



**FIRE SERVICE MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL
GOVERNING COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES**

Tuesday June 23, 2014

IFCC Members	Present	Absent	IFCC Members	Present	Absent
Fulton Cochran – Chair	X		Jackie Gibbs – Vice Chair	X	
Scott Adams	X		Ernie Misewicz	X	
Robert Barnett		X	Kelly Nicoletto	X	
Sean DeCrane		X	Marc Sampson		X
Ronny Coleman		X	Jeff Shapiro		X
Tonya Hoover		X	Michael Sinsigalli	X	
Rick McCullough	X		Gary West	X	
George Michehl	X		Jim Yates		X
Richard Miller	X		Adolf Zubia	X	
Staff					
Bruce E. Johnson	X		Karla Higgs		X
Rick Hauffe	X				
Guests					
Bill Bryant (Board Liaison)	X		Jim Brown	X	
Robert Drexler	X		Greg Wheeler	X	

- I. Call to Order by Chairman Cochran at 1:00 p.m. Eastern on Monday, June 23, with Roll Call (above). Eleven FSMC GC Members were present. Four members of the ICC Board of Directors participated in the meeting.
- II. Update reports from 2014 FSMC Work Groups

Building Safety Month and Fire Prevention Month Work Group

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

Work Group Leader George Michehl said the group will work on an article for Fire Prevention Week to appear in the Building Safety Journal. The NFPA Theme for 2014 is “Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives – Test Yours Every Month!” The focus of the article will be on smoke alarms and recent research comparing the durability and effectiveness of photoelectric and ionization technology. Michehl said a recent survey of local failure rates of photoelectric smoke alarms was surprising, indicating a high rate of failure for systems that are 10 years old and older.

Chairman Fulton Cochran agreed and suggested others in the FSMC would be encouraged to send along their experiences, data and observations of deteriorating smoke alarm systems. He said the issue needs to be a stronger concern for all building code officials.

Membership Council Outreach Work Group

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

Work Group Leader Scott Adams reported the group is expected to meet soon to discuss projects. He said the emphasis will be on the 2015 Annual Meeting in Long Beach.

Training and Education Work Group

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

ICC Staff Liaison Bruce Johnson reported the topic for the training at the Annual Business Meeting in Fort Lauderdale will be a three-hour session updating new testing by Underwriter Laboratories on green construction products; Title: *Green Construction and Energy Production's Impact on Fire and Firefighter Safety*. A suitable session on Cross Laminated Timber construction was not available for the 2014 annual meeting.

III. Update on Joint FSMC-BOMC Governing Committee Activities

Chairman Cochran said the Joint FSMC-BOMC Steering Committee will meet in Chicago on various issues during July 16-17, including the creation of a class for both Membership Council members.

IV. Next in-person Governing Committee meeting in Ft Lauderdale in conjunction with the ABM and IgCC Public Comment Hearings (September 27th thru October 7th).

Chairman Cochran said the Governing Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet Saturday, Sept. 27 with the BOMC for a pilot of the joint training program. All Councils will meet on Sunday, Sept. 28, to hold elections and conduct other business. He said the two primary hotels attached to the convention center in Fort Lauderdale are the Marriott and Hilton hotels. He reminded Committee Members that the 2014 ABM was shortened from three to two days.

Bruce Johnson said Members should make their hotel reservations, but that it is too early to finalize plane reservations until ICC confirms the Saturday meeting and pilot presentation of the training program. He said that information will be announced in early August.

Chairman Cochran said the next phone conference meeting of the FSMC GC will be in late August, and said a Doodle Poll will be sent to Members to determine the best date and time.

V. Update on the new ICC Professional Development Council

Chairman Cochran said the deadline to apply for membership on the new Professional Development Council (PDC) is July 1 and that the applications are relatively simple to complete. The purpose of the PDC is to further align the goals of the Education and Certification programs. He urged FSMC Members to apply for the PDC to make sure fire service concerns are adequately addressed.

ICC Board Member Greg Wheeler said some aspects of the PDC remain to be decided by the ICC Board of Directors. He said there will be two committees which will be made up of six members: The Education Committee and the Certification Committee. The PDC will conduct surveys of ICC members to determine policy direction for education and certification programs.

VI. Report on Codes and Standards Council

Chairman Cochran said the Codes and Standards Council will Meet July 23-24 in Chicago to determine recommendations to the Board of Directors for appointment to all 2018 code development committees. He urged FSMC Members to contact him or Tonya Hoover if they have suggestions on committee assignments as soon as possible.

Bruce Johnson said that with the 2015 I-Codes now being distributed, there is quite a lot of interest in the 2018 Code committees.

VII. Discussion on cdpACCESS/Report from Fire-CAC

Fire-CAC Chairman Adolf Zubia announced that while there was minimal feedback from Fire Code Action Committee Members on cdpACCESS voting, the feedback on cdpACCESS was mainly “very positive.” He said the recent voting on IgCC proposals made in Memphis, Tenn., offered a learning experience to fire service officials for future code action votes on the 2018 codes. He said there was an instance of lobbying to members using cdpACCESS, and said that may be a concern for discussion by the ICC Board of Directors.

ICC Board Liaison Bill Bryant said there were 256 voters who participated on cdpACCESS on the IgCC proposals. He said it was a strong turnout for a mid-year hearing on a green construction code.

Chairman Cochran said that his voting experience “was very smooth” and that training the FSMC Governing Committee received in Memphis was helpful.

VIII. Roundtable

Bruce Johnson announced that ICC was sponsoring three industry roundtable discussions, with the first two being held at the ICC Government Office in Washington, D.C.

- The first Roundtable Panel will review fires in buildings under construction that recently caused severe property damage and personal injury. It will be a day long discussion on July 31; facilitated by Alan Perdue and provide an opportunity for code and fire officials, architects, engineer’s builders, construction workers, manufacturers and others to collaborate on recommendations for prevention, mitigation and safety.
- The second roundtable will review the recent trend in some states and jurisdictions to extend the cycle for updating building safety codes including an examination of the causes and effects of extending the adoption cycle,. This Roundtable will be held August 20 and National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) President Henry Green will be the moderator.
- The third Roundtable will be in conjunction with the 2014 Annual Conference in Fort Lauderdale to examine issues and propose solutions related to the education and development of code officials. Johnson said those named to participate on the roundtable discussions in Washington, D.C., will be announced in early July.

Visit for more information: http://media.iccsafe.org/NR/2014/061214-ICC_Roundtables.pdf

George Michehl said it would be important for FSMC Governing Committee Members to try to be among the 25 participants in the roundtable discussions. Adolf Zubia and Bill Bryant said they will be at one of the Washington, D.C., roundtable discussions.

VIII. Others on the call included

Steve Swarhout of Bellevue, WA
Kathy Clay of Jackson, WY
Dominick Kasmauskas of the National Fire Sprinkler Assn., Inc.
Dave Hollinger of Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
Timothy Diehl of Rockville, Maryland.



IX. Chairman Cochran adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

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