



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee**

**Thursday, May 16, 2019
1:30 p.m. EDT**

**“Founded by Members to Serve our Members . . .
Benefitting Communities Worldwide”**

FSMC Governing Committee Members	Representing	Present
Gary West -- Chair -- National Fire Sprinkler Association, Nashville, TN	NASFM	X
Randy Metz -- Vice Chair -- Carlsbad Fire Department, CA	IAFC:W	X
Fulton Cochran -- Clark County Fire Department, NV (Ret.)	ICC	
Andy King -- Franklin Fire Department, TN	IAFC:SE	X
TBD -- Appointment Pending --	IAFC:SW	
Michael Desrochers -- State of Vermont Division of Fire Safety	NASFM	
Joe McElvaney -- The Hiller Companies, Inc.	ICC	
TBD -- Appointment Pending --	IAFC:C	
Rick Boisvert -- Brighton Area Fire Authority, MI	IAFC:GL	
Coy Porter -- Utah State Fire Marshal's Office	NASFM	X
Steve Swarthout -- Riverside County Fire Department, CA	ICC	X
Kelly Nicoletto -- Underwriters Laboratories, TX	NASFM	X
Kara Gerczynski -- Elizabeth Fire Protection District, CO	IAFC:MV	X
Christine Reed -- Central County Fire Department, CA	ICC	X
Robert Buxton -- Hudson Fire Department, NH	IAFC:NE	
Joseph Fahd, Jr. -- Cohoes Fire Department, NY	IAFC:E	
Timothy Diehl -- City of Rockville, MD	ICC	X
Adolf Zubia -- A to Z Fire & Code Consulting, LLC, NM	ICC	X

International Code Council (ICC) Staff and Liaisons	Present
Angie Wiese -- FSMC Liaison to the ICC BOD – Fire Safety Manager, St. Paul, MN	X
Karl Fippinger -- Vice President, Fire & Disaster Mitigation -- ICC	X
Dave Nichols -- Senior Regional Manager, Government Relations -- ICC	

Members/Guests Joining by Teleconference	Present
Audrey Cline -- Building Membership Council Liaison to the FSMC, Town of Durham, NH	X

Robby Dawson – Southeast Regional Director, NFPA	X
Rock Meng -- Global Membership Council to the FSMC, Capitol FPE LLC	X

FSMC Governing Committee Teleconference Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome guests (West/Fippinger)
- 2) Opening Remarks from the Chair (West)
 - a) Chief West appreciates everyone’s attendance at the FSMC Governing Committee Meeting in Albuquerque last month. We had huge discussions that laid the groundwork for lots of progress in the future.
 - b) Attended the Truman Fire Forum May 5-6, 2019 in Key West, FL. This year’s theme was “Truman’s Legacy toward Fire Prevention, Fire Safety and Historic Preservation” and was centered on the [final report from the 1947 President’s Conference on Fire Prevention](#).
 - c) Currently hosting the National Fire Sprinkler Association Annual Seminar and Fire Sprinkler Expo May 15-18, 2019 in Nashville, TN.
- 3) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda
 - a) N/A
- 4) Approval of Minutes
 - a) April 27-28, 2019 Meeting and teleconference
 - i) Motion: Kelly Nicoletto; Second: Christine Reed; Result: Passed unanimously
- 5) Reports from Officers (West/Metz)
 - a) Board of Directors liaison (Wiese)
 - i) May is Building Safety Month - Minnesota Governor signed a modified proclamation recognizing building safety month
 - ii) Monthly meeting invitations have been sent out for FSMC meetings through the end of the year, including the next in-person meeting at the ICC Annual Business Meeting in Las Vegas
 - iii) The 2018 ICC Annual Report is out in both interactive digital format and PDF..
 - (1) [Digital Interactive Version](#)
 - (2) [PDF Downloadable Version](#)
 - iv) ICC recently updated its web site including the launch of a new [myICC Portal](#)
 - v) Registration is open for the [ICC Annual Business Meeting](#). Karl will share the justification letter and annual conference talking points. Please use these as needed and share with others to help them register for the conference.
 - (1) [Why You Should Attend - General Information](#)
 - (2) [Why You Should Attend - Talking Points](#)
 - (3) [Justification Letter](#)
 - b) Sara Yerkes, Senior Vice President, Government Relations
 - i) Glad to hear that the FSMC had good meetings in Albuquerque and that members are pleased with the council’s direction and the support it’s receiving from staff.
 - ii) Attended the Truman Fire Forum in Key West the first week in May.

- iii) Everything is good here in DC. We're talking about federal legislation and role that we should play, speaking on the issues when opportunities come up.
 - iv) The City of Chicago recently adopted the model codes - the first comprehensive revision to the city's building codes in 70 years. When it is adopted next year, the city's new building code will incorporate the International Building Code, the International Fire Code, the International Existing Building Code and the International Property Maintenance Code. Next phase of implementation will include the IFC – very happy to see that happen.
 - v) Question from Chief King: Heard that Chicago is not adopting sprinkler provisions for buildings 80' or less? Sara and Karl will check on this and get back to the group.
 - (1) Answer: All new buildings in Chicago over 70' (previously this was 80') must be sprinklered.
 - vi) Sara went on to say that she believes Chicago is not adopting the tall wood buildings provisions of the IFC as well. The former Chicago Deputy Fire Commissioner for Prevention, Rich Edgeworth is helping ICC with the local amendments.
- c) Karl Fippinger, Vice President, Fire and Disaster Mitigation
- i) Update on Building Safety Month activities
 - (1) BSM tweets are going out each day during the month of May. Thank you to Christine Reed and the Public Awareness Committee for their work putting these together.
 - (2) Washington, DC Building Safety Month Reception is May 22nd
 - ii) ICC Member Services Vice President Karla Higgs shared a spreadsheet of ICC members who have affiliated with the Fire Service Membership Council. The current number is 547. Received the information earlier today and will do some analysis on that information to share with the group during the next monthly teleconference.
 - iii) The Code Council recently co-sponsored two resolutions that were reviewed and approved by the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) National Advisory Committee and its Board of Directors. ICC Government Relations plans to use these resolutions as platforms to advocate for further use of the latest codes and standards in the wildland-urban interface and for federally funded infrastructure programs. Links to a Building Safety Journal article and the resolutions follow below.
 - (1) [BSJ Article: CFSI National Advisory Committee Resolutions Approved](#)
 - (2) [CFSI Wildland Fire Resolution - April 26, 2019](#)
 - (3) [CFSI Codes for Federal Infrastructure Investments Resolution](#)
 - iv) ICC will be participating in the Vision 20/20 / CFSI National Symposium on Leadership in Community Risk Reduction Symposium, May 30-31 in Washington, DC.
 - (1) ICC and the Fire Service Membership Council will be represented by Elizabeth Bednarcik, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal from Gallatin Fire Department in Tennessee.
 - (2) Karl Fippinger will also be attending and supporting the event on behalf of ICC Government Relations.
 - v) ICC Government Relations continues its engagement on the [Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 \(DRRA\)](#), particularly:
 - (1) Section 1206 which authorizes FEMA to provide assistance to state and local

governments for building code and floodplain management ordinance administration and enforcement; and

- (2) Section 1234 which authorizes the National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Mitigation fund which will be funded through the Disaster Relief Fund as a six percent set aside from estimated disaster grant expenditures. This allows for a greater investment in mitigation before a disaster. This new program is named Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC).
 - (3) ICC Government Relations will be attending a House Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee hearing on DRRA May 22nd on Capitol Hill
 - vi) The NFPA Annual Conference and Expo is May 17-20 in San Antonio, TX. Karl made a recommendation to the chair to consider moving the June Fire Service Membership Council meeting from June 20th to June 27th.
 - (1) Motion: Kelly Nicolello; Second: Christine Reed; Result: Passed Unanimously
- 6) Reports from Special Committees
- a) Update on ICC Honorary Membership Nomination for Past FSMC Chairs (Wiese/West)
 - i) Angie Wiese updated the group that honorary member nominations were presented and discussed in closed session during the April board meeting in Albuquerque. Selections will be announced at the ICC Annual Conference.
 - b) Update on Ad-Hoc Committee on Building Safety and Security (Wiese/Metz)
 - i) Angie Wiese offered a brief update on the [Ad-Hoc BSS](#). Literature review complete. Work groups have been established and are moving out on their assigned work. Other interested parties are welcome to participate.
- 7) Unfinished Business
- a) 2019 Work Group Updates
 - i) Chairman's Project (West/Metz)
 - (1) No report.
 - ii) Training and Education (Gerczynski)
 - (1) Started putting together topics and ideas for the 2020 and 2021 annual conferences
 - (2) Working with Karl to review the existing fire service classes that are offered by ICC with the goal of creating a stronger link between members of the FSMC and existing training. The output would be a consolidated list of education and training that is available from ICC and its preferred providers. A large part of this will be to create awareness and availability of these resources.
 - (3) Soliciting for a member to serve as the Emerging Issues and Trends liaison.
 - iii) Member Recruitment (King)
 - (1) No report. Need to schedule a meeting in June.
 - iv) Public Awareness (Reed)
 - (1) BSM tweets are going out and being received well
 - v) Emerging Issues and Trends (Diehl for Desrochers)
 - (1) Scheduling a call for early June
 - (2) Received 6 issue forms so far, one includes multiple subjects

- (a) Inflatable Spray Booths
 - (b) Lite Steel Beams (LSB)
 - (c) Water based Extinguishing systems (mist and velocity vortex) Nitrogen- Listing?
 - (d) Fire Alarm Systems Changes NFPA 72 (UL Dual Sensors)
 - (e) Recovery Homes
 - (f) Cancer and Its Effect on Firefighters
 - (g) Peer Support and Education (Suicide Prevention)
 - (h) Photo Voltaic Assemblies (PVAs) - Solar Panels and how they may affect fire suppression efforts
 - (i) Ultra-Low NOx water heaters and potential fire hazards: [Link](#)
 - (j) Air Exchanges in Residential Structures - Energy Code - "Air Tightness" - Are we going to make residential structures so "airtight" that we are then creating a greater potential for a backdraft situation? [Link](#)
- (3) June conference call
- (a) Develop a vetting instrument/form to help guide us on how to best act on our submittals.
 - (b) Once the form is distributed to all partners, we expect to see a heavy increase in submittals.
 - (c) Develop a more robust vetting process
- b) FSMC-sponsored presentations at ICC Annual Business Meeting (Fippinger)
- i) Coordinating with Kara Gerczynski, Fulton Cochran, Ron Piester, and Madi Dominescy. Moving forward based on feedback received from the FSMC Governing Committee in Albuquerque.
- c) Innovation in Code Administration Award (nominations due 6/30/2019) (Fippinger)
- i) Received one nomination so far. Soliciting and marketing for additional submissions.
- d) FSMC Podcast (Fippinger)
- i) In-progress. Coordinating with Gary West, Randy Metz, and ICC Communications staff
- e) Status update on adding two National Association of State Foresters to the FSMC-GC. (Fippinger)
- i) In-progress
- 8) New Business
- a) FSMC Governing Committee Attendance and Vacancies (West/Metz/Fippinger)
 - i) Karl following up with IAFC on SW and Canadian Division vacancies
 - ii) Attendance and participation
 - (1) McElvaney, Buxton, Fahd have attended no meetings in 2019
 - (2) Boisvert has attended one meeting in 2019
 - (3) Karl was tasked to reach out to each person in June prior to the next meeting to gauge their interest in further participation
 - b) ICC Membership Council Governing Committee election modernization (West)

- i) Application Review
 - (1) Tabled due to time
 - ii) Elections: Color coded ballots; Electronic voting (pre-meeting); Electronic voting (during meeting)
 - (1) Tabled due to time
 - c) Fire Service Membership Council Charter Update (Fippinger)
 - i) In-progress based on feedback received in Albuquerque
 - ii) Karl to discuss and vet specific proposals with Gary West and Randy Metz in June
 - d) Fire Service Membership Council Social Media Account(s) (Fippinger)
 - i) Tabled due to time
 - e) Mid-Year Report to the ICC Board of Directors (West/Metz/Fippinger)
 - i) In-progress. Karl to summarize monthly activities to date and include expected future activities for board review.
- 9) Next Meeting
- a) Thursday, June 27, 2019 @ 1:30 p.m. EDT
- 10) Questions/Comments from the Audience
- a) None heard
- 11) Good of the Order
- a) None heard
- 12) Adjourn
- a) Motion: Andy King; Second: Coy Porter; Result: Passed Unanimously

Gary West, Chair
2019 FSMC Governing Committee

Randy Metz, Vice-Chair
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2019 FSMC Meeting Schedule

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
17	21	21	27-28	16	27	18	15	19	19-20	21	19
WebEx	WebEx	WebEx	ABQ	WebEx	WebEx	WebEx	WebEx	WebEx	ABM	WebEx	WebEx

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