

# FOREWORD

## Introduction

In March 2000, the ICC Board of Directors, responding to a need highlighted by the Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) Roundtable in December 1999 on Bleachers and Grandstands, appointed a consensus committee to develop a standard to cover new and existing installations of all types of bleachers and bleacher-type seating, including fixed and folding bleachers intended for indoor, outdoor, temporary and permanent use. This followed the submission of a bill to the U.S. House of Representatives entitled the Bleacher Safety Act of 1999 (H.R. 836), which authorized the CPSC to issue a standard for bleacher safety.

## Development

ICC 300-2007 has been developed utilizing a consensus process under the provisions of the ICC Consensus Procedures, dated ANSI approved July 2005. The ICC Consensus Committee on Bleacher Safety (IS-BLE) was established. The meetings of the IS-BLE Consensus Committee were open to the public and interested individuals and organizations from across the country participated. Views and objections were solicited through public proposal and comment periods. All views and objections were considered by the consensus committee and an effort was made toward their resolution. A vote by the consensus committee approved this publication.

The technical content of currently published codes and documents on bleachers was reviewed and considered by the committee. While there were many similarities among the documents reviewed, there were marked philosophical differences that were considered carefully by the committee. The requirements in ICC 300-2007 are based on the intent to establish provisions consistent with the scope of the ICC family of codes and standards that adequately protect public health, safety and welfare; provisions that do not necessarily increase construction costs; provisions that do not restrict the use of new materials, products or methods of construction and provisions that do not give preferential treatment to particular types or classes of materials, products or methods of construction.

## Adoption

The ICC 300-2007 edition will be made available for adoption and use by jurisdictions internationally. Its use within a governmental jurisdiction is intended to be accomplished through adoption by reference in accordance with proceedings establishing the jurisdiction's laws. At the time of adoption, jurisdictions should insert the appropriate information in provisions requiring specific local information, such as the name of the jurisdiction.

## International Code Council Consensus Committee on Bleacher Safety (IS-BLE)

**Consensus Committee SCOPE:** The ICC Consensus Committee on Bleacher Safety (IS-BLE) shall have primary responsibility for safety provisions for new and existing installations of all types of bleachers and bleacher-type seating, including fixed and folding bleachers intended for indoor, outdoor, temporary and permanent use.

This standard was processed and approved for submittal to ANSI by the ICC Consensus Committee on Bleacher Safety (IS-BLE). Committee approval of the standard does not necessarily imply that all committee members voted for its approval.

Representatives on the Consensus Committee are classified in one of three voting interest categories. The committee has been formed in order to achieve consensus as required by ANSI Essential Requirements. At the time it approved this standard, the IS-BLE Consensus Committee consisted of the following members:

General Interest (G) - User Interest (U) - Producer Interest (P)

**Stanton M. Alexander** (U), North American Testing Company, Daytona Beach, FL

**Roger Beu** (P), BR Bleachers, Woodstock, IL

**Brian Boudreau** (P), Hussey Seating Co., North Berwick, ME

**Gregory L. Buckner** (P), GT Grandstands, Lakeland, FL

**Gerard A. Hathaway** (G), NYS Department of State Building Codes Division, Albany NY

**Wade F. Hill, AIA**, (G), Department of Codes Administration, Nashville TN

**Anthony C. Meister** (U), FP & C Consultants, Inc., Kansas City MO

**Thomas Wandrie** (G), City of Phoenix Development Services Department, Phoenix AZ

Committee Secretary: **Kimberly Paarlberg, RA**, Senior Staff Architect, Codes & Standards, International Code Council, Country Club Hills, IL

**Voting Membership in Each Category**

Category	Number
General (G)	3
User (U)	2
Producer (P)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>

**Interest Categories**

**General Interest:** Individuals assigned to the General Interest category are those who represent the interests of an entity, including an association of such entities, representing the general public, or entities that promulgate or enforce the provisions within the committee scope. These entities include consumers and government regulatory agencies.

**User Interest:** Individuals assigned to the User Interest category are those who represent the interests of an entity, including an association of such entities, which is subject to the provisions or voluntarily utilizes provisions within the committee scope. These entities include academia, applied research laboratory, building owner, design professional, government nonregulatory agency, insurance company, private inspection agency and product certification/evaluation agency.

**Producer Interest:** Individuals assigned to the Producer Interest category are those who represent the interests of an entity, including an association of such entities, which produces, installs or maintains a product, assembly or system subject to the provisions within the committee scope. These entities include builder, contractor, distributor, labor, manufacturer, material association, standards promulgator, testing laboratory and utility.

**NOTE — Multiple Interests:** Individuals representing entities in more than one of the above interest categories, one of which is a Producer Interest, are assigned to the Producer Interest. Individuals representing entities in the General Interest and User Interest categories are assigned to the User Interest.