



**Membership Council Annual Report  
Fire Service Membership Council**

**DATE:** August 22, 2014  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Fulton Cochran, CFO, CBO

**Governing Committee Members:**

<b>Term Expiration</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>GC Position</b>
12/31/2016	Fulton	Cochran	Retired	At Large (ICC)
12/31/2015	Jackie	Gibbs	IAFC (Southeastern Division)	IAFC-MOU
12/31/2015	Scott	Adams	Park City Fire Service Dist.	At Large (ICC)
12/31/2016	Robert	Barnett	IAFC (Southwestern Division)	IAFC-MOU
12/31/2016	Ronny	Coleman	Fireforceone	At Large (ICC)
12/31/2014	Sean	DeCrane	IAFF	At Large (ICC)
12/31/2014	Gary	West	NASFM	NASFM-MOU
12/31/2016	Tonya	Hoover	NASFM	NASFM-MOU
12/31/2015	Rick	McCullough	IAFC (Canadian Division)	IAFC-MOU
12/31/2015	George	Michehl	IAFC (Great Lakes Division)	IAFC-MOU
12/31/2014	Richard	Miller	NASFM	NASFM-MOU
12/31/2014	Ernie	Misewicz	IAFC (Western Division)	IAFC-MOU
12/31/2014	Kelly	Nicolello	NASFM	NASFM-MOU
12/31/2015	Marc	Sampson	IAFC (Missouri Valley Division)	IAFC-MOU
12/31/2015	Jeff	Shapiro	International Code Consultants	At Large (ICC)
12/31/2016	James	Yates	IAFC (Eastern Division)	IAFC-MOU
12/31/2014	Michael	Sinsigalli	IAFC (New England Division)	IAFC-MOU
12/31/2016	Adolf	Zubia	Chairman, IAFC - FLSS	At Large (ICC)

**Staff Liaisons:** Bruce E. Johnson, Richard Hauffe



### ***Membership Requirements:***

Membership in the Council is open to any individual who wishes to affiliate with the Fire Service Membership Council and is a member of ICC, an ICC Governmental Member Voting Representative, or employed by a jurisdiction or corporate member of ICC or a member in good standing of a closely aligned organization as approved by the ICC Board of Directors. The Governing Committee may make recommendations to the ICC Board of Directors to include additional organizations as closely aligned.

### **Membership Numbers:**

As of August 18<sup>th</sup> – 440 members (an increase of 51 or 13%)

### **Activities Completed Since Last FSMC Annual Meeting at ABM in Atlantic City:**

MC meeting and election for Governing Committee at 2013 ABM in Atlantic City, NJ on October 29<sup>th</sup> the Governing Committee elected the following leaders for 2014:

Chairman – Fulton Cochran (ICC at-large appointee)  
Vice Chairman – Jackie Gibbs (IAFC Southeast Division appointee)

Conducted the following conference calls with the Fire Service Membership

December 12, 2013  
January 23, 2014  
April 1, 2014  
June 23, 2014  
August 26, 2014

FSMC Governing Committee Mid-Year Meeting was held prior to Code Development Hearings in Memphis; Saturday April 26 and Sunday April 27, 2014

*Note: Meeting minutes for all meetings and conference calls posted on the website*



## Fire Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Certifications

ICC Certification and Testing has rolled-out the four new tests associated with fire sprinklers and fire alarms. This is the completion of a multi-year effort in conjunction with BIPS and ICC staff.

### Created the following Work Groups to implement FSMC Goals:

#### Training and Education Work Group

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

**Members:** Sean DeCrane, Group Leader; Scott Adams; Robert Barnett, Rick McCullough, Marc Sampson, Jeff Shapiro, Steve Swarthout (Membership Council)

This WG coordinated with ICC staff and submitted this training proposal for the 2014 ABM:

*Green Construction and Energy Production's Impact on Fire and Firefighter Safety*  
Instructed by: Brian Meacham (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) and Robert James (Underwriters Laboratories)

#### Building Safety Month and Fire Prevention Month Work Group

**Mission:** Work with Government Relations Department in support of Building Safety Month (May) and Fire Prevention Month (October)

**Members:** George Michehl, Group Leader; Tonya Hoover; Ernie Misewicz, Richard Miller, Jim Yates, Adolf Zubia

The overall theme for Building Safety Month 2014 is "*BUILDING SAFETY: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks*" and each week of Building Safety Month will have a specific theme/focus:

Week 1- Code Officials: Keeping Fire in Its Place

Week 2- Code Officials: Helping Homeowners Weather the Storm

Week 3- Code Officials: Surround Your House with Safety

Week 4- Code Officials: Building a Brighter, More Efficient Tomorrow

For the April 2014 edition of the Building Safety Journal, the FSMC submitted an article entitled:  
**Code Officials: Keeping Fire in its Place** – George Michehl

For the September edition of Building Safety Journal, the FSMC will submit an article about smoke alarms. The NFPA Theme for October Fire Prevention Week 2014 is "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives – Test Yours Every Month!"



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## MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL



### Membership Council Outreach Work Group

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

**Members:** Scott Adams, Group Leader; Ronny Coleman; Kelly Nicoletto; Michael Sinsigalli; Gary West

Presented a 3-Hour Workshop at the ABM in Atlantic City entitled "**Code Hearing Orientation for First Timers**"

### **Newsletter: The FSMC eNews**

This initiative was dropped in the Spring of 2014

### **Update the FSMC Webpage**

**Mission:** To network FSMC membership on ICC-related issues, events and activities

In July, staff and Chairman Cochran completed a full update of the webpage content and appearance. The FSMC is maintaining an Events Calendar on items of interest to the fire service.

## **Joint Initiative with Building Official Membership Council (BOMC)**

### **Joint meeting of the FSMC and BOMC Governing Committees**

The Building Officials and Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committees met in Atlantic City and Memphis to continue the work started in March of 2013. The two GCs appointed a Joint Steering Committee (SC) to be the Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), assisting ICC Training Staff to create a full day seminar entitled:

#### ***Building & Fire Officials: Working Together to Achieve Public Safety***

- Steering Committee members: Fulton Cochran, Steve Shapiro, Scott Adams, Becky Baker, Scott McDonald, George Michehl, Kelly Nicoletto, Neville Pereira
- ICC Curriculum Development Team: Allison Street, Denise Haas and Valarie Pang
- GR Department support staff: Vaughn Wicker and Bruce E. Johnson

The initial class will be facilitated by Neville Pereira (BOMC) and Kelly Nicoletto (FSMC).

The seminar developed by the Joint Steering Committee will be piloted in Ft. Lauderdale. The seminar will be critiqued and changes made based on the comments received. Once those changes have been made, a final "dress rehearsal" should be done in conjunction with Committee Action Hearings in Memphis next year and prior to full roll out in Long Beach. The joint face-to-face meetings have proven to be more productive and beneficial than conferencing, and the effectiveness of the two groups meeting in person has aided in more positive recommendations and deliverables.

- Estimated budget: This would only add one additional night's lodging and accompanying meals to the current budget.
- BOD approval needed: Yes, for funding of the joint meeting.



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## **Planned Activities for Upcoming Year(s):**

### **Feedback/Suggestions/Recommendations:**

#### Continue allowing Membership Councils Greater Responsibility for Education Offerings at ABM:

Give each membership council the opportunity to work directly with the Education Committee/Training Department to create discipline specific tracks for training programs planned for the ABM/FAH and Spring Code Development Hearings. Give each Council greater responsibility for identifying and selecting presentations to be included in those tracks.

#### Increase the budget for enhancing education offerings at ABM

Budget for travel reimbursement and complimentary ABM registration for Instructors of “cutting edge” or “hot topic” training programs as part of the Call for Presentations. The FSMC GC believes that providing travel assistance for top level Presenters will result in a better response to the “Call for Presentations” and result in having education programs of the highest caliber.

The FSMC is considering a 2015 Workshop related to “High-rise Wood frame Construction and Cross-laminated Timber (CLT)”

Estimated budget: Budget \$2500. X 5 programs (1 training program for each MC) = \$12,500.

BOD approval needed: Yes, for funding travel expenses for Presenters and offering a complimentary ABM registration for the seminars.

It is the FSMC Governing Committee’s belief that enhanced education offerings at the ABM will add an important incentive to encourage increased attendance and participation by code officials, which would also lead to increased attendance at the Public Comment Hearings.

### **Question to the ICC Board of Directors**

It is hoped that the Board will agree with our proposed activities for the coming year and provide the necessary funding to accomplish these tasks. The feedback received from the members of the FSMC tells the Governing Committee that we are on the right track and that the Council is an important element of membership and participation in the ICC. We thank the ICC Board for creating these Councils and look forward to your on-going support.

As a final item, the FSMC would like to ask the Board of Directors the following question:

*Are there specific issues or topics the Board would like the FSMC to address in the next year?*