



FIRE SERVICE  
MEMBERSHIP  
COUNCIL

# Annual Report 2016

Scott Adams, Chairman  
Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal  
Park City Fire Protection District, Utah

Gary West, Vice Chairman  
State Fire Marshal  
State of Tennessee

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee is pleased to submit this report of Council activities for the period of September 28, 2015 through September 1, 2016.

The Fire Service Membership Council (FSMC) established an ambitious agenda for the year and accomplished many of its goals.

The FSMC conducted a member survey to establish whether it is providing the type and level of customer service its members expect. The collected data revealed interesting results that the Governing Committee continues to evaluate.

As a policy advisory group the FSMC, in conjunction with the Building Official Membership Council, collaborated to support two pieces of important federal legislation: the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act and the Nicholas and Zachary Burt Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act. The FSMC thanks the Board of Directors for its support of these life- and property-saving bills.

The “Fire and Building Officials Working Together” course supported by the Board has finished all revisions and pilot offerings, and now is in demand throughout the United States.

The FSMC Governing Committee addressed some of its own challenges with attendance and participation, and will be submitting a proposed charter amendment to the Board that addresses absenteeism.

Special thanks and appreciation go to CBO Jim Brown, liaison between the Board and FSMC for his participation, guidance and support.

Retired Fire Chief Ron Coleman, a well-known fire service leader and longtime member of the ICC, submitted his resignation May 19, 2016 from the FSMC Governing Committee for personal reasons. His experience, expertise and enthusiasm will be missed greatly. Former California Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover also retired from her state position this year. Her critical thinking contributions to the FSMC also will be missed.

Governing Committee Members <sup>†</sup>	Representing
Scott Adams – Chair -- Park City Fire District, UT	ICC
Gary West -- Vice Chair -- Tennessee State Fire Marshal	NASFM
Robert Barnett –Attorney-at-Law, LA	IAFC:SW
Fulton Cochran -- Clark County Building and Fire Prevention, NV	ICC
Sean DeCrane -- Cleveland Fire Department, OH	IAFF
Timothy Diehl -- Rockville Fire Marshal’s Office, MD	ICC
Jackie Gibbs -- Marietta Fire Department, GA	IAFC: SE
Tonya Hoover -- (Retired) California State Fire Marshal	NASFM
Rick McCullough -- (Retired) Regina Fire Department, SK	IAFC:C
George Michehl -- (Retired)	IAFC: GL
Richard Miller--	NASFM
Ernie Misewicz -- Fairbanks Fire Department, AK	IAFC:W
Kelly Nicoletto -- Underwriters Laboratories, TX	NASFM
Marc Sampson-- Longmont Fire Department, CO	IAFC: MV
Michael Sinsigalli -- West Hartford Fire Department, CT	IAFC:NE
Jim Yates -- Lawrence Road Fire Co., NJ	IAFC:E
Adolf Zubia -- Clark County Building and Fire Prevention, NV	ICC
(Vacant)	ICC

**Staff Liaison:** Rob Neale, Vice President, Government Relations, National Fire Service Activities

**ICC Board of Directors Liaison:** Jim H. Brown, CBO, CFPS Deputy Building Official, City of Gillette, Wyoming

<sup>†</sup>See Term History Appendix.

**FSMC Mission:**

The purpose of the Council shall be to advocate for concerns and issues that are of particular interest to the fire service, to assist ICC in increasing participation of such individuals in the ICC Code development process, and to advise ICC on programs and policies, legislative matters, code adoption issues and such other matters as the Council deems appropriate.

**FSMC Membership Requirements:**

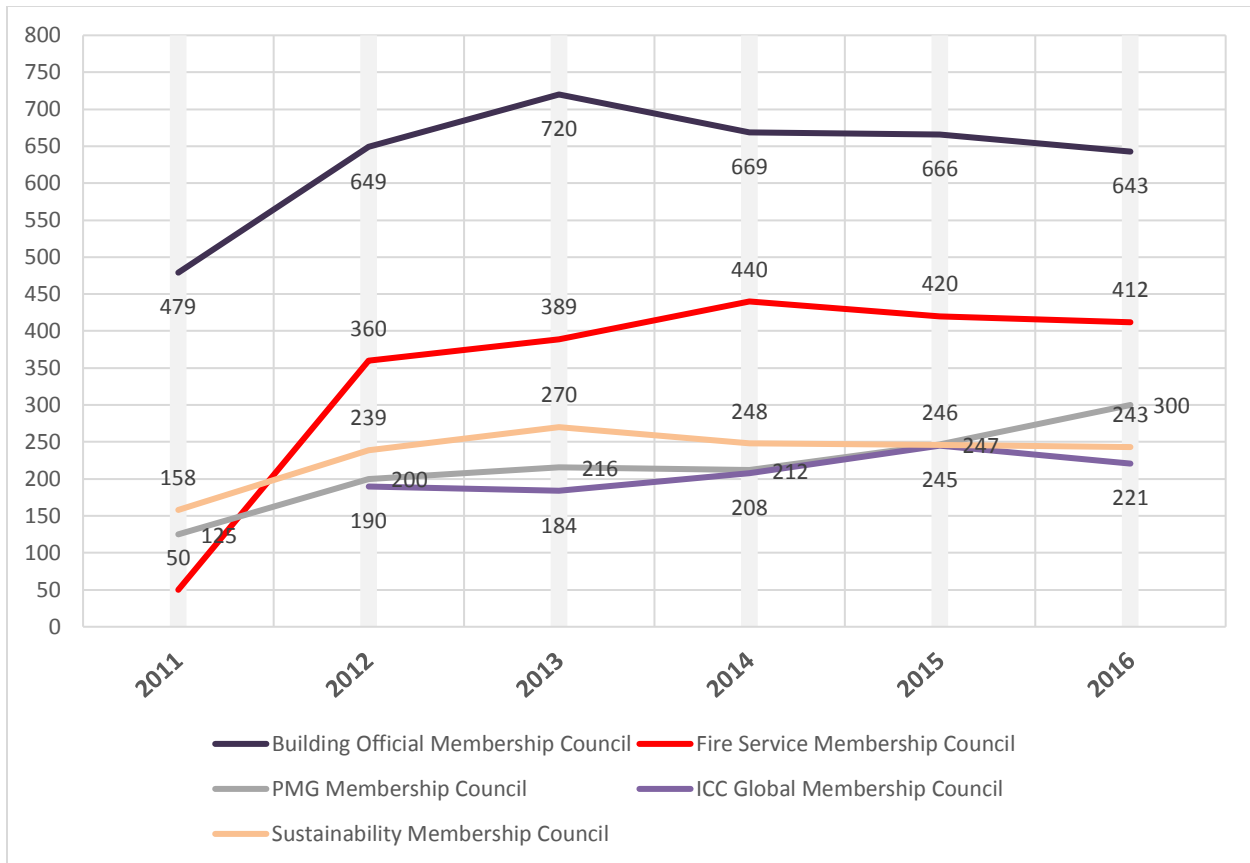
Membership in the Council is open to any individual who wishes to affiliate with the Fire Service Membership Council and is a member of the International Code Council (ICC), an ICC Governmental Member Voting Representative, or employed by a jurisdiction or corporate member of ICC or a member in good 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 with ICC.

**Membership Statistics:**

- As of August 29, 2016– the FSMC had 412 members (a decrease of 8 or 1.9% from the previous year.)
- The FSMC-GC is particularly interested in evaluating how its membership trends compare to the other Membership Councils. Chart I (next page) provides that data. While the Building Official, Global Membership and Fire Service Membership Councils show slight downward trends, the PMG and Sustainability Membership Councils show growth or remain steady.

**Chart I**  
**ICC Membership Council Enrollment History**  
**2011-2016**



## Fire Service Membership Council Activities (2015-2016)

### Governing Committee Meetings.

- The Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee (FSMC GC) began its work year with an informal teleconference November 11, 2015 to hear the ICC national fire service activities staff 2016 strategic work plan.
- The FSMC-GC conducted conference calls among the Fire Service Membership Council on the following dates. The workload has suggested bi-monthly teleconferences should be adequate with the option of more frequent calls for emerging issues.

January 21, 2016  
 March 17, 2016  
 July 21, 2016

February 18, 2016  
 May 19, 2016  
 September 15, 2016

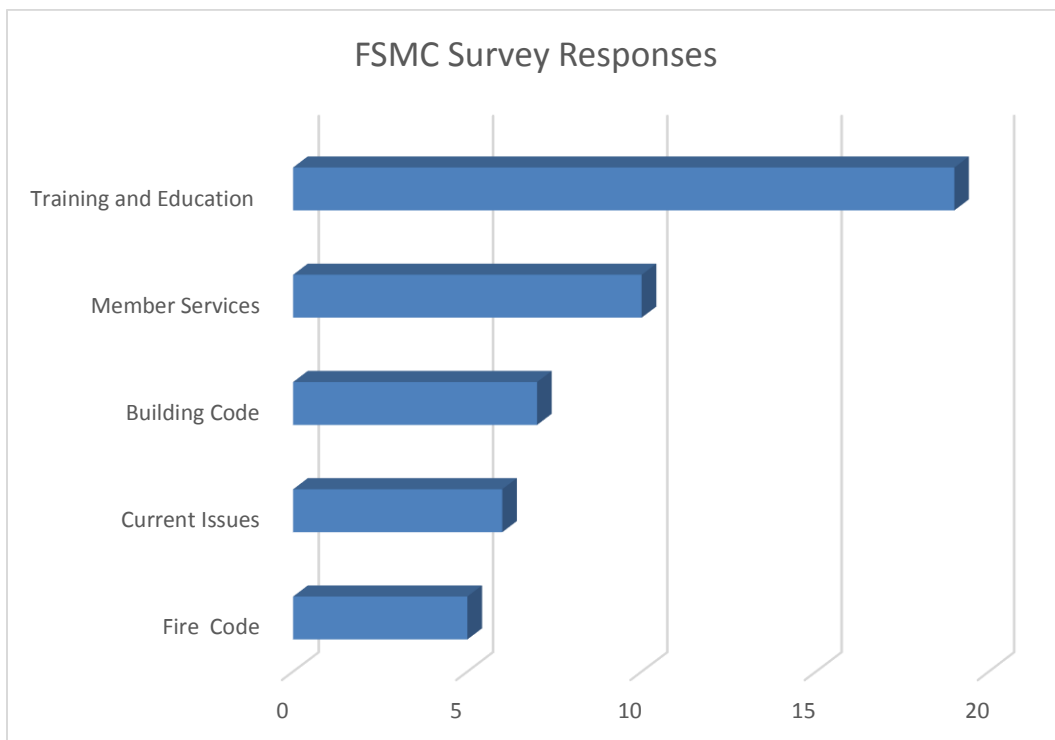
- The FSMC-GC Mid-Year Meeting was held April 16-17 in Louisville at the Committee Action Hearing meeting.

*Note: Once approved by the FSMC-GC, meeting minutes for all meetings and conference calls are posted on the ICC Fire Service Membership Council website: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/membership-councils/fire-service-membership-council/>.*

### Governing Committee Member Survey.

- In April, the FSMC-GC conducted a membership survey to gauge how the Council can provide better value to its members. More than 450 members were asked to participate and 83 responded (estimated response rate 18.2%). The results of the survey are summarized in Chart II, and a complete review of the process was published in the August issue of *Building Safety Journal Online*. The FSMC continues to review the data to make recommendations to ICC.

**Chart II**  
**Fire Service Membership Council Survey Results**  
**(April 2016)**



## **FSMC Governing Committee Work Groups.**

The FSMC-GC has created five work groups to accomplish its mission. In 2016, each group created a set of goals

- **cdpACCESS Initiative Work Group**

**Mission:** Encourage fire service to become ICC governmental members and promote their engagement in cdpACCESS.

Members: Adolf Zubia, Group Leader, Ronny Coleman, Sean DeCrane, Timothy Diehl and Tonya Hoover.

**2016 Goals and Objectives:**

1. Work with ICC staff to share fire service and general participation challenges.

**Outcome:**

Although the work group conducted no meetings, individual members participated in efforts initiated nationally to get fire service members to participate in cdpACCESS. They promoted and advocated for members to get validated in the cdpACCESS voting process. The high fire service validation and vote total following the Committee Action Hearings reflected this effort.

The work group also assisted or promoted the voting guides that provided all the code proposals that affected the fire service positions. The guides streamlined the time members had to dedicate to the cdpACCESS voting process.

- **Training and Education Work Group**

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

Members: Fulton Cochran, Group Leader; Scott Adams; Robert Barnett, Rick McCullough and Marc Sampson.

**2016 Goals and Objectives:**

1. Submit proposals to ICC Training and Education for delivery at the Annual Conference.

**Outcome:**

Two training proposals were submitted. Due to an unanticipated instructor delivery conflict, the FSMC will deliver “Flammable Refrigerants: The Evolving Impact on Codes” at the Annual Conference.

- **Building Safety Month and Fire Prevention Month Work Group**

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

Members: George Michehl, Group Leader, Tonya Hoover, Richard Miller, Jackie Gibbs and Gary West.

**2016 Goals and Objectives:**

1. Prepare articles for Building Safety Month and Fire Prevention week publications.
2. Take lead on getting fire service organizations to submit Building Safety Month proclamations.

**Outcomes:**

The FSMC produced the following articles for *Building Safety Journal Online*:

- *Close the Bedroom Door on Fire Hazards* (April 2016) Kelly Nicoletto and Bruce Johnson
- *Climatic Challenges Code Officials Face in the Arctic* (April 2016) Ernie Miscewicz
- *Infamous Fires: Learn from the Past, Make a Difference Today* (June 2016) George Michehl
- *Don't Wait, Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years* (August 2016) George Michehl

The FSMC was able to solicit an article for *Building Safety Journal Online*:

- *Worcester Polytechnic Institute Study on Ease of Use of Fire Extinguishers* (April 2016) Jim Tidwell

Thirteen fire-specific organizations submitted Building Safety Month 2016 proclamations. The Fire Service Membership Council intends to collaborate with the Building Official Membership Council on Building Safety Month and Fire Prevention Week efforts.

- **Membership Council Outreach Work Group**

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

Members: Mike Sinsigalli, Group Leader, Ronny Coleman, Kelly Nicoletto, Gary West and Jackie Gibbs.

**2016 Goals and Objectives:**

1. Reach out to regional fire service groups to recruit new members.



**Outcome:**

Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee Chairman Scott Adams initiated a program where the Committee Chair will have the prerogative to support a special project on his/her behalf. Chairman Adams elected to reach out to the four predominant U.S. fire protection engineering and technology universities to establish student chapters sponsored by nearby ICC chapters. At the time of this report, the schools and chapters have been contacted to gauge their interest.

- **ICC ES Work Group**

**Mission:** Monitor ICC Evaluation Service reports for issues that affect the fire service.

Members: Sean DeCrane, Group Leader, Timothy Diehl, Kelly Nicoletto, Marc Sampson

**2016 Goals and Objectives:**

1. Monitor ICC Evaluation Service reports for issues that affect the fire service.

**Outcome:** No report.

## Miscellaneous Information

- **FSMC and BOMC Governing Committees Combined Meeting**

The Building Official and Fire Service Membership Councils conducted a combined meeting April 17 at the Committee Action Hearing in Louisville. As an outcome of the joint meeting, the two groups jointly submitted recommendations to the ICC Board of Directors that the Board issue letters to Congress supporting the federal Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act and the Nicholas and Zachary Burton Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act. At its Casper, Wyoming, meeting the Board approved sending support letters to the U.S. House and Senate committee leaders.

- **Committee Retirements**

Mr. Ron Coleman, a well-known fire service leader and longtime member of the ICC, submitted his resignation May 19, 2016 from the FSMC Governing Committee for personal reasons. His experience, expertise and enthusiasm will be missed greatly.

Ms. Tonya Hoover, National Association of State Fire Marshals appointee and former California State Fire Marshal, retired July 16, 2016 from her state position. Her participation on the FSMC-GC likewise will be missed.

- **Excellence in Fire and Life Safety Award**

Retired Ft. Worth fire marshal and former International Code Council Deputy Senior Vice President of Government Relations Jim Tidwell on August 19, 2016 was presented the 2016 “Excellence in Fire and Life Safety Award” at the International Association of Fire Chiefs annual Fire Rescue International conference in San Antonio. The Excellence in Fire and Life Safety Award honors those who have dedicated themselves to saving lives and property through the development of codes, fire-prevention practices and leadership techniques. The award is sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC) and the Fire & Life Safety Section (FLSS) of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC).

- **Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner**

FSMC-GC Chairman Scott Adams and member Timothy Diehl attended the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Congressional Fire Services Institute dinner May 5, 2016 in Washington, DC. Other ICC attendees included President Alex “Cash” Olzowy, Vice President Dwayne Garriss, Board members Stuart Tom, Rob Drexler and Ed Kulik, chairman of the Building Code Action Committee. The members were guests at a table sponsored by ICC Government Relations.

- **FSMC Webpage Update**

The Fire Service Membership Council web page was updated to remove old agendas and meeting announcements, while retaining meeting minutes to provide a record of Council activities. It now includes bi-weekly fire and code news items from around the world and a link to the ICC code forums. Current meeting announcements and minutes are displayed, while older documents are archived.

## Appendix

### Term History: Fire Service Membership Council

#### ICC Council Policy 09-04

§ 2.3 The number of members on each Council [or Membership Council Governance Committee] shall be as determined by the ICC Board of Directors. Each Council member shall be appointed by the ICC Board of Directors with each member appointed for a three-year term. Initial appointment terms shall be staggered. No member shall serve for more than two complete consecutive terms. The council shall elect its Chair and Vice Chair.

#### Term Expires December 31, 2016

	Representing	
Fulton Cochran	ICC	2016: Eligible, re-election to 2nd full term 2014: Re-elected Chair 2013: Elected to 1st full term; re-elected Chair 2012: Re-elected Chair 2011: 2-year term and Chair
Robert Barnett	IAFC	2016: Eligible, reappointment to 2nd Full Term 2013: Appointed 3-year term
Ron Coleman	ICC	2016, May 19: Submitted letter of resignation 2013: Elected to 1st full term 2011: 2-year term
Tonya Hoover	NASFM	2016, August 8: Submitted notice of resignation. 2016, July 16: Retired from state service. 2016: Eligible for re-appointment to 2nd full term 2013: Appointed to 1st full term 2012: Appointed to complete unexpired term 2011: Original 2-year term vacated
James Yates	IAFC	2016: Eligible, reappointment to 2nd full term 2013: Appointed to a full 3-year term
Adolf Zubia	ICC	2016: Eligible for election to 2nd full term 2013: Elected to 1st full term 2011: 2-year term

**Term Expires December 31, 2017**

	Representing	
Sean DeCrane	IAFF	2014: Reelected to 2nd full term 2011: Elected to 3-year term
Gary West	NASFM	2017: Eligible for re-appointment to 2nd full term. 2014: Reappointed to a full term 2013: Appointed to complete an unexpired 3-year term (Bruce Faust)
Richard Miller	NASFM	2017: Eligible, re-appointment to 2nd full term 2014: Reappointed to 1st full term 2013: Appointed to complete an unexpired term
Ernie Misewicz	IAFC	2014: Reappointed to 2nd full term 2011: Appointed to 3-year term
Kelly Nicoletto	NASFM	2017: Eligible, re-appointment to 2nd full term. 2014: Reappointed to 1st full term 2012: Appointed to complete unexpired term 2011: Original 3-year term vacated
Michael Sinsigalli	IAFC	2017: Eligible for re-appointment to 2nd full term 2014: Appointed to fill unexpired term of Bill St. Michel. Appointment affirmed for a 3-year term

**Term Expires December 31, 2018**

	Representing	
Timothy Diehl	ICC	2015: Elected at Long Beach ABM.
Scott Adams	ICC	2015: Eligible, re-election to 2nd full term. Not subsequently eligible. 2014: Elected Vice Chair 2012: Re-elected to full 3-year term 2011: 1 year term. Elected Vice Chair but resigned midterm
Jackie Gibbs	IAC	2015: Eligible, reappointment to 2nd full term. Not subsequently eligible. 2013: Re-elected Vice Chair 2012: Re-appointed to full 3-year term and re-elected Vice Chair. 2011: 1 year term. Moved midterm to Vice Chair
Rick McCullough	IAFC	2015: Eligible, re-appointment to 2nd full term. Not subsequently eligible. 2012: Re-appointed to full 3-year term 2011: 1 year term
Marc Sampson	IAFC	2015: Eligible, appointment to 2nd full term. Not subsequently eligible. 2012: Appointed to full 3-year term. 2011: 1 year term
George Michehl	IAFC	2015: Eligible, appointment to 2nd full term. Not subsequently eligible.