



**Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee  
2015 Annual Business Meeting**

**Long Beach Convention Center, Room 101A – Long Beach, California**

**Conducted after the Joint Membership Council Meeting, September 27, 2015**

<b>IFCC Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>IFCC Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Fulton Cochran – Chair	X		Jackie Gibbs	X	
Scott Adams – Vice Chair	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	
<b>Staff</b>					
Rob Neale	X		Rick Hauffe	X	
Sara Yerkes	X		Mark Roberts	X	
Dave Nichols	X		David Karmol	X	
Karla Higgs					
<b>Guests</b>					
Robert Drexler	X		Dwayne Garriss	X	
Jim Tidwell	X		Bruce Johnson	X	
Alex “Cash” Olszowy III	X		Ayla Jefferson	X	
Stuart Tom					

I. Call to Order by Chairman Fulton Cochran at 11:48 a.m. Pacific on Sunday, September 27, 2015, with Roll Call (above) and introduced Rob Neale as the new ICC Vice President for National Fire Service Activities.

II. Special recognition by the ICC Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee

Chairman Cochran said Jeff Shapiro has retired from the FSMC Governing Committee, and that Shapiro was one of the founding members of the FSMC GC and was very helpful to Cochran when he became Chair. He presented a plaque for Shapiro’s dedication to the FSMC for his 10 years of service and leadership as a member of the Governing Committee. Shapiro accepted the plaque and thanked the FSMC Members for their interest and support of the Membership Council’s mission.

Chairman Cochran asked Robert Neale to address the GC on goals for Neale’s work for International Code Council. Neale talked about his early fire service career in Washington State. In 2001, he was hired by the National Fire Academy, and became the Academy’s Deputy Superintendent in 2007. Having started July 20 with ICC, Neale said his goals include getting local volunteer and career departments to get more involved in ICC and the FSMC, strengthening relationships with building officials and promoting codes based on their technical merits alone.

In his parting remarks, Shapiro discussed changes that may be needed in the code schedule. As a member of a special committee recommending changes in the way codes are developed, Shapiro said he was seeking feedback. He said the committee is exploring ideas to make the code deliberation process more flexible and to allow more opportunities for input with the Group A and Group B codes. He said one idea would hold first and second public hearings on Group A during the first year, and then first and second hearings on Group B during the second year. Voting on the two groups would occur during the third year during the spring, which allows correlation and publication efforts to stay on schedule.

### III. Election of a Chair and Vice Chair of the FSMC Governing Committee

Scott Adams was re-elected to the GC and Robert \_\_\_\_ was elected to fill the position held by Jeff Shapiro during the joint Membership Council meeting earlier.

Chairman Cochran had announced he will continue membership on the Governing Committee, but not as Chairman. He asked for nominations for Chair from the Governing Committee. Vice Chairman Scott Adams was nominated and was elected unanimously as Chairman.

Gary West was nominated to serve as GC Vice Chair and he was elected unanimously.

### IV. Building Safety Journal schedules and assignments

George Michehl, who chairs the GC's communications work group, said the work group was founded to provide articles from the GC for the ICC Building Safety Journal. One of its tasks is drafting and submitted fire service-related articles for the Building Safety Journal's special edition for Building Safety Month in May. Michehl said efforts should be made to have Building Official Membership Council Governing Committee to submit articles for the Building Safety Month edition for the themes that apply to the BOMC.

### V. Congressional Fire Service Institute call for presentations

Rob Neale said the CFSI's call for presentations may be a venue for the newly developed joint training program between the FSMC and the BOMC. He said building relations is important to both groups. He made the suggestion to seek input from the FSMC Governing Committee because time will be needed to promote the training program next spring.

Kelly Nicoletto said the program would be appropriate at the CFSI, but that building officials typically don't attend it. Sean DeCrane suggested holding a panel discussion encouraging building relations with building officials at CFSI. Chairman Cochran asked to form a task force to explore a program or presentation at CFSI. DeCrane and Nicoletto offered to participate.

### VI. FSMC ICC-ES activity monitor appointment

Chairman Cochran said the FSMC GC created a success by recruiting a fire service representative to fill a vacancy on the ES Technical Committee. He and Kelly Nicoletto suggested that monitoring ICC-ES might require a standing task force to stay current. Cochran recommended a discussion item for the next face-to-face GC meeting in April in Louisville. He said the competitive market place is

creating changes in how the evaluation and testing industry does business and that the industry is growing quickly globally and in the United States.

Chairman Cochran announced the FSMC meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. Pacific.

Submitted by Rick Hauffe

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