



**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee**

**Thursday, January 16, 2020  
1:30 p.m. EST**

**“Founded by Members to Serve our Members . . .  
Benefitting Communities Worldwide”**

<b>FSMC Governing Committee Members</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Present</b>
Gary West -- Chair -- National Fire Sprinkler Association, Nashville, TN	NASFM	X
Randy Metz -- Vice Chair -- Carlsbad Fire Department, CA	IAFC:W	
Bryan Adams -- Pleasant Valley Fire District, OH	ICC	X
Rick Boisvert -- Brighton Area Fire Authority, MI	IAFC:GL	X
Robert Buxton -- Hudson Fire Department, NH	IAFC:NE	
Michael Desrochers -- State of Vermont Division of Fire Safety	NASFM	X
Timothy Diehl -- Global Fire Protection Group	ICC	
Kevin Gallagher -- Acushnet Fire & EMS Department, MA	ICC	X
Kara Gerczynski -- Elizabeth Fire Protection District, CO	IAFC:MV	X
Andy King -- Franklin Fire Department, TN	IAFC:SE	X
Kelly Nicoello -- Underwriters Laboratories, TX	NASFM	
Coy Porter -- Utah State Fire Marshal's Office	NASFM	X
Christine Reed -- Central County Fire Department, CA	ICC	X
Brian Sloat -- City of Fayetteville, AR	IAFC:SW	X
Steve Swarouth -- Riverside County Fire Department, CA	ICC	
Mark Wassom -- Olathe Fire Department, KS	ICC	X
TBD -- Appointment Pending --	IAFC:E	--
TBD -- Appointment Pending --	IAFC:C	--

<b>International Code Council (ICC) Staff and Liaisons</b>	<b>Present</b>
Angie Wiese -- ICC Director, FSMC Liaison to the ICC BOD -- St. Paul, MN	X
Jim Brown -- ICC Director -- Gillette, WY	X
Karl Fippinger -- Vice President, Fire & Disaster Mitigation -- ICC	X
Dave Nichols -- Senior Regional Manager, Government Relations -- ICC	X

<b>Members/Guests Joining by Teleconference</b>	<b>Present</b>
Audrey Cline -- Building Membership Council Liaison to the FSMC, Durham, NH	X
Robby Dawson -- Southeast Regional Director -- NFPA	X
Page Dougherty -- Fire Protection Engineer II, Thornton (CO) Fire Department	X

<b>Members/Guests Joining by Teleconference</b>	<b>Present</b>
Bruce Johnson, Regulatory Services Regional Manager, Underwriters Laboratories	X
Shamim Rashid-Sumar -- VP, Fire Codes and Standards -- National Ready Mixed Concrete Association	X
Kevin Reinertson -- Deputy Fire Marshal -- CAL FIRE/Riverside County FD, CA	X

FSMC Governing Committee Teleconference Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome guests (West/Fippinger)
  - a) Note: If you would like your attendance noted and you are not a standing invitee, please email [kfippinger@iccsafe.org](mailto:kfippinger@iccsafe.org) and CC [dnichols@iccsafe.org](mailto:dnichols@iccsafe.org)
- 2) Opening Remarks from the Chair (West)
  - a) Hello and welcome to the call from Detroit, MI. Thanks for being here today.
- 3) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda
  - a) None
- 4) Approval of Minutes
  - a) December 19, 2019 Webex
    - i) Motion to accept: Kara Gerczynski; Second: Christine Reed; Discussion: None; Approved unanimously
- 5) Reports from Officers (West/Metz)
  - a) Director Brown (for Director Wiese)
    - i) Registration is open for the [2020 Code Council Leadership Week and Building Safety Conference of NJ](#) April 28 - May 1 in Atlantic City, NJ. Early bird registration open through February 21, 2020.
    - ii) The Code Council will host its fifth annual Chapter Leadership Academy June 8-10, 2020 at the Crowne Plaza in downtown Denver, CO.
      - (1) The Code Council board will be meeting in Denver in conjunction with the Chapter Leadership Academy in lieu of its July meeting
  - b) Chair's Report - Chief West
    - i) No report. We will discuss our next in-person meeting later in the agenda.
  - c) Vice Chair's Report - Chief Metz
    - i) No report
  - d) Staff liaison (Fippinger)
    - i) Short report due to holiday break.
    - ii) Working with Chiefs West, Metz, and King regarding a concern that was raised by the State of Tennessee regarding the upcoming planned sunset of Pro Board reciprocity for ICC Fire Inspector I and II.
    - iii) Planning continues for the Vision 20/20 Symposium 6 being held February 17-20, 2020 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Register to attend [here](#)

- iv) Participated in CA State Fire Marshal's Office 2022 WUI Task Group Meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>
- 6) Reports from Special Committees
  - a) Update on Ad-Hoc Committee on Building Safety and Security (Coy Porter for Chief Metz)
    - i) Subcommittees are wrapping up their work over the next month and a half
    - ii) AHC will be producing a summary/white paper that will incorporate the work of all subgroups
- 7) Unfinished Business
  - a) 2020 Work Group Updates
    - i) Chairman's Project (West/Metz)
      - (1) No report
    - ii) Training and Education (Gerczynski)
      - (1) Sent out email with Doodle poll for first meeting in January, send email to Kara or Karl if interested in helping out
      - (2) We have work to do for next year's IAFC CRR Conference and we will continue our work the emerging issues group.
    - iii) Member Recruitment (King)
      - (1) Regarding the numbers of fire service-based voting members discussed in last month's minutes, 100-200 members can swing a vote
      - (2) The FSMC should be organized and understand the issues of quality vs quantity - how to vote and participate
      - (3) The IAFC Fire and Life Safety Section (FLSS) is working on open FSMC seats and monitoring progress on the IAFC MOU
      - (4) There were 60 applicants for FCAC. We should reach out to all that applied and encourage them to get/stay involved with FSMC and ICC. I'll work with Karl on that.
    - iv) Public Awareness (Reed)
      - (1) Working on a construction site fire safety article referencing the importance of the IFC and how it connects with companion NFPA codes and standards.
    - v) Emerging Issues and Trends (Desrochers)
      - (1) Will be holding a conference call toward end of the month. We will discuss goals for 2020, modify our existing form in hopes of making it more user friendly on the front so other workgroups can use the info without digging for it.
      - (2) Assembly Igloos will be something we take up
- 8) New Business
  - i) Legislative update (West/Metz/Fippinger)
    - (1) Chief West - tracking several related sprinkler bills for high-rise. Director Wiese has

examples to share if you need of help with how to approach a high-rise retrofit program.

- (2) Every state has legislative sessions running this year. 12 states are actively in session.
  - ii) Pro Board reciprocity for ICC Fire Inspector I and II
    - (1) No further discussion, deferred for time
  - iii) FSMC 2020 monthly meeting dates
    - (1) Karl will send out proposed 2020 meeting dates with January minutes (included below)
    - (2) Due to direct conflicts with the NJ Leadership Conference, the Governing committee proposed to meet in Washington, DC ahead of the CFSI Symposium and Dinner since several members are already committed to being in town for the CFSI event.
    - (3) A motion was introduced asking Karl to poll the members of the FMSC-GC about their availability and develop information for Chief's West and Metz to consider in order to submit a recommendation to our board liaison and ICC leadership. Motion: Coy Porter; Second: Mike Desrochers; Discussion: Include discussion in minutes and develop a recommendation to the board. Result: Passed unanimously.
  - iv) Workgroup leader assignments (West)
    - (1) Workgroup leaders will remain the same for 2020
  - v) 2020 Workgroup goal setting meeting
    - (1) Deferred for time
- 9) Next Meeting
- a) Thursday, March 19, 2020 @ 1:30 p.m. EST
- 10) Questions/Comments from the Audience
- a) None heard
- 11) Good of the Order
- a) None heard
- 12) Adjourn
- a) Motion: Chief Reed; Second: Chief King; Discussion: None; Result: Passed unanimously

Gary West, Chair  
2020 FSMC Governing Committee

Randy Metz, Vice-Chair  
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## 2020 FSMC Meeting Schedule

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
16	13	19	TBD	21	25	23	27	24	13-14	19	17
WebEx	WebEx	WebEx	TBD	WebEx	WebEx	WebEx	WebEx	WebEx	ABM	WebEx	WebEx

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