

FIRE SERVICE MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL GOVERNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Conference Call Meeting
Tuesday, August 26, 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	
			Greg Wheeler	X	

- I. Call to Order by Chairman Cochran at 1:01 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, with Roll Call (above). Three members of the ICC Board of Directors participated in the meeting.
- II. Update reports from 2014 FSMC Work Groups

Chairman Cochran reported he had been on the last conference call of the Building Safety Month and Fire Prevention Month Work Group and commended Group Leader George Michehl and the Work Group members for producing an article on smoke alarms for the October edition of the Building Safety Journal. He said the article was submitted on schedule to BSJ Editor Felicia Oliver after it had been assembled and edited.

Scott Adams, Leader of the Membership Council Outreach Work Group, said the work group is scheduling a meeting in the next week and will have a report at the Governing Committee’s next meeting.

Chairman Cochran said the Training and Education Work Group has been working on training opportunities, including those at the ICC Annual Meeting. He advised members to sign up for the class on energy conservation, green construction and fire safety on Tuesday, Sept. 30. Shapiro said there were some questions about whether CEUs from the class would be transferrable for everyone who participates.

III. Update on Joint FSMC-BOMC Governing Committee Activities

Chairman Cochran reported on meeting last spring in Memphis which created a steering committee of eight Governing Committee Members from FSMC and BOMC to work with ICC training staff on a pilot program for a new class entitled: *Building and Fire Code Officials: Working Together to Improve Public Safety*. Significant progress was made last month in Chicago on the pilot program, which is scheduled to be presented for FSMC and BOMC Governing Committee Members at the Annual Conference in Ft. Lauderdale. The pilot class will be presented by Kelly Nicoletto and Neville Pereira on Saturday, September 27. Location of the class will be announced.

IV. Next in-person meetings of FSMC

Chairman Cochran reported the next meeting of the FSMC will be held in Ft. Lauderdale in conjunction with the ICC Annual Conference and Group C Public Comment Hearings (September 27 thru October 7). The FSMC GC meeting will meet on Saturday, September 27, with BOMC GC for a pilot class. The Annual FSMC meeting will be held on Sunday morning, September 28.

Chairman Cochran also pointed to an email sent recently by Vice President of Member Relations Karla Higgs seeking volunteers to volunteer for time slots during the Trade Show at the ICC Annual Conference. He asked Governing Council Members to use the Doodle poll to fill the slots at the FSMC booth.

The next phone conference of the FSMC Governing Committee will be in late October or early November on a date to be determined.

V. Report on Codes and Standards Council

Chairman Cochran said the Codes and Standards Council met July 23-24 in Chicago and made recommendations for more than 400 seats on 26 code development committees. The recommendations will go before the ICC Board for approval and applicants will be notified of appointments by Tech Services. He said there were about 600 applicants for the technical committee seats, which was less than expected. He said he will make a strong recommendation that more intense recruitment efforts are made to get a greater response of applicants for the next code development cycle.

ICC Board Liaison Bill Bryant said the committee appointments will be on the Board's agenda at the Annual Conference.

VI. Applications for Governing Committee; appointments expiring December 31, 2014

Chairman Cochran announced the appointment of a nominations committee to make its recommendation for the At-large Governing Committee seat held by Sean DeCrane. Chief DeCrane is eligible for appointment to a 3-year term. There is currently an open call for applications to all Membership council Governing Committees

The nomination committee members are: Chairman - Adolf Zubia, Tonya Hoover and Marc Sampson.

The Governing Committee also reviewed the list of Members whose terms expire December 31, 2014 and are eligible for appointment to a 3-year term via memo of understanding with the organizations they represent. They are:

Richard Miller; MOU-NASFM
Ernie Misewicz; MOU-IAFC Western Division
Kelly Nicoletto; MOU-NASFM
Michael Sinsigalli; MOU-IAFC New England Division
Gary West; MOU-NASFM

The nomination committee will meet by phone conference after the nomination application filing deadline of September 15 and before the Annual Conference to make its recommendation. Elections for open seats on all Membership Council Governing Committees will take place at the Joint Member Councils Annual Meeting Sunday morning, September 28.

Mike Sinsigalli noted the Call for Governing Committee was recently published in the ICC e-News, which refers those interested in becoming nominated to a Governing Committee position to fill out an application. The link to obtaining information and an application form is available on the ICC website at:
<http://www.iccsafe.org/cc/Pages/2014Call.aspx> .

VII. Other business

Chairman Cochran announced that September 1 is the deadline for all governmental voting members to register to vote at the Annual Conference and Group C Code Action Hearing in Ft. Lauderdale, but also to vote on cdpACCESS after the hearing.



Jeff Shapiro strongly advised that ICC Board Members and staff work quickly to make it much easier to confirm a voting member's status on the ICC website and the cdpACCESS program. He said locating this information currently requires looking up a voting member's jurisdiction designated contact, which requires too many confusing steps. He said that information should be immediately linked after a voting member logs in to their ICC Account instead of requiring the voting member spend a lot of time trying to find it.

ICC Board Member Jim Brown said he recently encountered the same problem, and offered to send instructions how to obtain the jurisdiction designated contact information.

Chairman Cochran asked that Brown's information be distributed to the Governing Committee. Chairman Cochran will draft a letter addressed to CEO Dominic Sims and the ICC Board of Directors describing this problem and the recommended solution. This item will added to the meeting agenda of the Ft. Lauderdale meeting for discussion and approval of the letter by the full Governing Committee.

ICC Board Member Greg Wheeler announced that the recipient of the 2014 Fire Service Award is Kelly Nicoletto, who represents the National Association of State Fire Marshals on the FSMC Governing Committee. He said the award will be presented during the ICC Annual Conference.

ICC Board Member Jim Brown said the cdpACCESS Steering Committee has been working with ICC IT staff on the next level of cdpACCESS in preparation for the 2018 Group A hearings during 2015. He said it will include many improvements over the debut version being used this year with the 2015 Group C voting.

Eirene Oliphant, representing Women in Code Enforcement and Development, announced invitations are also extended to spouses of ICC Members attending the Annual Conference to participate in the Habitat for Humanity project on Saturday, September 27. She asked that those interested in participating contact her by phone, 913-236-3361, or email, Eirene.Oliphant@brrarch.com .

VIII. Roundtable

Scott Adams, At-large Member, said the State of Utah is in the process of adopting the 2015 WUI Code and that implementation is expected to occur July 1, 2016.

Richard Miller, NASFM representative, said there are two bills from the Michigan Legislature to repeal the state's law on fireworks.



Ernie Misewicz, IAFC Western Division, said Alaska is preparing to adopt the 2012 I-codes update and predicted the process will take quite a lot of time.

Jeff Shapiro, At-large Member, said Minnesota's recent adoption of 2012 IRC updates included residential fire sprinklers in all townhouses and in single-family residences that are 4,500 square feet and larger (square footage includes basements, but not garages). He said Minnesota's Governor had successfully vetoed or pushed back attempts in the last three sessions to pass legislation banning requirements for residential fire sprinklers and that Minnesota is becoming the third state to issue statewide codes requiring residential fire sprinklers.

Mike Sinsigalli, IAFC New England Division, said the State of Connecticut is still in the process of updating its codes to the 2012. He said a sticking point has been updating the state fire code, which has been a mixture of the IFC and NFPA 101. He said the code update will take effect some time in 2016.

Chairman Cochran said the old Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas is reopening under a different name, and that the refurbished casino and facility cost \$500 million to rebuild and will hire 1,500 people. He said the 2012 code updates went into effect July 1 in Nevada.

Bill Bryant, ICC Board Liaison, said ICC conducted two roundtable discussions this summer on major issues affecting the built environment. He said he attended the recent roundtable discussion on code adoption cycles and that a report on the discussion will be made available. Jeff Shapiro said he attended the first roundtable earlier this summer which focused on issues involving recent fires at several building construction sites. He said the information from the discussion will be useful for all concerned.

Shapiro also asked that the Governing Council encourage the ICC Board of Directors to revisit its decision to stop holding the annual cracker-barrel luncheons at the Annual Conferences. Chairman Cochran said the reduction of the Annual Conference from a three-day event to a two-day event makes it very difficult to reinstate the cracker barrels. Board Liaison said the issue is not yet on the agenda for the Board meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, and that the 2015 Annual Conference in Long Beach, Calif., will also be a two-day event.

IX. Chairman Cochran adjourned the FSMC GC meeting at 1:59 p.m.

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