



FIRE SERVICE MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL GOVERNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Tuesday April 17, 2012 – 12:00Noon EDT
Conference Call**

IFCC Members	Present	Absent	IFCC Members	Present	Absent
Fulton Cochran – Chair	X		Jackie Gibbs – Vice Chair		X
Scott Adams		X	Ernie Misewicz	X	
William Barnard	X		Jon Roberts		X
Sean DeCrane		X	Marc Sampson	X	
Ronny Coleman		X	Jeff Shapiro	X	
Eric Enriquez		X	Mark Showmaker	X	
Bruce Faust		X	William St. Michel	X	
Rick McCullough	X		David Tyler		X
George Michehl	X		Adolf Zubia	X	
Staff					
Bruce Johnson	X		Richard Hauffe	X	
Mark Roberts	X		Karla Higgs		X
Guests					
Sec/Tres Steve Jones	X				
Rob Drexler	X		Patrick Parsley	X	

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Cochran at 12:01 pm EDT with Roll Call
- II. Update on Dallas code development hearings
 - B. Johnson announced the Membership Councils will meet in Dallas for two hours, starting 8 a.m. Sunday, April 29th. Staff will be present at the FSMC meeting, and that Vice Chair Jackie Gibbs will preside in Chairman Cochran’s absence.

Members attending can participate in the cdp-ACCESS (code development participation) update, which will start at 10:15 a.m. April 29th. Chairman Cochran reported the Building Membership Council plans for full-day Saturday and Sunday morning meeting in Dallas.

Chairman Cochran reminded members that next year’s hearings in Dallas will involve the B Cycle codes, which includes the IFC. He said FSMC Governing Committee members at the 2013 meetings should look forward to a full day schedule preceding the FSMC meeting.

- III. Mid-year meeting at Fire Rescue International (FRI) in Denver
B. Johnson – Final details for FRI are being finalized and will be announced within a week. Tentatively, the dates for the meeting are Monday, July 30, and Tuesday, July 31. Plans include a half-day meeting July 30 with ICC staff on certification and training, a full-day schedule for July 31 for discussion and parking lot items, and a draft report to be finalized later for the ICC Board of Directors.

ICC will finance Governing Committee Members' airfare and hope they will participate in the FRI Conference.

- IV. Update FSMC webpage welcome message
B. Johnson – Data is now returning from the survey to members, with more than 60 responses received so far. Survey seeks feedback on issues such as training, certifications and participation. Questions involving social media seek ideal communications media to enhance the dialogue between members and leadership.

- V. Update on proposed new ICC Certifications
B. Johnson – More than 800 responses were received thanks to cooperation from other fire service and trade associations. Survey results will be used to create recommendations for the Board for International Professional Standards (BIPS). Next step is to analyze data to reach conclusions which will be forwarded to Michelle Porter, ICC Certification and Testing Manager, before being sent to the BIPS Committee.

The four new Certification Exams include:

- Commercial Fire Alarm System Maintenance Inspector
- Commercial Fire Sprinkler System Maintenance Inspector
- Commercial Fire Alarm Plan Review and Acceptance Testing Inspector
- Commercial Fire Sprinkler Plan Review and Acceptance Testing Inspector

Chairman Cochran praised the high number of responses, noting that early analysis indicates two-thirds of respondents favor the need for the new certifications. The BIPS Committee will make its recommendations to the ICC for each of these new certification exams.

- VI. Update on cdp-ACCESS (formerly known as “remote participation”)
Chairman Cochran – ICC will make a thorough presentation on the issue in Dallas at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, April 29th. The presentation will be webcast and archived on the ICC website. The intention is to increase collaboration on code changes without affecting the quality of the process or the final product. A survey among ICC members had shown 75 percent of the membership supported it.

B. Johnson – ICC will continue to send emails and to update the website to keep the membership informed on the progress of the steering committee for cdp-ACCESS. FSMC members are asked to forward the e-news and email information to their respective organizations to keep them informed and to encourage their feedback.

VII. Adding value to FSMC membership
Chairman Cochran – Time will be set aside at the mid-year FRI meeting in Denver to discuss ideas to make FSMC membership more valued. He said up to 400 memberships have been secured so far.

VIII. Announcements and regional updates from Governing Committee members
Nine members gave brief reports. Critical issues in common with most reports involve political pressure to challenge residential fire sprinklers and life safety codes in the 2012 code updates.

Chairman Cochran asked for input on the issue of rebuilding not completed, abandoned structures that have been sitting idle for several years and are now resuming construction. Staff will refer to Fire-CAC for consideration.

B. Johnson announced that nominations are still being sought for the ICC and IAFC's FLSS Excellence in Fire and Life Safety Award.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.