



FIRE SERVICE MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL GOVERNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Tuesday August 6, 2013 – 1:00 PM Eastern
Conference Call**

IFCC Members	Present	Absent	IFCC Members	Present	Absent
Fulton Cochran – Chair	X		Jackie Gibbs – Vice Chair	X	
Scott Adams	X		George Michehl	X	
			Ernie Misewicz		X
Sean DeCrane		X	Kelly Nicoletto	X	
Ronny Coleman	X		Marc Sampson	X	
Bruce Faust	X		Jeff Shapiro	X	
Tonya Hoover	X		Mark Showmaker	X	
Rick McCullough	X		William St. Michel		X
			Adolf Zubia	X	
Staff					
Bruce E. Johnson		X	Mark Roberts		X
Rick Hauffe	X		Karla Higgs		X
Guests					
Bill Bryant (Board Liaison)	X		Guy Tomberlin, ICC Board Sec./Treas.	X	
Ron Piester, ICC Board President	X		Ron Hoover, ICC Board	X	
Lynn Underwood, Chair, Global Membership Council	X		Jim Brown, ICC Board	X	
Greg Wheeler, ICC Board	X		Ravi Shah, ICC Board	X	

- I. Call to Order by Chairman Cochran at 1:17 p.m . Eastern with Roll Call (above)
13 Members of the FSMC also participated on this call with several members of the ICC Board of Directors. A request was made for the conference call-in number and code be posted on future meeting agendas.
- II. Update reports 2013 FSMC Work Groups – Chairman Cochran and Work Group Leaders

Training and Education Work Group – Mark Showmaker

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

Showmaker said the work group secured time on the ABM agenda. Thanked Jeff Shapiro for help with materials and instructors. Asked FSMC Governing Committee members to help market the programs and to touch base with all the Membership Councils to stimulate greater interest and attendance.

Building Safety and Fire Prevention Month Work Group – George Michehl

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

Michehl reported he produced an article relating to Fire Prevention Month which will appear in the September issue of Building Safety Journal.

Recruitment and Mentoring Work Group – Scott Adams

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

Adams said he is working with Eirene Oliphant, ICC Staff and Tech Services to produce video clips from last spring's hearings in Dallas and other instructional materials. He said there is a fast growing interest in the Work Group's activities as its work will be fundamental to rolling out cdpACCESS successfully.

ICC Board President Ron Piester recommended that Adams and others he is working with attend the orientation program at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, to introduce the new training videos and materials.

Newsletter Letter and Website Committee – Bruce Faust

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

ICC Staff Rick Hauffe reported the committee put a lot of work into producing the premier edition of the FSMC eNewsletter. It is the summer edition of the quarterly newsletter. The fall newsletter will be ready in October. Hauffe invited Governing Council members to send articles to be included. He also stressed how important their help is to send him calendar of events and training items for the newsletter. The fall newsletter needs to post calendar items of interest to the fire service community for the months of October, November, December and the first two months of 2014. He said the FSMC Webpage will be developed once a few of the eNewsletters are completed.

Chairman Cochran said the newsletter will create a central, nationwide calendar which would be a valuable tool. He asked members send information and links, and to help build some momentum for the FSMC eNewsletter.

III. Discussion regarding FSMC sponsored classes at ABM

Session Title: *New Approaches to Warehouse Fire Protection/ Warehouse Commodity – Fire Protection Mismatch; a Recipe for Major Warehouse Fires - Tuesday October 1st*

Session description: This seminar focuses on the challenges of commodity classification and high-piled combustible storage. Seemingly benign changes or alterations to commodities can have a major impact on the ability of a sprinkler system to either control or suppress a fire. High-piled combustible storage (HPCS) is no longer limited to conventional warehouses. Experience has found that jurisdictions can find HPCS within indoor malls or in conventional strip mercantile buildings. Given that HPCS is commonly located in sprinklered, unlimited area buildings, it's incumbent upon code officials and design professional to ensure that the sprinkler protection is properly designed, especially when dealing with high-challenge commodities like plastics, aerosols or physical-hazard hazardous materials. This seminar includes several case studies that explain what went wrong and what went right in unlimited area buildings protected by automatic sprinklers. **Session Timeline Total 3 hours**

Shapiro said final arrangements are being completed for the presentation on Warehouse Fire Protection, which would feature impressive experts and information.

Session Title: *Code Hearing Orientation for First Timers - Tuesday October 1st*

Chairman Cochran asked for help getting information on the class to ICC members attending the ABM in Atlantic City. He suggested email, online and other media be used to promote it as frequently as possible before the ABM.

IV. Update on FSMC sponsored certifications

Fire Sprinkler – Plan Review

Fire Sprinkler – Acceptance Testing and Routine Inspection, testing and maintenance

Fire Alarm – Plan Review

Fire Alarm - Acceptance Testing and Routine Inspection, testing and maintenance

Chairman Cochran explained the application period has closed and exam development committees will be formed to meet this fall. Work should be completed in the next six months. He and Vice Chairman Jackie Gibbs will give a report to the ICC Board of Directors.

V. cdpACCESS Update

Chairman Cochran said a meeting of the cdpACCESS Steering Committee will be held in Chicago Aug. 19 to continue the development of the program so that it could be tested for live voting during the code hearings in Atlantic City.

President Piester said work is being completed on a national webinar to review how the system is being developed and to familiarize ICC Members with how the system will work. The webinar should be available online by the end of August. A series of education events and opportunities are being developed to continue educating ICC Members with the system and to prepare delegates how to use it for the 2015 IgCC hearings in 2014. There will also be short YouTube informational videos to help educate voting Members.

Marc Sampson asked what information ICC could share from the report produced by Cloud Design following their research and interviews with the membership. President Piester said the Steering committee is awaiting analysis and recommendations on the report from staff. He said it will be reviewed and discussed at the cdpACCESS meeting later this month

Jeff Shapiro asked that a call-in number be available for the meeting later this month in Chicago so FSMC Governing Council members can listen to the discussion.

President Piester had a line set up for public participation during the Aug. 19 meeting. It will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The number is **800-910-8278** (toll free) or **231-929-6700**. The conference ID code is **7349262** for both numbers.

VI. Terms Expiring at year-end (December 31, 2013)

Fulton Cochran, ICC

Ronny Coleman, ICC

Tonya Hoover, NASFM

Mark Showmaker, IAFC-Eastern Division

Adolf Zubia, ICC

Vacant IAFC-Southwestern Division

Vacant NASFM – (December 31, 2014)

Chairman Cochran said Members will soon receive some correspondence from him and Bruce Johnson on the election process during the ABM in Atlantic City. He said Adolf Zubia is not eligible to serve as Nominating Committee Chair, so he would appreciate volunteers to contact him to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

VII. Preparations for Annual Conference and code hearings in Atlantic City

Fire code hearing is on Thursday, Oct. 3, but Kelly Nicoletto advised that the fire service has several concerns with what will go into the 2015 IRC and asked members to be watchful of the IRC discussions.

Chairman Cochran said the next FSMC Governing Committee meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 29, at the convention center.

All of the Councils will meet together for the first hour, 3-4:00 PM to receive information from ICC staff that is of interest to all Councils. Elections for governing committee members, Chair and Vice Chair will also be conducted in this group setting. In a group setting individuals that are members of multiple groups can vote within each Council. Following the group meeting each Council will meet separately.

Regarding housing, Shapiro said there are bargains on condos and houses to rent during the ABM events on websites by Vacation Rental by Owner (VRBO) and Home Away.

Chairman Cochran said travel complications will require planning and attention by Members going to Atlantic City. He asked that FSMC GC Members send their travel itineraries by email as soon as possible to Bruce Johnson or Rick Hauffe so that travel from the airport to Atlantic City can be economized.

ICC Board Member Jim Brown said he located a vans and limo service in Philadelphia that offers a discount rate, as did Tonya Hoover. (In email Brown wrote "Lou's Luxury Car service. 877-568-8294. Ask for a lady named Jazz. Tell her that you are with the ICC and that the cowboy from Wyoming sent you. That way she will give you the discounted rate.")

ICC Board Liaison Bill Bryant offered rides for Governing Committee members to Atlantic City if they are flying into Baltimore Washington International Airport on Friday, Sept. 27.

Bruce Faust said he will pick up GC Members on Saturday, Sept. 28, as he travels from Baltimore to Atlantic City. His vehicle can accommodate three passengers.

VIII. Update on Joint FSMC-BOMC Governing Committee Activities

Chairman Cochran said Work Groups assigned to meet and report on their recommendations have yet to complete their assignments. He said he and BOMC Chairman Steve Shapiro will continue discussing how to reinvigorate the Joint Committees' activities and maintain progress on the issues identified earlier this year.

IX. Other business

George Michehl said that GC members may have read about the results of the Illinois State Fire Marshal's attempt at the adoption of the 2012 Life Safety Code. The Fire Marshal has withdrawn his attempt to change the existing code following enormous backlash from the Homebuilders Association, High Rise Condominium owners in Chicago and restaurant owners. The residential sprinkler requirements in the LSC 2012 edition sparked controversy that the Fire Marshal could not overcome despite unanimous support from the Illinois Fire Service and the sprinkler industry. It will be a while before the issue can be revisited.

Tonya Hoover said that on Aug. 19, the Calif. Office of State Fire Marshal will conduct meetings on the impact of residential fire sprinklers with the state's energy codes and guidelines for leakage.

President Piester said the ICC Board of Directors recently announced its appointment of Dominic Sims as permanent CEO of ICC. He complimented Sims' skills and expertise in running ICC's professional offices and organization. He told Membership Council members to speak freely with Sims regarding any concerns or suggestions when they see him at Atlantic City. Chairman Cochran said he sent a congratulatory letter on behalf of the FSMC Governing Committee to Sims and that Sims wrote back a gracious thank you note.

President Piester said he will attend FRI next week in Chicago and will present the ICC's 2013 Excellence in Fire & Life Safety Award to Chief Sean DeCrane.

Guy Tomberlin, ICC Board Secretary/Treasurer, announced there will be a presentation of the Vision 2023 Committee at Atlantic City. He said the committee divided subjects involving ICC's growth and development into five work groups.

ICC Board Member Jim Brown told GC Members that beta testing was completed on a new app for smart phones and tablets that will keep ICC Members informed in real time on all the activities and news at the 2013 Annual Conference in Atlantic City. The app can be applied to future business meetings, too.

- X. There were no other comments or questions from Governing Committee Members or Fire Service Council Members, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Prepared by: Rick Hauffe