternative seismic force-resisting systems**

The ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) is adding evaluations of alternative seismic force-resisting systems to its extensive list of product evaluations. The company will develop new acceptance criteria based on FEMA P695. "We are pleased to announce the decision to evaluate alternative seismic force-resisting systems," said ICC-ES Vice-President of Engineering Gary Nichols, P.E. "ICC-ES continually evaluates products to the latest codes, and we encourage all manufacturers to also comply with the latest codes for market acceptance." ICC-ES will post the proposed new acceptance criteria on the [alternative criteria development process](#) agenda for public comment soon. [Read more](#) here.

### **Most of ICC's two-part special inspector exams are now split into three separate exam modules**

Starting this month, a majority of ICC's two-part special inspector exams will be split into three separate exam modules: general requirements, codes and plan reading. As an exception, the spray-applied fireproofing special inspector will be split into two exam modules (general requirements and codes & plan reading) and will have a slightly different breakdown than the other exams. To achieve a special inspector certification, you will need to pass each module along with any other prerequisites for specific special inspector certifications. If you plan to pursue a reinforced concrete, pre-stressed concrete or structural welding special inspector certification, you are still held to the additional prerequisites in order to achieve those certifications. [Here's a breakdown of the features and improvements.](#)

### **Water Efficiency Rating Index development continues through ICC-RESNET partnership**

The partnership between the International Code Council (ICC) and Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) has been the catalyst for substantial progress in the Water Efficiency Rating (WER) Index. Due to the work of the WER Index task force comprised of a [13-member voting committee](#), five subcommittees and a 75-member advisory council, RESNET Executive Director Steve Baden said technical guidelines were finalized and the task force work is nearly complete. "Our intention has always been to develop the technical guidelines within this framework to both serve as the basis for the rating procedures, as well as to form the basis of a candidate American National Standard (ANS)," Baden said.

### **General Code LLC joins the International Code Council to expand client base and services**

The International Code Council recently [included General Code LLC to its family of companies](#). General Code is a market leader in codification and content management solutions and currently serves clients in more than half of U.S. states. Based in Rochester, N.Y., the company has been committed to serving its clients for the past 55 years. "This acquisition of General Code will provide a perfect complement to our product and service portfolio," said Code Council Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO. "We are strategically aligned with similar missions and goals, focused on safety and serving our members and customers." The benefits for General Code and its clients are equally significant. By joining the Code Council, General Code will have greater capacity to build on its premier product and service offerings with expanded resources and broader geographic reach to a larger customer base.



### **ICC Solar Rating & Certification Corporation merges with ICC Evaluation Service**

The Solar Rating & Certification Corporation (ICC-SRCC) has joined ICC Evaluation Service, LLC (ICC-ES), which means that all certifications presently conducted and maintained by ICC-SRCC, including the certifications for the Small Wind Certification Council (ICC-SWCC), will be coordinated within the ICC-ES framework. ICC-ES is the nation's leading evaluation service for innovative building materials, components and systems. ICC-SRCC staff have joined the experienced ICC-ES team which consists of evaluation specialists, licensed architects and professional engineers with expertise in a range of specialized fields such as civil, structural, plumbing and mechanical engineering. The move to ICC-ES should allow ICC-SRCC to continue to grow and provide additional value to customers who will continue to receive the same exceptional services but with expanded access to ICC-ES staff and resources.

### **30<sup>th</sup> Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner registration is open**

Registration is now open for the 30th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner, hosted by the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) on April 18-19, 2018 in Washington, DC. Attended by approximately 1,500 fire and emergency services leaders from across the country, the event is the largest and most prestigious gathering of fire service officials, featuring important seminars and opportunities for interaction with federal policy makers. [Read more by clicking here.](#)

### **ICC PMG Membership Council and Global Membership Council offer free online CodeNotes in Spanish**

As part of its continued goal to serve the needs of plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas officials, the ICC PMG Official Membership Council has partnered with the ICC Global Membership Council to provide online access to our free and informative CodeNotes™ in Spanish. [Click here](#) for a free downloadable copy of the latest Spanish version of CodeNotes, entitled Bonding of Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing (CSST) Gas Piping System. [Visit](#) the PMG Official Membership Council Web page for additional information and updates.

### **Significant Changes editions offer insights for all construction professions using 2018 I-Codes**

Since 2006, the [Significant Changes to the International Codes](#) series has become one of the most useful tools available for transitioning to the latest codes. Consisting of four volumes, these color publications contain revised code text, a summary of each change listed, change analysis and a photo or graphic to clarify real-world application. Authored by ICC technical experts, these new editions discuss critical changes and offer invaluable insight for all construction professionals preparing to use the 2018 I-Codes.

### **Community Risk Reduction Symposium scheduled for April 8-11 at Reston, Va.**

The Fifth National Model Performance in Community Risk Reduction Symposium will be held April 8-11 at the Reston Hyatt Regency, Reston, Va. Sponsored by Vision 20/20, the symposium highlights best practices in all areas of community risk reduction. As in previous years, presentations of local programs will demonstrate their success in reducing fire losses using model performance measures. They will share strategies and resources that worked for them and that have potential for reducing fire losses in all communities. The emphasis will be on prevention, which means the curricula scope will zero in on the importance of an integrated approach, balancing emergency response capabilities with proactive measures to reduce risks.

### **Advance your career with ICC's new certification exams in commercial fire sprinkler and alarm fields**

Some of ICC's newest certification exams can help you get certified in the commercial fire sprinkler and fire alarm fields and expand your career potential. Developed specifically for fire or building inspectors, plans examiners, and code officials, successful completion of the commercial fire sprinkler or commercial fire alarm exams will ensure you are recognized for your commitment to safety and professionalism. ICC provides exams for:

- Commercial Fire Sprinkler Plans Examiner – CP
- Commercial Fire Sprinkler Inspector – CF
- Commercial Fire Alarm Plans Examiner II – CR
- Commercial Fire Alarm Plans Examiner I – CN
- Commercial Fire Alarm Inspector – CA
- Residential Fire Sprinkler Inspector/Plans Examiner – RF

[Use the Certification Exam Catalog](#) to register for one of ICC's Commercial Fire Sprinkler and Fire Alarm exams and prepare for your exam.

**Institutes, training, seminars, webinars, etc.**

- **December 12**, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern, [webinar on "Important Developments in the Seismic Design of Diaphragms"](#) by S. K. Ghosh, Ph.D. Seminar will explain the alternative diaphragm design force level as well as the precast diaphragm design procedure of ASCE 7-16.
- **December 14**, 2-4 p.m. Eastern, [webinar on "Wind Loads on Non-Building Structures"](#) by Emily Guglielmo, S.E., P.E., C.E. Seminar will discuss ASCE 7 wind load provisions for non-building structures and how to correctly apply them through examples. An in-depth exploration for engineering commonly encountered situations that are not directly addressed in the code will follow.
- **December 20** at noon Eastern is when a free, one-hour webinar is scheduled offering a walkthrough of the features found on ICC's digital library [codes.iccsafe.org](http://codes.iccsafe.org). Click [here to find out more](#).
- **January 22-23, 2018**, is the [Special Inspection Agency Accreditation Training](#) in the Club Quarters (second floor conference center), 52 William Street, New York, N. Y. Anyone performing special inspections in New York City will want to attend this two-day course offered by the International Accreditation Service (IAS). This course provides an overview of the accreditation requirements for the New York City Department of Buildings.
- **February 12–16, 2018**, is the [2018 Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute](#) in Chaska, Minn. It features a wide spectrum of specialized courses and the opportunity to earn important CEUs. With topics of interest to all building design, construction and inspection professionals, the Institute also provides an excellent opportunity for you to network, share experiences and solve problems in the comfortable environment of the Oak Ridge Hotel & Convention Center. Who should attend? Code officials, inspectors, architects, plans examiners, engineers, contractors, permit technicians and building department administrators. The early bird registration deadline is Jan. 5.
- **March 19–23, 2018**, are the dates for [EduCode 2018](#), which is geared for building safety and code compliance professionals. All sessions are approved through the ICC Preferred Provider Program and cover topics that include architectural, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, structural, fire protection, code enforcement and leadership. Spend up to five days in Las Vegas for specialized training and earn up to 4.0 CEUs. Certification exams will be offered onsite during EduCode 2018. [Register by Feb. 19](#) for the best course selection and early-bird rates.