

2020 Tech Session FAQs

PARTICIPATION QUESTIONS (Debate open June 8-19*)

If I don't intend to vote, why do I need to create a profile?

Creating a profile (or using your existing profile) allows our system to include your information with the position statements that you submit during your participation. This is no different from the normal requirement to state your name and affiliation during the floor debate.

If I have an existing NFPA profile but have forgotten my password?

If you are unable to sign-in or have forgotten your password, please contact us by email at custserv@nfpa.org, phone at 1-800-344-3555 (press option 2 for Customer Service), or by using the chat feature. You can also retrieve a forgotten password from the NFPA Sign-in page: nfpa.org/Login

Am I limited in the number of times I can submit position statements for each Certified Amending Motion?

No. To preserve the core principles of the Annual Technical Meetings as closely as possible, you are free to submit multiple position statements as the electronic debate of the CAMs proceeds. However, the submission of the same position statements repeatedly is discouraged. Should a write-in campaign become apparent—with an overwhelming number of position statements being identical—the CAM may be closed to further submissions, in alignment with what would take place at the discretion of the Presiding Officer at an in-person Technical Meeting.

What if I only am interested in participating on one or a limited number of Certified Amending Motions? Can I do that?

Yes. When you log in to participate, all the Certified Amending Motions (CAMs) will appear in agenda order. However, you are not required to submit position statements on all. To easily move to a particular CAM, you may use the “find” feature (press “control” and “F” keys simultaneously; this opens a box into which you may enter the motion number). To submit your position statements, you must hit “submit” before exiting.

Does a Certified Amending Motion need a “second” for debate to proceed?

No. In accordance with the Temporary NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules for 2020, all CAMs included in the Motions Committee Report and Agenda that have not been withdrawn at least 5 days before start of the debate shall be open for consideration without any further action required by the authorized maker or the membership.

Can I submit my Position Statements via mail or email?

No. Position statements must be submitted electronically through participation at nfpa.org/2020techsession. Any position statements mailed to NFPA headquarters or emailed directly to NFPA staff are not submitted for purposes of the Tech Session debate.

Is there someone I can contact if I experience difficulties or issues when submitting my Position Statement?

Yes. If you have any questions when using the system, a chat feature is available or [contact us by email](mailto:techsession@nfpa.org) or phone at 1-800-344-3555.

How do I know if my Position Statements were submitted; will I receive confirmation?

Yes. Once you hit “submit”, a confirmation will appear indicating that the system has received your submission of position statements. For your records, you may wish to print the screen confirmation as these are not retained in your profile.

Can I review the submitters’ substantiations for the Certified Amending Motions?

Yes. Substantiations for each Certified Amending Motions are posted at nfpa.org/2020techsession.

Can I review the Committee position for the Certified Amending Motions?

Yes. The Committee Report(s) for each Certified Amending Motion is posted at nfpa.org/2020techsession.

Can I view the position statements submitted on each Certified Amending Motion?

Yes. Reports of all position statements submitted will be posted at nfpa.org/2020techsession as the debate progresses. Once debate closes, the final report (including all submissions) will remain available for review in preparation for voting.

Will the Report of Position Statements include identification of the submitter?

Yes. The name of the commenter and affiliation (if any) for each position statement will follow each statement in the Report. Additionally, each will identify the time and date of the specific submission and whether the submitter is FOR or AGAINST the motion.

If I want to support or counter someone else's Position Statement, how will anyone know the comment I'm addressing?

Each position statement included within the Report will include the commenter's name as well as a time and date stamp. To clearly connect your support or opposition to another position statement, include the other commenter's name and related time and date stamp in your position statement.

Can I download the Report of Position Statements from the website?

Yes. The Report may be downloaded for your convenience from the website at nfpa.org/2020techsession.

Why is CAM 99-7 not showing as an option for submitting my position statement?

CAM 99-7 was approved for withdrawal by the Standards Council upon request of the submitter after posting of the Motions Committee Report and Agenda. For complete listing of CAMs withdrawn by the Standards Council since posting of the Motions Committee Report and Agenda, please see "Important Update to 2020 Report of the Motions Committee and Agenda" at nfpa.org/2020techsession.

Why is CAM 99-9 not showing as an option for submitting my position statement?

CAM 99-9 was approved for withdrawal by the Standards Council upon request of the submitter after posting of the Motions Committee Report and Agenda. For complete listing of CAMs withdrawn by the Standards Council since posting of the Motions Committee Report and Agenda, please see "Important Update to 2020 Report of the Motions Committee and Agenda" at nfpa.org/2020techsession.

Why is CAM 101-16 not showing as an option for submitting my position statement?

CAM 101-16 was approved for withdrawal by the Standards Council upon request of the submitter after posting of the Motions Committee Report and Agenda. For complete listing of CAMs withdrawn by the Standards Council since posting of the Motions Committee Report and Agenda, please see "Important Update to 2020 Report of the Motions Committee and Agenda" at nfpa.org/2020techsession.

Why is CAM 101-18 not showing as an option for submitting my position statement?

CAM 101-18 was approved for withdrawal by the Standards Council upon request of the submitter after posting of the Motions Committee Report and Agenda. For complete listing of CAMs withdrawn by the Standards Council since posting of the Motions Committee Report and Agenda, please see "Important Update to 2020 Report of the Motions Committee and Agenda" at nfpa.org/2020techsession.

Why is CAM 101-19 not showing as an option for submitting my position statement?

CAM 101-16 was approved for withdrawal by the Standards Council upon request of the submitter after posting of the Motions Committee Report and Agenda. For complete listing of CAMs withdrawn by the Standards Council since posting of the Motions Committee Report and Agenda, please see “Important Update to 2020 Report of the Motions Committee and Agenda” at nfpa.org/2020techsession.

Why is CAM 5000-8 not showing as an option for submitting my position statement?

CAM 5000-8 was approved for withdrawal by the Standards Council upon request of the submitter after posting of the Motions Committee Report and Agenda. For complete listing of CAMs withdrawn by the Standards Council since posting of the Motions Committee Report and Agenda, please see “Important Update to 2020 Report of the Motions Committee and Agenda” at nfpa.org/2020techsession.

Can I make a motion to call the question?

No. In accordance with the Temporary NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules for 2020, parliamentary motions (e.g. a motion to call the question) will not be available during the debate of CAMs.

Can I make a follow-up amending motion?

No. In accordance with the Temporary NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules for 2020, follow-up motions will not be available during the session. However, any follow-up motion to return a document or return a portion of a document, affected by a previous successful amending motion, that would have otherwise been in order as a follow-up motion, may be submitted instead as an appeal to the Standards Council to return a document or portion of a document. Such appeal to Standards Council will be considered in the normal course and in accordance with the *Regulations*.

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS (Registration open June 8-17*)

Should I register for Tech Session?

Yes, if you have been a Voting NFPA Member consecutively since December 21, 2019 and wish to vote on certified amending motions. Only eligible Voting NFPA members successfully registered may vote on Certified Amending Motions.

Do I need to register for Tech Session to participate?

Anyone may submit position statements on Certified Amending Motions (CAMs) during the Tech Session. There is no need to register, but you will need to create an NFPA profile (or use an existing profile) to participate. If you wish to vote, you must register and be an eligible Voting NFPA member.

How do I register for the electronic Technical Meeting?

Registration opens on June 8, 2020 at nfpa.org/2020techsession. Registration for voting will close on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. You will be required to download the voting app and complete a test question using the voting app prior to voting during the designated voting period (June 22-26, 2020).

Is there a fee for registration to vote?

Yes. The fee for registration to vote for the 2020 Technical Meeting is \$50.

How much is registration?

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Are there any discounts for registration?

No. All eligible Voting NFPA members who register will be subject to the \$50 registration fee.

Why do I have to pay to register?

The fee for registration is not new. For NFPA members who participate and vote at Tech Sessions annually, this fee is included in your C&E registration or Tech Session Only registration. The fee is not for your participation, but rather to help cover the costs associated with the event. This year, the reduced registration fee reflects lower costs associated with conducting the meeting electronically. Fees help cover various costs, such as providing dedicated technical support to participants; technologies utilized for electronic participation; and important security measures to ensure voting integrity.

Will I receive confirmation that I am registered for the 2020 Technical Meeting?

Yes. You will receive an initial confirmation that your registration submission is complete. Once we have confirmed that you have been a Voting NFPA Member since December 21, 2019, you will receive an additional email confirming your successful registration and instructions for voting participation. Please note that you will be required to complete a test question using the voting app prior to being able to vote on Certified Amending Motions.

VOTING QUESTIONS (Voting open June 22-26*)

Does the voting application work on all electronic mobile devices?

No. The voting app works on Android and iOS supported mobile devices only. Although the vast majority of devices (iPads and cell phones) will support the voting app, there are some mobile devices which will

not. If you are having difficulties and believe this may be the reason, please contact tech support at 781-688-8000.

If I register to vote, must I vote on all Certified Amending Motions?

No. You may select only those Certified Amending Motions for which you wish to cast a vote. There is no requirement to vote on all Certified Amending Motions.

If I vote multiple times on a Certified Amending Motion, will all of my votes be included in the final calculations?

No, the voting application will count only one vote per participant on a single CAM. While you may change your vote during the voting period, the voting application will only tabulate the vote for each participant entered upon close of voting. This is the same as during the voting period during an in-person Technical Meeting.

If I submit my vote, can I change it?

Yes. As with voting during in-person Technical Meetings, you may change your vote at any time during the voting period. Once voting closes, your most recent vote will be included in the final tabulations.

Can I vote on behalf of someone else?

No. Voting by proxy is not permitted per the Temporary NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules for 2020.

RESULTS QUESTIONS (Results post June 29*)

How will I know the results of the votes on Certified Amending Motions (CAMs)?

Results of the NFPA membership's votes will be available and posted at nfpa.org/2020techsession on or before June 29, 2020.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? Contact techsession@nfpa.org

***Note:** Dates are the planned dates, but may be subject to change in accordance with the Temporary 2020 Rules.