



FIRE SERVICE MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

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

**Thursday, May 19, 2016
1330 EDT**

FSMC Members	Present	FSMC Members	Present
Scott Adams – Chair Park City Fire District, UT	X	Rick McCullough (Retired) Regina Fire Department, SK	
Gary West- Vice Chair Tennessee State Fire Marshal	X	George Michehl (Retired)	X
Robert Barnett Attorney at Law, LA		Richard Miller	
Fulton Cochran Clark County Building and Fire PreventionNV	X	Ernie Misewicz Fairbanks Fire Department, AK	
Ronny Coleman FireForce One, CA		Kelly Nicoello Underwriters Laboratories, TX	X
Sean DeCrane Cleveland Fire Department, OH		Marc Sampson Longmont Fire, CO	
Timothy Diehl Rockville FMO, MD	X	Michael Sinsigalli West Hartford Fire, CT	X
Jackie Gibbs Marietta Fire Department, GA	X	Jim Yates Lawrence Road Fire Co., NJ	
Tonya Hoover, California State Fire Marshal		Adolf Zubia Clark County Building and Fire Prevention, NV	X
Staff		Staff	
Rob Neale	X		
Guests/Visitors		Guests/Visitors	
Jim Brown, CBO, ICC Board Liaison, Gillette, WY	X		
Greg Wheeler	X		
Jeff Shapiro	X		

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. EDT by Chairman Scott Adams. Mr. Neale called the roll. Initially, there was not a quorum, but a quorum was met at 1:56 p.m. when another Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee (FSMC-GC) joined the teleconference.

2) Openings Remarks from the Chair

There were no opening remarks from the Chair.

3) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

4) Approval of Minutes

Following the declaration of a quorum, Mr. George Michehl moved, and Mr. Timothy Diehl seconded, a motion to approve the April 16-17, 2016 FSMC-GC minutes. The vote was approved unanimously.

5) Reports from Officers or Permanent Committees

Building Safety Month/Fire Prevention Week Work Group. Mr. Michehl reported the FSMC-GC article on lessons learned from historic fires is scheduled to be published in the next edition of Building Safety Month. He said he used the last several paragraphs of the article as a call for governmental voting members to get involved in the cdpACCESS voting process.

cdpACCESS Work Group. Mr. Zubia expressed his appreciation for the efforts of all fire service organizations that are working to encourage interest in cdpACCESS.

6) Reports from Special Committees

There were no special committee reports.

7) Unfinished Business

Correspondence to the ICC Board of Directors. Mr. Neale reported the Building Officials Membership Council agreed to participate in the joint recommendations to the ICC Board of Directors asking for support of the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2015 and Nicholas and Zachary Burt Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015. Mr. Neale will send the correspondence and model resolutions to the Membership Council chairmen for their signatures.

FSMC-Governing Committee Membership Survey. Mr. Neale reported only one ICC group (Membership) responded to his request regarding on-going or planned ICC actions that aligned with the four major areas identified in the membership survey response matrix that Ms. Hoover created at the April 16-17 FSMC-GC meeting.

FSMC Charter Review Recommendation. Messers. Nicoletto, West, Gibbs and Shapiro volunteered to be on a task group that will review and make recommended amendments to the Fire Service Membership Council charter. A copy of the latest charter was sent to the task group.

FSMC 2017 Annual Conference Training Options. As a follow-up to Mr. Cochran's April question about what training options should be considered for the FSMC at the ICC Annual Meeting, Chairman Adams asked if perhaps the FSMC and Building Official Membership Council (BOMC) should seek funding to co-sponsor a course.

Mr. Nicoletto said the ICC "stock" classes are intended for those who are seeking recertification and are not provided for general information. He added that in his opinion ICC training does not meet the fire services' overall needs.

Mr. Shapiro replied that courses offered at the Annual Conference have a terrible turnout because it is important to match a specific audience to specific class: People who attend the Annual Conference don't want or need ICC stock training. Mr. Shapiro said training was successful when they offered specialized programs on places of assembly, interior finishes, and other topics that are more leading edge and contemporary than stock classes.

The FSMC-GC discussed the challenges of meeting ICC Annual Conference planning and scheduling requirements that make it nearly impossible to offer timely and interesting courses.

Director Wheeler explained that in his home state of Colorado, as soon as one educational institute is finished each year, they begin working right away on the subsequent year's programs and start advertising at the Annual Conference. He said asking for materials and speakers six months in advance of an event is a reasonable request and did not foresee ICC changing its policy.

Mr. Shapiro said it was a problem to be asked for a course six to nine months in advance when there was no certainty of what a contemporary topic might be. He said historically the FSMC-GC simply request a time slot that would be managed by the FSMC-GC and the FSMC-GC would be responsible to deliver the program. Mr. Shapiro said he thought it was reasonable that each Membership Council should be authorized to set its training program as a way to add value to its constituents.

Director Brown suggested the FSMC-GC submit an outline to him to present to the Board of Directors to see what FSMC can do with it.

Posting Code Voting Recommendations on ICC Website. Mr. Zubia said he had nothing to report on whether ICC would allow individual groups to post their code voting recommendations (so-called “cheat sheets”) on the ICC website.

Chairman Adams wondered if these recommendations might be able to post on the Fire Service Membership Council webpage. Mr. Nicoletto commented that if it is done for one organization, it would have to be provided for all. He said the individual organizations must do their own. Mr. Shapiro stated that although he once was opposed to the idea of “cheat sheets” he now has a different perspective. He said he believes it would be a significant benefit that people could see cheat sheets to compare positions on issues. It would give members an opportunity to discuss issues in the chat rooms.

Director Wheeler said that while he agreed with Mr. Shapiro, the position papers should be outside the ICC website. He explained that Colorado groups publish code change recommendations for members and people can use or ignore them.

Code Action Voting. Mr. Shapiro explained that under the current ICC code change voting protocols, if members don’t vote to support a committee or membership action, a relatively small number of online voters could overturn the recommendation.

He recommended a voting policy change similar to that employed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) where individuals can vote to support all of the committee’s or members’ actions, but reserve the right to vote differently on specific code change proposals. He said he recently finished his own online voting that took two hours because he had to vote on all individual action items. While most of the time he agreed with the committee, he said, it would be easier if there was a voting option to “agree with everything the committee recommended, except . . .” Mr. Shapiro suggested the FSMC should work with the BOMC to submit a voting protocol change proposal.

Director Wheeler requested a proposal be submitted to him to place before the Board of Directors. Director Brown recommended all the membership councils work together on a proposal, that “partnering with other councils would be a positive step.” Mr. Shapiro stated it would be better to “do it right that do it fast. Would prefer to get discussion started rather than start something formally.”

FSMC-GC Role in Future Leaders Symposium.

This item was moved to the table awaiting Mr. DeCrane’s availability.

ICC Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Certification Program Marketing.

Mr. Neale reported that with Mr. Cochran’s assistance an 1100-word article explaining the ICC fire alarm and sprinkler certification program was submitted to nine fire service and construction trade journals.

Mr. Michehl recommended it be sent to each of the ICC fire service chapters for publication in their state or local newsletters. Copies were sent to the FSMC-GC and fire service chapters.

FSMC Governing Committee Nominating Committee.

Chairman Adams appointed Messrs. West (Chair), Nicoletto, Diehl and Gibbs to the FSMC Governing Committee Nominating Committee to review applications subsequent to the ICC call for committees.

Note: On May 19, 2016, Mr. Coleman submitted his resignation from the FSMC-GC. A copy of his letter is attached.

FSMC Welcoming Packet.

This item was moved to the table awaiting Mr. DeCrane's availability.

8) New Business

Building Safety Month Proclamation.

Mr. Zubia moved, and Mr. Michehl seconded, a motion that the FSMC-GC submit a Building Safety Month proclamation. The motion was approved unanimously.

A copy of the proclamation was sent to Chairman Adams for his signature.

Mr. Shapiro recommended "fill-in-the-blank" proclamations be available at the ICC booth at the NFPA annual conference in Las Vegas.

9) Good of the Order

FSMC Annual Report.

Mr. Neale reminded members that the FSMC-GC annual report to the Board of Directors is pending, and content recommendations should be submitted to him by August 30.

New Chapter Application.

The Maine Fire Chiefs Association has submitted an application to become a new ICC chapter. The application will be presented to the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Annual Conference Arrangements.

Director Brown reminded the FSMC-GC registration is now open for the ICC Annual Conference October 16-25 in Kansas City. He encouraged the committee to make hotel reservations as soon as possible. Mr. Neale is confirming FSMC-GC travel details with Membership Services.

Presidential Executive Order.

Director Brown stated an Executive Order issued by President Obama required all federal buildings 5,000 sq. ft. or more must comply with the International Wildland Urban Interface Code.

10) Adjournment.

There being no additional business, the FSMC-GC adjourned at 2:34 p.m. EDT.

*Approved July 21, 2016 by the Fire Service
Membership Council at its monthly teleconference.*