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YOUR NEW 2010-2011 ARCSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the 2010 ARCSA National Conference and Membership Meeting, elections were held for the 2010-2011 Board of Directors. The election took place on Wednesday, October 6 and listed below are the new ARCSA Officers and Directors that are here to serve you. Please visit the [ARCSA Website](#) to view their biographies and learn more about each of them.

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ARCSA MEMBERSHIP

Did your ARCSA Membership dues lapse? Or have you thought about it, but have never joined ARCSA? Why wait any longer, be a part of this growing organization TODAY!

The Mission of the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association is to promote sustainable rainwater-harvesting practices to help solve potable, non-potable, stormwater and energy challenges throughout the world. Please visit the [ARCSA Website](#) to view the many membership benefits and join today!

CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Bob Boulware

I was recently asked to make a presentation on Rainwater Catchment at the National Conference of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE). ASPE is an 8,000 member organization of plumbing designers and manufacturers from around the world that is the standard of quality and technology for plumbing design. At the convention, it was heartening to see the number of ASPE members that had heard of ARCSA, and to hear the kind words from the ones that had attended Billy's and Tim's Training Sessions.

At that conference, ASPE issued the ARCSA *Rainwater Catchment Design and Installation Standard* as the ASPE *Design Standard 63*. Regrettably they forgot to include our logo on the cover, since ARCSA developed the standard, but that is to be corrected on the next publishing.

On the plus side, ARCSA can say they have made a major influence in forwarding the cause of rainwater system design by being the initiator of the first rainwater design standard in the United States.

The IAPMO Green Plumbing Supplement and the International Green Construction Code have been published and are now being considered for adoption by local municipalities. In both cases, these standards reflect a realistic approach to the use of rainwater and related water quality issues. The danger of not becoming involved is that local water authorities have a pattern of wanting rainwater to be sanitized to municipal quality so it can be used to flush toilets. This is what happened in Georgia and is the requirement for Chicago applications. Science does not support this requirement, so unless you want rainwater systems priced out of reality, you will need to have your voice heard in order to make a difference in making rainwater harvesting a viable alternative water supply. It is up to you, working in your local community with the local code adoption process to get the code you want, and not something watered down or decorated with special interest requirements.

To that end, see the following.....

Public Version #2 of the International Green Construction Code (IGCC) has been posted for free download. You can find the Word version of the document at: <http://media.iccsafe.org/IGCC/docs/IGCC-PV2.doc> This also kicks off the next round of development that will culminate in the 2012 version of the IGCC in early 2012. This will be a full code change cycle, which will be conducted in exactly the same fashion as code cycles for other ICC codes ([ICC Code Development Process](#)). Applications for the technical committee that will hear the code change proposals at the hearing in May

are being considered by the ICC Board of Directors and will be announced later this year or early next year.

- March 25, 2011: Posting of proposed changes to the IGCC
- May 16-22, 2011: Code Development Hearing (Dallas)
- May 27-August 12, 2011: Call for public comments
- November 2-6, 2011: Final Action Hearing (Phoenix)
- March, 2012: Publish 2012 IGCC

The process of submitting code change proposals is fairly straightforward. Simply fill out the Code Change Form which can be found at http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/IGCC/Documents/misc/2010_IGCC_CC.doc with your proposed change (addition, edit, or deletion) and rationale. Be sure to submit it by the deadline of January 3, 2011. Any changes proposed should be made with regard to Public Version 2.0 (NOT Public Version 1.0). If you have any questions on the form or submission process, feel free to contact me at bob.boulware@arcsa.org.

RWH WORKSHOPS & ACCREDITATION COURSES

2010-2011 WORKSHOPS

Currently ARCSA is finalizing the 2011 workshop and class schedules. Please be sure to visit the [ARCSA Website](#) to review the type of courses offered. The [ARCSA Event and Education Calendar](#) will have more information on class dates and times once we have the new 2011 schedule ready. If you are interested in learning more about becoming an ARCSA Accredited Professional, you can review the [program online](#).

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