



FIRE SERVICE MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee Thursday, November 17, 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, Nashville	NASFM	
Fulton Cochran -- Clark County Building and Fire Prevention, NV	ICC	
Sean DeCrane -- Cleveland Fire Department, OH	ICC	X
Timothy Diehl -- Rockville Fire Marshal’s Office, MD	ICC	X
Michael Desrochers – Vermont Fire Marshal’s Office	NASFM	X
Joseph Fahd, Jr – Cohoes Fire Department, NY	IAFC:E	X
Jackie Gibbs -- Marietta Fire Department, GA	IAFC:SE	X
Tonya Hoover – CalFire, Sacramento (Retired)	ICC	
Rick McCullough -- Regina Fire Department, SK (Retired)	IAFC:C	X
James Maxon – Sandoval County Fire Department, NM	IAFC:SW	X
George Michehl -- Buffalo Grove Fire Department, IL(Retired)	IAFC:GL	X
Vacant: (Ernie Misewicz resigned October 31, 2016)	IAFC:W	
Kelly Nicoletto -- Underwriters Laboratories, TX	NASFM	
Coy Porter – Utah Fire Marshal’s Office	NASFM	
Marc Sampson-- Longmont Fire Department, CO	IAFC:MV	X
Michael Sinsigalli -- West Hartford Fire Department, CT	IAFC:NE	
Adolf Zubia -- Clark County Building and Fire Prevention, NV	ICC	X

ICC Staff	
Rob Neale – Staff Liaison to the FSMC	X
Vaughn Wicker – Staff Liaison to the BOMC	X
Stuart Tom- ICC Board of Directors, Glendale, CA	X

Registered Guests and Visitors	
Amber Armstrong – City of Norman Development Services, OK	X
Byron Matthews—Cheyenne Fire Department, WY	X
Dave Belcher	X
Eirene Knott – BRR Architects	X
Eric Brown – SA Communale	X
Eric Gleason – National Fire Sprinkler Association	X
Farid Alfwakhiri	X
John Loyer – National Ready Mixed Concrete Association	X
Laura McCarthy – Bloomington Fire Department, MN	X
Paul Taft	X
Todd Howard	X
Daniel Johnson – Farragut, TN	X
Jeff Shapiro, International Code Consultants	X
Larry Williams – Steel Framing Industry Association, DC	X

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Adams at 1:30 pm EST. Mr. Neale called the roll. A quorum was achieved at 1:40 p.m. by counting the registered FSMC Governing Committee members on the webinar.

2) Opening Remarks from the Chair

The normal agenda sequence was suspended to enable Fire Chief Steven Lohr’s webinar presentation.

3) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

There were no additions or correction to the agenda.

4) Approval of Minutes

Action: Mr. Zubia moved approval, and Mr. Gibbs seconded, approval of the October 16, 2016 Annual Business Meeting minutes as corrected. The vote carried without objections.

5) Reports from Officers or Permanent Committees

There were no reports from officers or permanent committees.

6) Reports from Special Committees

There were no reports from special committees.

7) Unfinished Business

Revised Amazon thank you letter. Mr. Neale summarized the events surrounding the draft thank you letter to Amazon Chief Executive Officer Jeff Bezos for its efforts to remove non-listed fire protection products – specifically home smoke alarms – from its retail website. He stated that due to the time it has taken the Governing Committee to review and approve the final language Mr. Michehl suggested the matter is moot.

Action: Mr. Michehl moved to table, and Mr. Desochers seconded, to table the letter. There was no objection to the motion and the letter was tabled.

Professional Development Committee deadlines for ABM classes. Mr. Neale stated that he and Mr. Cochran had agreed after the last Governing Committee meeting to reach out to the Professional Development Council about timely topics and deadlines for Annual Business Meeting training. Mr. Neale reported he had not received a response from the Professional Development Council and the ICC Board of Directors asks that the Councils follow the Professional Development Council guidance.

8) New Business

Fire Service Membership Council work group leader assignments. Chairman Adams directed Mr. Neale to distribute the work group leader assignments as soon as possible after the meeting.

Radio antennas disguised as fire sprinklers. Mr. Sampson asked if there had been a follow-up with the manufacturer (Mobile Mark Antenna Solutions) about its Model EDN 329-100 dual-band antenna manufactured to look like an automatic sprinkler. Mr. Neale stated the last information he had seen was a November 2, 2016 email that stated the National Fire Sprinkler Association was contacting the distributor to express the NFSA's concerns.

New member welcome. New FSMC Governing Committee member Fire Chief James Maxon stated he is glad to be part of committee and is looking forward to working with everyone.

9) Good of the Order and Emerging Issues

Webinar presentation on multi-family combustible structures. Hagerstown, Maryland Fire Chief Steven Lohr delivered a 60-minute program entitled "Type V Construction Changes 'The Perfect Storm': A Fire Chief's Perspective". The program, based on Chief's Lohr's background as a fire protection engineering graduate and retired chief of the Montgomery County, Maryland, Fire Department, described his concerns about the current code approaches to combustible multi-family dwelling construction.

Until further notice, copies of the webinar can be obtained at:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/51mxxp3p85wre1uf/Perfect%20Storm_Chief%20Steve%20Lohr.wmv?dl=0

Smaller versions of the files can be obtained at:

- 720p:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/et0a4a15q97vztq/Perfect%20Storm%20Chief%20Steve%20Lohr%20720.wmv?dl=0>
- 720/smaller frame:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/m1r0yulcoy29ixy/Perfect%20Storm%20%20Chief%20Steve%20Lohr%20%20720at600.wmv?dl=0>
- This is a smaller version (275 mb vs. 950mb) that might not require any buffering:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/m1r0yulcoy29ixy/Perfect%20Storm%20%20Chief%20Steve%20Lohr%20%20720at600.wmv?dl=0>

Chief Lohr expressed concerns about the building code approach to allowable area and height increases and the lack of complete automatic fire sprinkler protection throughout all combustible spaces. He provided several examples of multi-family fire events where the combustible building(s) were protected by a NFPA 13R fire sprinkler system but still resulted in a significant fire loss. Chief Lohr stated the fire service should advocate stronger building codes that focus on the life-time fire risk of a property.

During an open question/answer period following the webinar, Mr. Zubia stated the current building and fire codes are the “fire service position” if the fire service is participating in the code development process.

Mr. Zubia also expressed concern that Chief Lohr’s message might be confusing to less experienced and trained code officials who might mistake the presentation as a commentary on contemporary discussion on tall wood structures. Mr. DeCrane commented that both the NFPA and ICC have ad hoc committees studying tall wood buildings using cross-laminated timber (CLT) construction.

Mr. Shapiro commented that when ICC evolved from the three legacy codes the area and height tables were studied closely, and at the time were determined not to be “broken” although some changes were made. Mr. Shapiro said the fire service and building industry got together to recognize that 13R plays a reasonable and important role.

Resignation from the FSMC Governing Committee. Mr. Neale reported that Ernie Misewicz from the Fairbanks Fire Department resigned from the Governing Committee October 31 for personal reasons. Mr. Neale said he has contacted the International Association of Fire Chiefs about a replacement nominee.

cdpACCESS voting issues. Mr. Sampson expressed he was having problems on cdpACCESS online voting on code change proposals in a timely fashion. He said ICC ITR reported bandwidth and server problems that were slowing the voting. Mr. Shapiro suggested ICC should extend the voting period due to fact the system is not working.

Director Tom asked that any questions or concerns be submitted to Mr. Neale by December 8 for the next ICC Board of Directors meeting December 9, 2016. Mr. Neale is to send the collated comments directly to Director Tom.

10) Adjournment.

Action: Having no more business to come before the Governing Committee, Mr. Sampson moved approval, Mr. Gibbs seconded, a motion to adjourn. There was no objection and the meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m. EST .

There will not be a December meeting.

*Approved January 17, 2017 by the Fire Service
Membership Council Governing Committee
during its teleconference meeting.*