



President's Letter- Dear Member,

I'm looking forward to speaking with all of you at the upcoming annual membership meeting in San Antonio. I don't think I've ever seen a more content-rich schedule of classes. Everyone wanted tech and that's what we've got comin' to you. For all you NFI CEU seekers, this is the place to be May 21 & 22.

And, speaking of NFI, the industry's HPB Education Foundation is making installers' lives a lot easier with a brand-new APP for both iPhone and Android platforms. For those of you who get hung up on calculations for proper installations, you are in luck. There are formulas to figure vent system height, combustion air calculations, and much more. A big help. For only 99 cents, you now have accurate answers for those jobs. The app will be available soon in the app store...and, it is simply called the NFI App.

This is just one more benefit of membership.

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Government Affairs Updates

Legislative Tracking Software- We are now tracking Legislative updates in the State of Texas. With several states now looking deeper into Zero Net Energy and adopting initiatives to support ZNE, this is an important step in keeping members up to date on what is happening on a local level. If you are interested in learning more, or want to get these alerts too, call the affiliate office- 903-533-1674.

NSPS- State officials in Connecticut are visiting dealers and making sure they are complying with NSPS rules. Would you be ready if a state official visited your store? As a refresher, [click here to read what dealers need to know about NSPS.](#)

DOE- The U.S. Department of Energy had been considering a regulatory action for pilot lights intended to conserve energy for all heating and decorative gas appliances. At the same time, HPBA has been advancing a revision to the standards for vented gas fireplaces, stoves, and inserts that would achieve these same goals while considering the unique attributes, functions, and technical considerations of each appliance category. The CSA Group, setting technical appliance standards worldwide, has accepted HPBA's proposal to phase out continuous pilot lights, sometimes referred to as "standing" pilots, by mid-2019—several years earlier than would be achievable through federal regulation. The standards being revised will disallow continuous pilots on newly-manufactured products currently covered under the Z21.50 and Z21.88 standards.

Change outs- For a list of current change outs, [click here.](#)

See you in San Antonio!

Registration is open for the South Central Annual Meeting! May 20-22, San Antonio, TX.

The South Central Annual Meeting will take place May 20-22 at the Holiday Inn, Market Square in San Antonio, Texas. This year, we've added a golf tournament on Saturday, May 20 at Brackenridge Golf Course and a craft brewery tour that evening. Buy a foursome and then join us for that craft brewery tour around San Antonio. It'll be a special evening!



For registration forms and our full conference brochure, visit this link: <http://schpba.org/events/>

H-Town Grillaz gets 3rd place at Expo Cook-off!

Make sure you thank, and congratulate, Tru Lite Gas Products, for participating in the Expo Big Green Egg Cook Off. Good job, guys! You represented South Central very well and we're proud of you!



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