



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee
Thursday, April 20, 2017**

“Many Voices for One Purpose”

FSMC Members	Representing	Present
Scott Adams – Chair -- Park City Fire District, UT	ICC	
Gary West --Vice Chair -- Tennessee State Fire Marshal, Nashville	NASFM	X
Fulton Cochran -- Clark County Building and Fire Prevention, NV	ICC	X
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, Barre	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	X
Rick McCullough -- Regina Fire Department, SK (Retired)	IAFC:C	X
James Maxon – Sandoval County Fire Department, NM	IAFC:SW	X
Randy Metz – Carlsbad Fire Department, CA	IAFC:W	X
George Michehl -- Buffalo Grove Fire Department, IL(Retired)	IAFC:GL	X
Kelly Nicoletto -- Underwriters Laboratories, TX	NASFM	X
Coy Porter – Utah Fire Marshal’s Office	NASFM	X
Marc Sampson-- Longmont Fire Department, CO	IAFC:MV	
Michael Sinsigalli -- West Hartford Fire Department, CT	IAFC:NE	X
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	
Jim H. Brown -- ICC Board of Directors, Gillette, WY	
Stuart Tom – ICC Board of Directors, Glendale, CA	
Greg Wheeler – ICC Board of Directors, Thornton, CO	X
Brenda Thompson– ICC Board of Directors, Clark County, NV	

Registered Guests and Visitors	
Amber Armstrong – Norman, OK	X
Eric Brown, Government Accountability Office	X
Jeff Shapiro, International Code Consultants	X
Eirene Knott, BCRR Architects	X

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called order at by Vice Chairman West at 1:34 pm. Mr. Neale called the roll and a quorum was declared at 1:35 pm.

2) Openings Remarks from the Chair

There were no opening remarks from the Chair.

3) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

4) Approval of Minutes

Action: Mr. Michehl moved approval of the February 16, 2017, Mr. McCullough, seconded meeting minutes as submitted ~~corrected~~. The vote carried without objections.

5) Reports from Officers or Permanent Committees

Chairman's 2017 Special Project. Mr. Neale reported he is trying to schedule a conference call among the National Fire Sprinkler Association, American Fire Sprinkler Association, Automatic Fire Alarm Association and ICC to co-brand and promote commercial fire sprinkler and fire alarm certifications. He said he had obtained 250 copies of glossy, one-page promotional materials for the and has begun distributing during his travel events, including in New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, Texas and Wyoming. Mr. Neale will provide a status update at the May meeting on the number of tests taken.

Vice Chairman West encouraged the Fire Service Membership Council (FSMC) Governing Committee to submit ideas to improve the count of people taking the exams.

Training and Education. Mr. Cochran asked the Training and Education work group to stay on the conference line after the meeting ended to discuss a fire service training needs analysis.

Membership Outreach. Mr. Sinsigalli reported the work group has developed some ideas for the recruitment bookmark. They hope to have Vice Chairman West include a quote that encourages people to enroll in FSMC. Mr. Sinsigalli said he hopes to have the FSMC charter and important talking points on one side of the bookmark and a QR™ code image on the opposite side that links to the FSMC webpage. Mr. Sinsigalli said he hopes to have a proof ready for the May FSMC Governing Committee meeting.

FPW/BSM/FSMC Website. Mr. Michehl reported the work group had a conference call to discuss ideas. They have submitted an article on construction site inspector safety to *Building Safety Journal Online* as a twist on the Building Safety Month theme of “Code Officials: Partners in Community Safety and Growth.” He encouraged other committee members to submit ideas and articles.

Mr. Michehl added he has been submitting content for the FSMC Governing Committee webpage including training information from the American Wood Council and a new National Fire Protection Association “property inspection priority tool” that enables code officials to prioritize their property inspections.

Mr. Neale reported he has received training and access on website updating to provide near real-time content updates.

Emerging Issues and Trends. Mr. Diehl reported the work group has not been successful yet in scheduling a conference call but that he hopes to conduct some business by an email chain to improve communication in the next few weeks before May meeting.

Vice Chairman West expressed the importance of the May 21 face-to-face meeting, and asked the work groups to have much of their work done beforehand.

6) Reports from Special Committees

There were no special committee reports.

7) Unfinished Business

Bylaw Committee. It was agreed that with the infrequent changes proposed to the FSMC Governing Committee bylaws the Bylaw Committee would remain an ad hoc committee.

8) New Business

Fire Drill Frequency Challenges and Response. Vice Chairman West reported on efforts by Tennessee school officials to reduce the number and frequency of school fire drills. He added this is a big issue in Florida, as well, because school administrators are torn between intruder drills and fire drills.

Mr. West reported that Tennessee averaged 54 occupied school fires in each of the last five years. He said it is hard to convince people that no one was injured because they practiced fire drills. Mr. West said the issue has not been resolved yet, but there may be some sort of compromise that refers to NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*, that allows a combination of physical fire drills and classroom training. He said he is simply trying to get legislation to follow some sort of national standard.

Mr. McCullough recommended fire drills be conducted in conjunction with required fire alarm system testing to teach appropriate behaviors. Mr. West commented that early training is important because the skills learned in school are carried for life.

Mr. Neale reported he is aware of at least 10 bills in a variety of states to change fire drill requirements and differ from the *International Fire Code*.

Mr. Metz explained the California does not adopt the fire code criteria for fire drills because the requirements are in state statute. He said he is concerned, however, with the schools that are trying to use their own lock down plans and lock down hardware. He said they now are seeing lock down efforts extending into places of worship. The California State Fire Marshal has created a task force to explore the best way to approach the issue with the school districts. Mr. Metz said the fire service is going to have to take a position because it has become a rampant issue and we are behind the issue. Mr. West commented that without disasters, people are forgetful of why codes exist.

Mr. Porter said Utah allows minor variations because of weather and another compromise is that at least two of the fire drills were substituted with earthquake drill. He said the state tries to be flexible to meet local needs.

Nominating Committee Appointments. Mr. Neale explained there are six FSMC Governing Committee members who are eligible for reappointment or reelection. Chairman Adams will appoint a nominating committee.

Building Safety Month Proclamations and Non-Financial Support Letters
Mr. Neale reminded those on the teleconference to submit their Building Safety Month proclamations or letters. He explained the Building Official Membership Council Governing Committee has offered its support to provide reminders, and the FSMC Governing Committee will support the Building Official Membership Council to obtain Fire Prevention Month/Week proclamations.

9) Questions and Comments from the Audience

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Mr. Cochran said Clark County Department of Building and Fire Prevention was approached by Silver City, Nevada, about Tesla battery wall (home charging units). Mr. Cochran asked the callers if they had any experience with this equipment, and if so, which permits were they requiring? He said Underwriters Laboratories provided him extensive feedback. Mr. DeCrane offered to send Mr. Cochran information about it having to be listed and labelled and installed in non-habitable space. Mr. Shapiro suggested Mr. Cochran post his inquiry on EParade.

Building Official Membership Council. Mr. Nugent, representing the BOMC, expressed his thanks for being on the teleconference.

10) Good of the Order and Emerging Issues

Innovation in Code Administration Award update. Mr. Porter reported there are six people on the review committee who looked at 10 applications. They have narrowed the nominations to two leading applicants and will be voting soon on a final recommendation.

Online Voter Validation. Mr. Gibbs reminded callers about the annual requirement to validate eligible voters. Mr. Wicker reminded callers that the designated Primary Representative must be validated as well.

Mr. Neale reported the ICC electronic voter validation site is now open. Voting representatives must be validated in order to participate in the upcoming 2017 ICC Annual Business Meeting activities in Columbus, Ohio.

Bylaw update and support for Campus Fire Safety Act of 2017. Mr. Neale reported these two items are with the Board of Directors for its May 14 meeting.

ICC Training and Certification Summit. Mr. Neale provided a reminder of the ICC “Training and Certification Summit” at the University of Texas, Arlington.

The FSMC- and BOMC governing committees will have joint dinner Saturday May 20 from 6:30 to 9:30 at Pappadeaux’s in Arlington. The menu will include Pappadeaux Salad, jumbo sea scallops & shrimp, mustard glazed cedar plank salmon, Texas redfish Yvette, seafood platter and grilled chicken breast. Dessert will be vanilla cheesecake or Key Lime pie.

The FSMC Governing Committee will meet Sunday from 0930- ~~1430~~ 1400 CDT at the Hilton Arlington, meeting room TBD.

11) Adjournment.

Action: Having no more business to come before the Governing Committee, Mr. DeCrane moved approval of a motion to adjourn. There was no objection and the meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m. EST.

*Approved May 21, 2017 by the Fire Service
Membership Council Governing Committee
at its Arlington, Texas meeting.*