



# FIRE SERVICE MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL GOVERNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Thursday January 23, 2014 – 1:00 PM Eastern  
Conference Call**

<b>IFCC Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>IFCC Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Fulton Cochran – Chair	X		Jackie Gibbs – Vice Chair		X
Scott Adams	X		Richard Miller		X
Robert Barnett	X		Ernie Misewicz	X	
Sean DeCrane		X	Kelly Nicolello	X	
Ronny Coleman	X		Marc Sampson	X	
Bruce Faust		X	Jeff Shapiro	X	
Tonya Hoover		X	William St. Michel		X
Rick McCullough	X		Jim Yates		X
George Michehl	X		Adolf Zubia	X	
<b>Staff</b>					
Bruce E. Johnson	X		Mark Roberts		X
Rick Hauffe	X		Karla Higgs	X	
<b>Guests</b>					
Bill Bryant (Board Liaison)	X		Greg Wheeler, ICC Board	X	
Jim Brown, ICC Board	X			X	
Robert Drexler, ICC Board	X				

- I. Call to Order by Chairman Cochran at 1:02 p.m. Eastern with Roll Call (above)  
11 Members of the FSMC also participated on this call with four members of the ICC Board of Directors.
- II. Welcome and introduction of new members  
Robert Barnett – IAFC Southwestern Division introduced himself - he serves with St. Tammany Fire District No. 12 in Covington, La. (Website for District: <http://fd12.org/> )
- III. Next in person meeting – Will be held in Memphis in conjunction with the IgCC Committee Action Hearings (4-27 thru 5-4). FSMC GC meeting date TBD.

Staff reported the ICC Board felt it was important for all Membership Councils to meet together. This is the reason for changing the location from CFSI in Washington, DC to the IgCC Committee Action Hearings in Memphis. Having all Membership Council Governing Committees meet in Memphis would allow for greater networking and collaboration and bring members to the code hearings. It would also give the FSMC Governing Committee the opportunity to continue its collaborative work with the BOMC Governing Committee. The Board also felt the FSMC Governing Committee’s presence would be valuable during the Group C code change testimony.

Staff is working on travel and scheduling logistics. In order to avoid conflicts with the scheduled hearing times; the Governing Committee meetings will most likely be held immediately before or immediately after the Group C Committee Action Hearings. (Hearings scheduled: Sunday, April 27, to Sunday, May 4).

Board Liaison Bill Bryant said that while the fire service's concern with the IgCC is not as great as with the IFC, IBC or IRC, the Board felt the presence of all the Governing Councils was important at the Group C event.

Chairman Cochran said ICC Staff will work on arrangements to set the meeting date and time that is most convenient to GC Members and will report soon.

IV. Update reports 2013 FSMC Work Groups – Chairman Cochran and Work Group Leaders

*Training and Education Work Group –*

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

Staff said the Work Group is still seeking a new leader to replace Mark Showmaker (who has rotated off the GC) and an additional member. He said the feedback on the FSMC sponsored workshop on *Warehouse Fire Protection* by David LeBlanc from Tyco at the ABM last fall was very positive and encouraging. A new workshop aimed at the advanced level should be recommended for the ABM this fall in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He asked for recommendations from GC Members for workshop/course ideas and instructors.

*Building Safety and Fire Prevention Month Work Group – George Michehl*

**Mission:** *Work with Government Relations Department in support of Building Safety Month*

George Michehl said staff had sent him the themes for each week of Building Safety Month and that he had sent inquiries to Tonya Hoover and Adolf Zubia to help think of topics for news and feature articles. He said the overall theme for BSM is “BUILDING SAFETY: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks” and the themes for each week will be:

Week 1- Code Officials: Keeping Fire in Its Place

Week 2- Code Officials: Helping Homeowners Weather the Storm

Week 3- Code Officials: Surround Your House with Safety

Week 4- Code Officials: Building a Brighter, More Efficient Tomorrow

Michehl said because the topics of some of the weeks are outside the scope of the fire service, he recommended an invitation should be extended to BOMC GC Members to write some of the articles or find authors who can write authoritatively on the topics. For example, energy efficiency is not a topic that is germane to the fire service.

Jeff Bechtold said he agreed with Michehl's observation and said he was willing to co-author or find someone to co-author articles with FSMC GC Members.

Chairman Cochran said the FSMC took the lead on developing copy for last year's BSM articles and said he would call BOMC GC Chairman Steve Shapiro to get input. He said ICC staff may also help facilitate articles for BSM and that the deadline for articles to be completed is Feb. 24.

*Recruitment and Mentoring Work Group – Scott Adams*

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

Scott Adams said work is continuing on developing the Work Group's objectives and that it will have something ready for the ABM this fall in Ft. Lauderdale. He said Members are welcome to discuss ideas during the next FSMC GC meeting in Memphis.

*Newsletter Letter and Website Committee – Bruce Faust*

**Mission:** *Work with staff to produce a quarterly FSMC Newsletter and update the FSMC webpage*

Rick Hauffe, ICC staff assigned to the Work Group, said work is under way on the Winter edition of the FSMC eNews and that the FSMC Webpage had been updated using articles and the calendar from the Fall edition.

ICC Board Member Jim Brown said the entire ICC website will be overhauled this year as part of the budgeted approved by the Board in December. He said five Board Members were assigned to a website advisory committee and that results should be completed in the third quarter of 2014.

V. cdpACCESS Update by staff

ICC Board Member Jim Brown said Board President Stephen Jones assigned him to the cdpACCESS Oversight Committee and that more beta testing was scheduled throughout 2014 to make sure the online tool works effectively as the hearings near on the 2015 IgCC. He said input during a conference call of the Sustainability Committee indicated the Members were pleased with cdpACCESS and found it was intuitive and easy to use.

ICC Board Liaison Bill Bryant said that so far, about 750 changes to the IgCC had been offered, including those from the architectural community.

ICC Board Member Robert Drexler said ICC Board Members and staff are promoting cdpACCESS training to all ICC Members, and that input and questions to the Board are welcome.

Staff reported the Fire Code Action Committee had drafted five proposals for the IgCC and that Adolf Zubia had submitted them on behalf of the Fire Life Safety Section. He said it was easy to log on to cdpACCESS to create change proposals; set-up collaboration with all of the F-CAC members and it was a simple process to go through the copyright release and submit completed proposals with just one click. .

Marc Sampson said that staff had sent the collaborative emails to Fire CAC Members and that he had difficulties with loading up on cdpACCESS and with the collaborative functions. Jim Brown said he will discuss Sampson's issues with ICC's IT Staff.

VI. Update on Joint FSMC-BOMC Governing Committee Activities

Chairman Cochran said he will discuss an agenda of joint GC activities when he and BOMC GC Chairman Steve Shapiro have their next phone call. He said he is waiting on meeting schedule information from ICC Staff.

VII. 2014 ABM in Ft Lauderdale, FL – Request to assist with a Habitat for Humanity home build

Eirene Oliphant, President of Women in Code Enforcement and Development, said she has been working with the Habitat for Humanity Chapter in Broward County to arrange a building date in conjunction with the ABM in Ft. Lauderdale before it starts Sept. 27. She said a maximum 15 volunteers will be needed.

Jeff Shapiro said his team will install a sprinkler system, noting it would take about two hours to complete. He said if ICC is involved, it's important to set an example on building to the IRC, which includes residential fire sprinkler installations.

Chairman Cochran said staff will send updates on the project.

VIII. Report from Charter Review Committee

Chairman Cochran, G. Michehl, K. Nicoletto, S. Adams

Chairman Fulton the Committee will meet within 60 days.

IX. Other/Unfinished Business

Jeff Bechtold asked if it would be worthwhile to create a firefighting demonstration or "guest academy" in conjunction with the 2014 ABM to expose building officials and others attending what kinds of conditions the fire service must work in. He asked if someone could ask Broward County officials if they are interested in conducting it and to look into liability issues.

X. Select date for next conference call meeting

Chairman Cochran said he will look into a better date for the March meeting that doesn't have so many conflicts for Members and ICC staff.  
Staff will send out a Doodle poll

XI. There were no other comments or questions from Governing Committee Members or Fire Service Council Members, the meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM.

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