



# FIRE SERVICE MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL GOVERNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Tuesday November 20, 2012 – 12:00 Noon EST  
Conference Call**

<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 – Vice Chair	X	
Scott Adams	X		George Michehl	X	
William Barnard	X		Ernie Misewicz	X	
Sean DeCrane		X	Marc Sampson	X	
Ronny Coleman	X		Jeff Shapiro	X	
Eric Enriquez		X	Mark Showmaker	X	
Bruce Faust	X		William St. Michel		X
Rick McCullough	X		Adolf Zubia	X	
<b>Staff</b>					
Bruce E. Johnson	X		Richard Hauffe		X
Mark Roberts		X	Karla Higgs		X
<b>Guests</b>					
Rob Drexler (Board Liaison)	X		Ron Piester, Board President	X	
Jim Brown	X		Ron Hoover	X	
Greg Wheeler	X				

- I. Call to Order by Chairman Cochran at 12:01 p.m . EST with Roll Call (above)  
11 Members of the FSMC also participated on this call

Chairman Cochran welcomed everyone to the conference call and asked President Piester to make a few remarks.

Welcome comments from Board President Ron Piester – President Piester complimented the Council for their Annual Report presented to the Board of Directors in Portland and for the hard work and accomplishments of the FSMC in 2012. President Piester also reported that the Board has the 2013 budget requests from each Council and those requests will be considered at the December Board Meeting.

- II. Update on cdp-ACCESS (Expanding code development participation) – Chairman Cochran

Chairman Cochran and President Piester gave an update report on the cdp-ACCESS Forum held at the ABM in Portland. At their Board of Directors meeting in Portland, the Board voted to refer the matter back to cdp-ACCESS Steering Committee for consideration of all comments received at the ABM. The Board directed the Steering Committee to make its final recommendations in a report to BOD for the Board of Directors for consideration at the December Board meeting. Steering Committee meeting set for November 30<sup>th</sup> in Chicago. Membership comment deadline is Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup>. Discussion ensued.

III. Update on Codes and Standards Council – Chair

Chairman Cochran gave an update on the Codes and Standards Council activities

IV. Update on Annual meeting at ABM in Portland – Staff/Chair

Staff reported on Election of Governing Committee members by the full FSMC present; Scott Adams and Jeff Shapiro were re-elected to Governing Committee for 3-year term. In accordance with the FSMC Charter, these election results require ratification by the Board of Directors.

The Governing Committee elected Fulton Cochran as Chairman; Jackie Gibbs as Vice-Chairman for 2013.

The FSMC Annual Report and PowerPoint used in the Chairman's presentation to ICC Board of Directors has been posted on website. There was discussion about improving distribution of this report to the fire service.

Chairman Cochran explained the FSMC funding requests that were included in the FSMC Annual Report:

Support of creating new ICC Certification Exams – EDC for Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler Support for 2013 Annual Governing Committee Meeting in Dallas

Support for innovative education programs and nationally recognized instructors for ABM

The Board also recommended the FSMC and BOMC work collaboratively on issues of importance to both Councils. Chairman Cochran and BOMC Chairman Steve Shapiro have held preliminary discussions for planning a joint meeting of both Council Governing Committees in 2103. Discussion about collaboration and eliminating silos. Vice Chair Gibbs commented on the BOMC Charter includes requirements for membership in that Council that are exclusive as compared to the open membership requirements on the FSMC.

V. Report on planned activities for 2013 (Task Groups to be Created – seeking volunteers)

Chairman Cochran informed the Governing Committee that the following Task Groups would be formed in January 2013 and that volunteers are needed. If there are not sufficient volunteers from the Governing Committee, the Chair will make appointments.

**Training and Education Work Group**

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

The FSMC needs identify new and innovative training topics and top instructors

Jeff Shapiro asked staff to identify the parameters for training opportunities at the ABM.

**Building Safety Month Work Group**

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

**Recruitment and Mentoring Work Group**

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

Ideas discussed: Recruit every participant at Group B (IFC) in Dallas and Atlantic City to FSMC; create information outside of the website about FSMC

A suggestion was made by J. Shapiro to contact Western Division -IAFC about their Fire Service GPO and Daily Dispatch as potential added benefits to members of the FSMC.

**Newsletter Letter and Website Committee**

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

- VI. Discussion on Call For Committee Members – Fire-EDC (Exam Development Committee) Chairman Cochran explained the Call for volunteers From ICC-Certification Department to serve on the Fire Service Exam Development Committee. Information on the website at: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Pages/default.aspx>
- VII. Regional updates from each GC member:
- Adolf Zubia** – Reported on Fire-CAC meeting in Chicago Nov 14-15  
**Mark Showmaker** – still in recover mode from Hurricane Sandy  
**Jeff Shapiro** - Discussion on the name of the FSMC as not descriptive of its purpose; suggested consideration of “International Association of Fire Code Officials”. Comments from A. Zubia that membership needs to be inclusive. Chairman Cochran directed this be placed on the Parking Lot for future discussion.  
**Ernie Misewicz**- Alaska working on 2012 code adoption update -some resistance and discussion about six year cycle/ LNG use increasing in state  
**Marc Sampson** – reported that Fire-CAC is working on a code change proposal to address safety concerns with liquid carbon-dioxide soda systems; Colorado is in the process of updating to 2012 *I-codes*  
**George Michehl** – Illinois SFM is in process of adopting 2012 Life Safety Code  
**Jackie Gibbs** – reported on code changes from Southern RWG  
**Bruce Faust** – supported the Newsletter concept and recommended using younger members that have “technology expertise” to assist with website updates and social media communication channels  
**Ronny Coleman** – reported on recent trip to Saudi Arabia and their interest in model codes, training and certification programs. Staff to facilitate a call for Chief Coleman with ICC-Global Services  
**Bill Barnard** – no significant items to report  
**Scott Adams** – Utah 2012 code adoption in jeopardy/state may favor of six year cycle  
**Fulton Cochran** – Southern Nevada is updating to 2012 *I-Codes*
- VIII. Open Discussion from all Council Members
- Page Daugherty* – reported on publicity on National News about Smoke Alarm technology (ionization vs. photo electric). A. Zubia reported on information available from IAFC-Fire and Life Safety Section website. A suggestion to contact Ron Farr at UL; UL has completed research and has a new educational program – may be a good training topic for 2013 ABM
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

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