



FIRE SERVICE MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL GOVERNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Thursday December 12, 2013 – 1:00 PM Eastern
Conference Call**

IFCC Members	Present	Absent	IFCC Members	Present	Absent
Fulton Cochran – Chair	X		Jackie Gibbs – Vice Chair		X
Scott Adams	X		George Michehl		X
			Ernie Misewicz	X	
Sean DeCrane		X	Kelly Nicolello	X	
Ronny Coleman	X		Marc Sampson	X	
Bruce Faust		X	Jeff Shapiro	X	
Tonya Hoover		X	Mark Showmaker	X	
Rick McCullough	X		William St. Michel		X
			Adolf Zubia		X
Staff					
Bruce E. Johnson	X		Mark Roberts		X
Rick Hauffe	X		Karla Higgs		X
Guests					
Bill Bryant (Board Liaison)		X			

- I. Call to Order by Chairman Cochran at 1:01 p.m. Eastern with Roll Call (above). Two members of the FSMC also participated.
- II. ABM Follow-up on FSMC sponsored classes

First Time Attendee Workshop – GC Members felt the first such workshop was very successful and while it could use some modification, the peer-to-peer approach has more meaning to new Members. They said it should be integrated as a regular feature of each ABM. Bruce Johnson said he will discuss the matter with Doug Thornburg as part of a new Member orientation. Kelly Nicolello suggested using the class roster to seek follow up feedback on the classes.

Large Warehouse Fires class – Despite last minute difficulties, Jeff Shapiro reported the class was done successfully and received strong praise from participants. He said respondents appreciated a course that is appropriate for intermediate level officials and asked that future ABMs should feature a course aimed at veteran fire code officials with several years of experience.

Chairman Cochran thanked all involved in developing and conducting the courses at the ABM and said input is needed for topics at the 2014 ABM in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

III. Update reports 2013 FSMC Work Groups – Chairman Cochran and Work Group Leaders

Training and Education Work Group – Mark Showmaker

Mission: *Recommend ICC Training & Education Programs/Work with Education Committee*
No report

Recruitment and Mentoring Work Group – Scott Adams

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

Scott Adams announced the Recruitment and Mentoring Work Group will conduct its next conference call meeting in early January.

Newsletter Letter and Website Committee – Bruce Faust

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

Rick Hauffe reported the Newsletter and Webpage Work Group completed its Fall Edition of FSMC eNews and got help from ICC staff to place an online calendar of events on the FSMC Webpage. He said story ideas for the Winter Edition of the eNews are welcome. Rick McCullough said he is seeking story ideas on issues of interest to fire service officials in Canada.

Building Safety and Fire Prevention Month Work Group – George Michehl

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

Chairman Cochran said the Building Safety and Fire Prevention Month Work Group is the work group with the earliest deadlines with Building Safety Month coming up in May. The copy deadlines to the April Building Safety Journal is February 24.

IV. Update on BIPS; FSMC sponsored certifications

Chairman Cochran said the Exam Development Committees for the new Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler Certifications have met and started work. Meetings will continue through February for completion by mid-year.

V. cdpACCESS Update

Johnson encouraged Members to visit the cdpACCESS site and become familiar using it. He said instructional webinars are available and ICC staff are being trained to assist members on using the program. It will be ready for use on the Group C (IgCC) Code development process and for the entire 2018 I-Codes development.

VI. Next meetings

Chairman Cochran announced the next in-person meeting of the FSMC Governing Committee will be in conjunction with the Congressional Fire Service Institute (CFSI) in Washington, D.C. CFSI Dinner is Thursday, May 1, and the FSMC Governing Committee meeting will be a full day on Friday, May 2, 2014 and a half-day on Saturday May 3.

GC Members decided to conduct a conference call Monday, Dec. 16, to discuss issues involving Public Comment to NFPA 1037.

The next regular FSMC Governing Committee conference call will be on Thursday January 23, 2014 at 1:00PM Eastern. Johnson will send out an Outlook Calendar Invitation

VII. Creation of a Committee to design a FSMC Governing Committee Commemorative Coin

Chairman Cochran said consideration is under way for a commemorative coin to recognize service on the FSMC Governing Committee. For Members who leave the board, consideration is being given to developing a plaque.

Discussion by GC Members focused on whether a coin or a lapel pin would be ideal for GC Members. Discussion TABLED for further discussion.

VIII. Other Business

Page Dougherty asked if someone could follow-up with Certifications Staff about a Certification Exam reference publication that is no longer in print. Chairman Cochran will address as BIPS Committee Member.

There were no other comments or questions from Governing Committee Members or Fire Service Council Members, the meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM.

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