



**Membership Council 2015 Annual Report
Fire Service Membership Council**

DATE: August 27, 2015
TO: International Code Council Board of Directors
FROM: Fulton Cochran, CFO, CBO, Chairman
 Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee (FSMC: GC)

Governing Committee Members[†]:

First Name	Last Name	Representing	GC Position
Fulton	Cochran*	Clark County, NV - Department of Building and Fire Prevention	At Large (ICC)
Jackie	Gibbs	IAFC (Southeastern Division)	IAFC-MOU
Scott	Adams**	Park City Fire Service Dist.	At Large (ICC)
Robert	Barnett	IAFC (Southwestern Division)	IAFC-MOU
Ronny	Coleman	FireForceOne	At Large (ICC)
Sean	DeCrane	IAFF	At Large (ICC)
Gary	West	NASFM	NASFM-MOU
Tonya	Hoover	NASFM	NASFM-MOU
Rick	McCullough	IAFC (Canadian Division)	IAFC-MOU
George	Michehl	IAFC (Great Lakes Division)	IAFC-MOU
Richard	Miller	NASFM	NASFM-MOU
Ernie	Misewicz	IAFC (Western Division)	IAFC-MOU
Kelly	Nicolello	NASFM	NASFM-MOU
Marc	Sampson	IAFC (Missouri Valley Division)	IAFC-MOU
Jeff	Shapiro	International Code Consultants	At Large (ICC)
James	Yates	IAFC (Eastern Division)	IAFC-MOU
Michael	Sinsigalli	IAFC (New England Division)	IAFC-MOU
Adolf	Zubia	Chairman, IAFC - FLSS	At Large (ICC)

*** Chairman, ** Vice Chairman**

Staff Liaisons: Richard Hauffe, Karla Higgs, Mel Cosgrove, Rob Neale

[†]See Term History Appendix.

FSMC Membership Requirements:

Membership in the Council is open to any individual who wishes to affiliate with the Fire Service Membership Council and is a member of the International Code Council (ICC), an ICC Governmental Member Voting Representative, or employed by a jurisdiction or corporate member of ICC or a member in good standing of a closely aligned organization as approved by the ICC Board of Directors.

The Governing Committee may make recommendations to the ICC Board of Directors to include additional organizations as closely aligned.

Membership Numbers:

As of August 18, 2015– 420 members (a decrease of 20 or 4.5%)

Activities Completed Since Last FSMC Annual Meeting at the 2014 ABM in Fort Lauderdale:

- FSMC meeting and election for Governing Committee at 2014 ABM in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on September 27 the Governing Committee elected the following leaders for 2015:

Chairman – Fulton Cochran (ICC at-large appointee)

Vice Chairman – Scott Adams (ICC at-large appointee)

- Conducted the following conference calls with the Fire Service Membership Council

January 23, 2015

October 16, 2014

August 6, 2014

- FSMC Governing Committee Mid-Year Meeting was held in Memphis; Saturday April 18 and Sunday April 19, 2015.

Note: Meeting minutes for all meetings and conference calls posted on the ICC Fire Service Membership Council website.

Fire Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Certifications

ICC Certification and Testing has rolled-out the five new tests associated with fire sprinklers and fire alarms. This is the completion of a multi-year effort in conjunction with the Board for International Professional Standards (BIPS) (now under the Certification Committee of the Professional Development Council) and ICC staff. See table of results on next page.

Exam Title	Total Tests Administered
Commercial Fire Sprinkler Inspector	10
Commercial Fire Sprinkler Plans Examiner	9
Commercial Fire Alarm Inspector	16
Commercial Fire Alarm Plans Examiner I	9
Commercial Fire Alarm Plans Examiner II	8

FSMC Governing Council Work Groups

In 2015, created the following Work Group to implement FSMC Goals:

- **cdpACCESS Initiative Work Group**

Mission: Encourage fire service to become ICC governmental members and promote their engagement in cdpACCESS

Members: Scott Adams, Group Leader, Ronny Coleman, Sean DeCrane, Tonia Hoover, Jeff Shapiro and Adolf Zubia

The National Association of State Fire Marshals and the International Association of Fire Chiefs Fire and Life Safety Section posted information on cdpACCESS in their respective newsletters.

Maintained the following Work Groups to implement FSMC Goals:

- **Training and Education Work Group**

Mission: Recommend ICC Training & Education Programs/Work with Education Committee

Members: Sean DeCrane, Group Leader; Scott Adams; Robert Barnett, Rick McCullough, Marc Sampson, Jeff Shapiro.

At its January 29, 2015 conference call, the FSMC voted unanimously to “Request the ICC Board of Directors reconsider its decision to assign each Membership Council one educational slot for the ABM for a cutting-edge/emerging issue topic without the requirements that that program be submitted for review by the Education Committee.” The ICC Board did reconsider and voted to maintain the new deadlines. At the March meeting (need date & see minutes of Memphis) the FSMC-GC voted to not submit a class for the future ABM’s due to the change in ICC policy.

The February deadline for curriculum submission makes it challenging to arrange training topics that are meaningful to a large number of fire service officials and to obtain instructor commitments.

Building Safety Month and Fire Prevention Month Work Group

Mission: Work with Government Relations Department in support of Building Safety Month and Fire Prevention Month

Members: George Michehl, Group Leader, Tonya Hoover, Richard Miller, Ernie Misewicz, Adolf Zubia and Jim Yates.

The overall theme for Building Safety Month, May 2015, was *Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes*. Each week of Building Safety Month had a specific theme/focus:

Week 1	May 4-10	Don't Get Burned- Build to Code
Week 2	May 11-17	Bounce Back Faster from Disaster – Build to Code
Week 3	May 18-24	Water Safe, Water Smart – Build to Code
Week 4	May 25-31	Save Energy-Build to Code

Ernie Misewicz created an article on alternative heating sources for the Building Safety Month edition of the *Building Safety Journal*. Insert language on the article just prepared for fire prevention month by George.

- **Membership Council Outreach Work Group**

Mission: Recruitment of new members to the FSMC; adding value to membership in the FSMC

Members: Mike Sinsigalli, Group Leader, Ronny Coleman, Kelly Nicoletto, Gary West and Jackie Gibbs.

The Work Group had been involved in the membership drive led by the cdpACCESS Initiative Work Group.

Miscellaneous Information

- **Update the FSMC Webpage**

Mission: To network FSMC membership on ICC-related issues, events and activities

The Fire Service Membership Council web page was updated to remove old agendas and meeting announcements, while retaining meeting minutes to provide a record of Council activities.

- **Joint meeting of the FSMC and BOMC Governing Committees**

The pilot offering of **Building & Fire Officials: Working Together to Achieve Public Safety** occurred April 17 in Memphis, with 11 participants.

First complete offering will be at the 2015 Annual Business Meeting in Long Beach. It is intended that the 30 students will be equally distributed between fire and building code officials.

FSMC GC member Kelly Nicoletto had feature article entitled “Building and Fire Officials Working Together is Focus of New Program” in the August 2015 edition of Building Safety Journal Online.

- **Solar Issues**

The FSMC on April 19 heard a presentation on the partnership between ICC and the Solar Rating & Certification Corporation (SRCC). Eileen Prado, SRCC executive director, Shawn Martin of ICC PMG and John Smirnow, vice president of Trade & Competitiveness for the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) presented the material, including Smirnow's work with fire service

organizations to address concerns with firefighting strategies involving large rooftop photovoltaic solar arrays.

- **Excellence in Fire and Life Safety Award**

Former ICC national fire service director Bruce Johnson on August 27, 2015 was presented the 2015 “Excellence in Fire and Life Safety Award” at the International Association of Fire Chiefs annual Fire Rescue International conference in Atlanta. The Excellence in Fire and Life Safety Award honors those who have dedicated themselves to saving lives and property through the development of codes, fire-prevention practices and leadership techniques. The award is sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC) and the Fire & Life Safety Section (FLSS) of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC).

Appendix: Term History: Fire Service Membership Council

Term Expires December 31, 2015

First Name	Last Name	Term Expires	History
Jackie	Gibbs	2015	Per IAFC MOU 2015: Eligible, reappointment to 2nd full term 2013: Re-elected Vice Chair 2012: Re-appointed to full 3-year term and re-elected Vice Chair. 2011: 1 year term. Moved to Vice Chair midterm,
Scott	Adams	2015	2015: Eligible, re-election to 2nd full term. 2014: Elected Vice Chair 2012: Re-elected to full 3-year term 2011: 1 year term. Elected Vice Chair but resigned midterm
Rick	McCullough	2015	Per IAFC MOU 2015: Eligible, re-appointment to 2nd full term. 2012: Re-appointed to full 3-year term 2011: 1 year term
George	Michehl	2015	Per IAFC MOU 2015: Eligible, re-appointment to 2nd full term. 2012: Appointed to full 3-year term 2011: 1 year term
Marc	Sampson	2015	Per IAFC MOU 2015: Eligible, appointment to 2nd full term 2012: Appointed to full 3-year term. 2011: 1 year term
Jeff	Shapiro	2015	2015: Eligible, re-election to 2nd full term. 2012: Re-elected to full 3-year term 2011: 1 year term

Term Expires December 31, 2016

Fulton	Cochran	2016	2016: Eligible, re-election to 2nd full term 2014: Re-elected Chair 2013: Elected to 1st full term; re-elected Chair 2012: Re-elected Chair 2011: 2-year term and Chair
Robert	Barnett	2016	IAFC Per MOU 2016: Eligible, reappointment to 2nd Full Term 2013: Appointed 3-year term
Ronny	Coleman	2016	2016: Eligible for election to 2nd full term 2013: Elected to 1st full term 2011: 2-year term
Tonya	Hoover	2016	Per NAFSM MOU 2016: Eligible for re-appointment to 2nd full term 2013: Appointed to 1st full term 2012: Appointed to complete unexpired term 2011: Original 2-year term vacated
James	Yates	2016	Per IAFC MOU 2016: Eligible, reappointment to 2nd full term 2013: Appointed to a full 3-year term

Adolf	Zubia	2016	2016: Eligible for election to 2nd full term 2013: Elected to 1st full term 2011: 2-year term
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Term Expires December 31, 2017

Sean	DeCrane	2017	2014: Reelected to 2nd full term 2011: Elected to 3-year term
Gary	West	2017	Per NASFM MOU 2017: Eligible for re-appointment to 2nd full term. 2014: Reappointed to a full term 2013: Appointed to complete an unexpired 3-year term (Bruce Faust)
Richard	Miller	2017	Per NASFM MOU 2017: Eligible, re-appointment to 2nd full term 2014: Reappointed to 1st full term 2013: Appointed to complete an unexpired term
Ernie	Misewicz	2017	Per IAFC MOU 2014: Reappointed to 2nd full term 2011: Appointed to 3-year term
Kelly	Nicoletto	2017	Per NASFM MOU 2017: Eligible, re-appointment to 2nd full term. 2014: Reappointed to 1st full term 2012: Appointed to complete unexpired term 2011: Original 3-year term vacated
Michael	Sinsigalli	2017	Per IAFC MOU 2017: Eligible for re-appointment to 2nd full term 2014: Appointed to fill unexpired term of Bill St. Michel. Appointment affirmed for a 3-year term