



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee
Thursday, September 15, 2016**

“Many Voices for One Purpose”

FSMC Members	Representing	Present
Scott Adams – Chair -- Park City Fire District, UT	ICC	X
Gary West- Vice Chair -- Tennessee State Fire Marshal	NASFM	X
Robert Barnett –Attorney-at-Law, LA	IAFC:SW	
Fulton Cochran -- Clark County Building and Fire Prevention, NV	ICC	X
Sean DeCrane -- Cleveland Fire Department, OH	IAFF	X
Timothy Diehl -- Rockville Fire Marshal’s Office, MD	ICC	X
Jackie Gibbs -- Marietta Fire Department, GA	IAFC: SE	
(Vacant)	NASFM	
Rick McCullough -- (Retired) Regina Fire Department, SK	IAFC:C	
George Michehl -- (Retired) Buffalo Grove Fire Department, IL	IAFC: GL	X
Richard Miller--	NASFM	
Ernie Misewicz -- Fairbanks Fire Department, AK	IAFC:W	
Kelly Nicoletto -- Underwriters Laboratories, TX	NASFM	
Marc Sampson-- Longmont Fire Department, CO	IAFC: MV	X
Michael Sinsigalli -- West Hartford Fire Department, CT	IAFC:NE	
Jim Yates -- Lawrence Road Fire Co., NJ	IAFC:E	
Adolf Zubia -- Clark County Building and Fire Prevention, NV	ICC	X
(Vacant)	ICC	

ICC Staff		
Rob Neale – Staff Liaison to the FSMC		X

Registered Guests/Visitors	
Greg Wheeler – ICC Board of Directors, Thornton, CO	X
Jeff Shapiro – International Code Consultants, Austin, TX	X
Eric Gleason – National Fire Sprinkler Association	X
Eirene Knott – BRR Architecture, Merriam, KS	X
Bruce Johnson -- Underwriters Laboratories, NY	X
Nehemiah O'Neal – Sacramento Metro Fire District, CA	X
Amber Armstrong – City of Norman—Development Services, OK	X
Randy Metz – Carlsbad Fire Department, CA	X
Laura McCarthy—Bloomington Fire Department, MN	X
Kevin Reinertson – Riverside County Fire Marshal’s Office -CA	X

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. EDT by Chairman Scott Adams. Mr. Neale called the roll. Chairman Adams declared a quorum at 1:52 p.m. EDT.

Mr. Neale reported that ICC Board of Directors liaison Jim Brown was unable to attend the call due to personal matters. Mr. Greg Wheeler of the ICC Board of Directors participated in Mr. Brown's place.

2) Openings Remarks from the Chair

Chairman Adams expressed his appreciation to the number of callers and said he hoped many would have an opportunity to comment during the teleconference.

3) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Mr. Neale stated that Mr. Ryan Haerer of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Underground Storage Tank Division one week ago had been offered time on the agenda under "Good of the Order". Chairman Adams approved the addition.

4) Approval of Minutes

Subsequent to the declaration of a quorum, Mr. Adolf Zubia moved, and Mr. Sean DeCrane seconded, approval of the July 21, 2016 teleconference minutes without additions or corrections. The vote carried without objections.

5) Reports from Officers or Permanent Committees

cdpACCESS Initiative. Mr. Zubia deferred his report to Mr. Neale who stated he is working with other ICC Government Relations staff to simplify voter validation efforts and make improvements to cdpACCESS. He said he hopes to have a more detailed progress report by the annual conference.

Training and Education. Mr. Cochran stated he had no report for this meeting, but wanted to have as a topic of conversation at the annual conference how the Fire Service Membership Council wants to proceed in light of ICC's requirements and deadlines for annual conference training opportunities.

Mr. Neale reported that a replacement course "Flammable Refrigerants: The Evolving Impact on Codes" will be presented on behalf of the Fire Service Membership Council October 18 at the annual conference.

Mr. DeCrane clarified that he was invited to give a keynote at Firehouse Expo, and given the opportunity to get in front of a few hundred fire fighters to promote codes and code activity he said he felt that would be more effective than delivering the community risk reduction presentation at the annual conference.

Building Safety Month/Fire Prevention Week. Mr. Michehl reported he had submitted an article from the Fire Service Membership Council on Fire Prevention Week to *Building Safety Journal*. He stated it needed more editing, but is nearly ready for publication.

Membership Council Outreach. There was no report from this work group.

ICC ES. Mr. DeCrane said he had no report.

6) Reports from Special Committees

Nominating Committee Mr. West reported the Nominating Committee had met and he will be forwarding three names for the ICC positions on the Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee to the staff liaison within a few days.

Mr. Neale reported NASFM has submitted two names to the ICC Board of Directors for its approval at the Board's next meeting.

Bylaw Change Committee. There was no report from this committee.

7) Unfinished Business

Corrugated Stainless Steel Tube (CSST) follow-up. Mr. Michehl stated he had no report for this meeting. The item has been delayed until the Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee (FSMC-GC) can have a face-to-face meeting. He said he hopes the FSMC-GC will prepare an article for Building Safety Journal and perhaps a white paper that would go to the ICC Board of Directors for its approval.

Request for Preferred Provider Network presentation at annual conference. Mr. Neale reported Ms. Michelle Murphy-Porter will deliver a presentation at the annual conference.

ICC- Fire Protection college/university student chapters. Mr. Neale reported that his initial contact with the ICC fire service chapters that might serve as sponsors for college/university student chapters was not clear and he is arranging a teleconference with the potential sponsors and ICC Membership Services to answer their questions.

8) New Business

Retail Sales of Non-listed Smoke Alarms. Mr. Neale reported that following the July 21 FSMC-GC teleconference, the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) were successful in their efforts with Amazon to remove non-listed smoke alarms from their online marketing. Consequently, the content of a proposed letter from the FSMC-GC to support NASFM had been changed to a letter of thanks to Amazon and support for continuing its practice of not marketing non-listed products. No action was taken on this item.

Residential sprinkler standby fire protection and meter fees. Mr. Neale reported he has been working with the National Association of Home Builders to research the issue of standby fire protection or meter fees as an impediment to the installation of residential sprinkler systems. The purpose of the research is to determine the scope and scale of the practice to verify if it is an issue a perceived problem.

Mr. Neale said he spoke to the ICC Plumbing, Mechanical and Gas (PMG) Membership Council to see if they had any issue with ICC pursuing the research. Mr. Neale said the PMG Membership Council requested an “opening statement” or “talking points” for them to review.

Mr. Cochran stated he is willing to help in the research and cited two examples in response to Director Wheeler’s question about what is occurring where water purveyors had assumed different practices. Mr. Cochran said one jurisdiction absorbs the expenses related to water connections for residential sprinklers while charging only for the increased water meter size while another water purveyor charges all fees.

Mr. Cochran asked what the eventual purpose of the research might be. Mr. Neale said he hoped the data could be presented to the FSMC-GC to see if it wanted to take a position or make recommendations regarding the impact of connection fees on residential sprinkler systems. He cautioned that the effort still is in its infancy and wanted to have data in hand before making any presentation to the FSMC-GC.

Mr. Cochran expressed concern the FSMC-GC may not have the authority to issue any statements in this regard. Mr. Neale stated his opinion is the FSMC charter creates the group as a “policy advisory” – not technical – group and he believes it is within their authority. He encouraged the FSMC-GC to read the FSMC charter in the FSMC 2016 Annual Report to see if they agree.

Mr. Cochran said infrastructure costs are big issues and the FSMC should be careful not to offend those who provide it.

Fire Prevention Week/Building Safety Month Collaboration. Mr. Neale reported that during the 2016 Building Safety Month campaign several fire service members wanted to know if ICC would encourage building departments to support Fire Prevention Week. He has received approval from both ICC and NFPA to pursue the idea; there will be a joint call or meeting with the Building Official Membership Council to explore ways to help it succeed.

FSMC-GC topical/training webinars. Chairman Adams stated that during weekly telephone calls among Vice Chairman West, Mr. Neale and himself the idea arose that given the amount of technical skill on the FSMC-GC, perhaps members could offer short technical webinars as part of the bi-monthly meetings. Chairman Adams agreed to table the suggestion until the October 16 face-to-face meeting in Kansas City.

9) Good of the Order, Presentations and Emerging Issues

Mr. Sean DeCrane reported that after almost 26 years in municipal fire protection he has retired as a battalion chief from Cleveland Division of Fire. Starting Monday, September 19, will be working with Underwriters Laboratories to keep fire fighters engaged in the code process. He said he is in discussions with the International Association of Fire Fighters regarding his role with the FSMC-GC. Chairman Adams offered his congratulations on behalf of the FSMC-GC and expressed hope Mr. DeCrane will stay involved.

Mr. Ryan Haerer, of the Environmental Protection Agency was unable to participate in the teleconference.

FSMC webpage update frequency. Mr. Neale reported the Fire Service Membership Council web page is updated bi-weekly with fire news from around the world and information pertinent to ICC and the FSMC. He said the bi-weekly approach worked better for ICC IT staff while keeping content current. Mr. Neale reminded listeners the page needs fire service/fire marshal/fire chapter/ fire protection content. Submissions can be sent to rneale@iccsafe.org.

Annual Conference travel arrangements. Chairman Adams reminded FSMC-GC members to make their travel arrangements for the ICC Annual Conference and the FSMC meetings. He asked if there are any special plans for a joint dinner with the Building Official Membership Council. Mr. Neale said he would investigate and report.

Habitat Build Day. Ms. Amber Armstrong from the City of Norman, Oklahoma, reminded callers that the Women in Code Enforcement and Development and Kansas City chapter are sponsoring a women's Habitat for Humanity Build Day during the annual conference. She recommended callers look at the Fire Service Membership Council web page for more information.

Chapter Leaders Symposium. ICC Vice President of Membership and Certifications Ron Piester will deliver a report on the Chapter Leaders Symposium to the FSMC meeting at the annual conference.

ICC Certification and Testing. Director of Certification and Testing Michelle Murphey-Porter will deliver a presentation on ICC certification and testing at the FSMC meeting at the annual conference.

NFPA 1001 Technical Committee. Mr. Neale reported the NFPA 1001 Technical Committee rejected his proposal to include occupancy class knowledge in Fire Fighter I and II skills. The committee justification was those are not considered fire fighter skills; that the skills belong in the inspector and plan reviewer standards. Mr. Neale reported he will be submitting a Public Comment to the committee.

High volume/low speed (HVLS) fan safety issues. Vice Chairman West reported he is aware of problems with some of the fans where the blades are flying off the hubs. The

products have been unlisted and are imported from China or Taiwan. Mr. West said there may be code change proposals coming to require listings.

Voter validation. Mr. Zubia reported that Mr. Jeff Shapiro is doing a great job birddogging ICC members to assure they are validated to vote following the Public Comment Hearings. Mr. Shapiro reported ICC Membership Services told him it has a backlog of approximately 500 persons waiting to be validated and the FSMC's outreach efforts have had a measurable impact.

Report from the Board of Directors. Director Wheeler reported on the following items:

1. The Building Expo at the Annual Conference will have presentations of the latest on drone technology and robotics. Attendees will get a chance to experience them first hand.
2. All of the Annual Conference resolutions have been posted online. One of the resolutions includes acknowledgement of ICC members who died within the last year. If the FSMC is aware of anyone who died and the name is not included on the list, please contact the FSMC-GC staff liaison.
3. The Public Comments and hearing schedule are online.
4. President Alex "Cash" Olszowy has proposed a "Safety 2.0" initiative.
5. ICC has created an Emerging Leaders Membership Council. It is intended to attract younger leaders and focus on issues of interest to them
6. ICC has created a Compliance Code Action Committee that will review codes and standards and the action of the other Code Action Committees looking for items that could be a conflict with ICC International Accreditation Service, Evaluation Service and Solar Rating & Certification Corporation.
7. ICC Certification and Testing is recruiting people to work on certification exams. The deadline to apply is October 31.
8. The Preferred Provider Network now has more than 300 approved vendors.
9. Former ICC National Fire Services Director Jim Tidwell received the 2016 ICC/International Association of Fire Chiefs Fire and Life Safety Section "Excellence in Fire and Life Safety Award".

10) **Adjournment.**

There being no additional action before the committee, Mr. Sampson moved, and Mr. DeCrane seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried without objection and the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m. EDT.

*Approved October 16, 2016 by the Fire Service
Membership Council Governing Committee
at its Annual Business Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri.*