



**Minutes of the Teleconference Meeting of the
Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee
Thursday August 17, 2017**

“Many Voices for One Purpose”

FSMC Members	Representing	Present
Scott Adams – Chair -- Park City Fire District, UT (Retired)	ICC	X
Gary West --Vice Chair -- Tennessee State Fire Marshal, Nashville	NASFM	X
Fulton Cochran -- Clark County Building and Fire Prevention, NV	ICC	X
Sean DeCrane – Underwriters Laboratories, OH	ICC	Absent
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
Vacant	ICC	
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	Absent
Coy Porter – Utah Fire Marshal’s Office, Salt Lake City	NASFM	Excused
Marc Sampson-- Longmont Fire Department, CO	IAFC:MV	X
Vacant	IAFC:NE	
Adolf Zubia -- A to Z Fire & Code Consulting LLC, Las Cruces, NM	ICC	X

International Code Council (ICC) Staff and Liaisons	
Rob Neale – Staff Liaison to the FSMC	X
Jim H. Brown -- ICC Board of Directors, Gillette, WY	X
Mike Nugent – Liaison to the BOMC, Rock Hill, SC	X

Registered Guests and Visitors	
Joseph Degregoria, Underwriters Laboratories	X

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called order by Chairman Adams at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Neale called the roll and a quorum was declared at 1:31 p.m.

2) Openings Remarks from the Chair

Chairman Adams welcomed guests and thanked the callers for their time and support of the Fire Service Membership Council.

3) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

4) Approval of Minutes

Mr. Neale reported the Governing Committee had submitted three editorial changes to the original draft minutes of the July 20, 2017 meeting.

Action: Mr. Maxon moved approval, and Mr. McCullough seconded, approval of the July 20, 2017 meeting minutes as amended. The vote carried without objections

5) Reports from Officers or Permanent Work Groups

Chairman's 2017 Special Project. Mr. Neale reported the working group on “co-branding” the ICC fire sprinkler and fire alarm certifications was continuing to meet to promote the project.

He reported ICC Chief Executive Officer Dom Sims is very supportive of the co-branding approach and encouraged the group to invite the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to participate. Mr. Neale stated he had contacted NFPA Vice President of Operations Don Bliss who gave a favorable response and will be sharing the working group’s minutes and program outline with NFPA’s certifications staff for a final recommendation.

Mr. Neale also reported the group is discussing what “in-kind” contributions ICC may make for each organization’s sign-on to the effort. Currently, there are four items being discussed:

1. As a co-sponsor of the various certification exams – which includes financial participation – the organizations are provided a seat on the exam development committee, subject to ICC Certification Committee approval.

2. With the new Assessment Center (former ICC Training and Certification) platform, an opportunity exists to post partner logos on downloadable/printable pdf exam announcements.
3. In the Preferred Provider Program, ICC may be able to offer the organizations some reduced rate for program registration.
4. As long as they do not compete with ICC products, services and events, organizations can post their meeting and training announcements on the ICC master calendar.

Mr. Neale explained he learned that not only are low participation rates affecting ICC's support of the exams, but the Assessment Center's International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) accreditation could be jeopardized.

Mr. Cochran commented the actions the FSMC are taking to support the program could be seen in a positive fashion since it takes time to grow and nurture a program. The FSMC effort could be used to influence the decision to "sunset" the exams.

Mr. Neale said he would obtain up-to-date enrollment numbers for the FSMC-GC September 10 meeting.

Training and Education. Mr. Cochran asked Mr. Neale to report:

1. The results from the June FSMC building and fire code training needs assessment have been submitted to the Training and Education work group for analysis and recommendations.
2. At the July 20 meeting, Chairman Adams asked the work group to review and make recommendations on training to accompany the fire alarm and sprinkler certification exams.

Membership Outreach. Mr. West reported he is still trying to get the work group together to discuss design options for the proposed FSMC promotional bookmark. He said he hopes to have a report for next meeting.

FPW/BSM/FSMC Website. Mr. Michehl expressed his appreciation and thanks to Mr. Desrochers, the Vermont Division of Fire Safety staff and the Fire Prevention Week/Building Safety Month work group for the article "Every Second Counts, Know Two Ways Out" they prepared for the October issue of *Building Safety Journal Online*.

Mr. Michehl said he had shown the article to other fire service members and all commented it was succinct and well done. He said it provides a public education flair that *Building Safety Journal Online* really needs from time to time.

Emerging Issues and Trends. Mr. Diehl reported it has been a tough task getting everyone together for a meeting and he is looking for productive meeting in Columbus.

BOMC Liaison Report. Mr. Diehl reported the Building Official Membership Council call was very informative. He noted the BOMC is going through many of the same issues that the FSMC considers.

Mr. Diehl said the BOMC is working on a project to raise the profile of building code officials and it reminded him of the importance of the ICC course “Building and Fire Officials Working Together for Public Safety.” He recommended the FSMC work to promote that course.

6) Reports from Special Committees

Nominating Committee. Mr. Desrochers reported the committee had reviewed the applications and submitted two candidates to fill the ICC vacancies on the FSMC-GC:

1. Christine Reed, Deputy Fire Marshal, Central County Fire Department, Burlingame, California
2. Joe McElvaney, Lead Fire Protection Engineer, Phoenix Fire Department, Arizona

Mr. Neale reported he received the nomination letter from the National Association of State Fire Marshals and the International Association of Fire Chiefs for:

NASFM:

1. Coy Porter, Utah State Fire Marshal
2. Gary West, Tennessee State Fire Marshal
3. Kelly Nicoletto, Senior Regulatory Engineer, Underwriters Laboratories

IAFC:

1. Randy Metz, Fire Marshal, Carlsbad Fire Department, California

IAFC has not submitted a nominee yet for the New England Division representative.

Action: Mr. Maxon moved approval, and Mr. Metz seconded, approval of the Nominating Committee report and recommendations. The vote carried without objections.

Bylaw Committee. No report.

Board of Directors Succession. No report.

7) Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business reported to the Governing Committee.

8) New Business

Lighting Protection Institute (LPI). Ms. Kimberly Loehr, Communications Director, Lighting Protection Institute (LPI) introduced her non-profit organization that promotes lightning protection in accordance with NFPA 780 *Lightning Protection Standard*. They are trying to promote awareness of the standard and encourage the use the risk assessment found in its annex.

Ms. Loehr commented that lightning is a threat and there is not much public awareness about lightning protection methods. She invited the FSMC to to engage with LPI on Lightning Safety Awareness Week in June of each year.

Ms. Loehr explained lightning deaths are down to 13 for 2017, but her organization is still learning that people are dying in buildings from lightning strikes and but being noted as “fire deaths” rather than lightning-related deaths. Most recently, three people died in Virginia in a senior living facility where lightning struck the roof. The building was protected by sprinklers and fire alarms but no lightning protection. (See <http://www.13newsnow.com/news/local/mycity/chesapeake/lightning-strike-causes-deadly-fire-in-seniors-community-one-victim-identified/457629793>)

Ms. Loehr provided a link to her blog about lightning risk analysis: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/lightning-protection-measuring-tolerable-risk-kimberly-loehr>. She also said the Lightning Safety Alliance offers courses in basic lightning protection at <http://www.lightningsafetyalliance.org/education.html>.

Mr. Neale asked if LPI is a member of the ICC Preferred Provider Network. She said she would discuss that with her Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Mr. Michehl encouraged her to send any pertinent and timely material to the FSMC for inclusion on its website.

9) Questions and Comments from the Audience

Exterior Combustible Cladding. Mr. Douglas H. Evans, P.E., Clark County Building Department (Ret.) explained he has been studying exterior façade fires for 25 years, and in light of the recent fires in the United Arab Emirates and London, there is quite a bit of debate about the effectiveness of US building codes in regulating these products.

Mr. Evans said changes to IBC §1407 [Metal Clad Materials (MCM)] in 2012 and carried over into the 2015 edition allows “inferior, easily-ignitable panels up to 50% of an exterior façade from dirt to sky.”

One of the debates, he said, has to do with automatic sprinkler protection. About half of the façade fire started indoors where sprinklers are effective, but the remainder started outdoors where they have no impact on the fire.

Mr. Evans asked if the FSMC-GC was interested in participating or discussing the issue.

Mr. Sampson suggested the FSMC partner with the Building Official Membership Council to provide its influence. He said if two membership councils support the effort

it will really heal with the code process. He also suggested Mr. Evans work with the Building Code Action Committee and either the Southern Nevada ICC chapter or the Western Regional Work Group.

10) Good of the Order and Emerging Issues

Congressional Fire Services Institute White Paper "Understanding the Roles, Challenges, and Needs of Our Nation's Fire and Emergency Services" Mr. Neale reported the National Advisory Committee of the Congressional Fire Services Institute recently released an eight-page White Paper on state of US fire and emergency services. The purpose is to share the document with lawmakers to help them understand the key role the fire service plays in homeland security.

Copies can be obtained on the Congressional Fire Services Institute website www.cfsi.org.

Chief Tonya Hoover resignation. Mr. Neale reported US Fire Administration National Fire Academy Superintendent Tonya Hoover has resigned from the FSMC-GC due to time commitments in her new position at the fire academy.

Global Connections Day introductions. Mr. Neale reported Chairman Adams and he will introduce speakers and facilitate discussions on ICC Global Connections Day, Wednesday, September 13 from 8:00 to 11:15 a.m. at the ICC annual conference.

Annual Meeting. Chairman Adams reminded everyone of the ICC Annual Meeting in Columbus and encouraged them to make travel and lodging arrangements.

ICC Board Liaison report. ICC Director Brown commented Wyoming is expected to receive about 600,000 visitors for the August 21 total eclipse. That is more than the state's regular population and he encouraged everyone to keep local first responders in their thoughts.

11) Adjournment.

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

Approved September 10, 2017 by the Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee at its meeting during the ICC Annual Conference.