



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

**Thursday, February 13, 2020
1:30 p.m. EST**

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

FSMC Governing Committee Members	Representing	Present
Gary West -- Chair -- National Fire Sprinkler Association, Nashville, TN	NASFM	X
Randy Metz -- Vice Chair -- Carlsbad Fire Department, CA	IAFC:W	X
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	X
Kevin Gallagher -- Acushnet Fire & EMS Department, MA	ICC	
Kara Gerczynski -- Elizabeth Fire Protection District, CO	IAFC:MV	X
Andy King -- Franklin Fire Department, TN	IAFC:SE	
Kelly Nicoello -- Underwriters Laboratories, TX	NASFM	X
Coy Porter -- Utah State Fire Marshal's Office	NASFM	
Christine Reed -- Central County Fire Department, CA	ICC	X
Brian Sloat -- City of Fayetteville, AR	IAFC:SW	
Steve Swarouth -- Riverside County Fire Department, CA	ICC	X
Mark Wassom -- Olathe Fire Department, KS	ICC	X
TBD -- Appointment Pending --	IAFC:E	--
TBD -- Appointment Pending --	IAFC:C	--

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

Members/Guests Joining by Teleconference	Present
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

Members/Guests Joining by Teleconference	Present
Joshua Harmon -- FSMC Liaison - ICC Sustainability Council	X
Nadja Infanti -- Sr. Manager, Global Codes and Standards -- Carrier	X
Byron Mathews -- Chief, Prevention & Public Education -- Cheyenne (WY) Fire Rescue	X
Shamim Rashid-Sumar -- VP, Fire Codes and Standards -- National Ready Mixed Concrete Association	X
Jeff Shapiro -- International Code Consultants, Inc. -- Austin, TX	X
Bob Sullivan -- Southwest Regional Director -- NFPA	X
Sam Wilde -- President -- Wyoming Association of Fire Marshals	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 and CC dnichols@iccsafe.org
- 2) Opening Remarks from the Chair (West)
 - a) Welcome to the call. I wanted to provide an update to our request for a Washington, DC meeting ahead of the CFSI Symposium and Dinner. We sent the results of our recent survey to Karla Higgs with ICC Membership and we are awaiting an answer back. We will get the answer out to the group as soon we learn more.
- 3) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda
 - a) None
- 4) Approval of Minutes
 - a) January 16, 2020 Webex
 - i) Motion to accept: Kelly Nicolello; Second: Steve Swarthout; Discussion: None; Approved unanimously
- 5) Reports from Officers (West/Metz)
 - a) Director Brown (for Director Wiese)
 - i) Nominations are open for the ICC Annual Awards Program. Nominations close March 15, 2020.
 - ii) The 2021 IPC and IMC have been released - [ICC News Release](#)
 - iii) The Code Council is examining issues raised in two letters regarding the Online Governmental Consensus Vote (OGCV) for changes to the IECC. More information can be found here: [ICC Pulse - Group B Code Changes Update](#)
 - b) Chair's Report - Chief West
 - i) Working on finding Karl some help with capturing our meeting minutes. Hope to have a volunteer by our next call.
 - c) Vice Chair's Report - Chief Metz
 - i) We've been active, lots going on, most of my time has been spent trying to create an opportunity for a spring meeting of the FSMC. Waiting to hear back on whether the option we presented works. There has been lots of dialogue on that issue.

- ii) Working with Karl on WUI roundtable planning in Sacramento. Karl and I have been working to get those pieces in place. I'm working on trying to get the right people engaged.
 - iii) Thank you for what you're doing on our subcommittees. The importance of participation can't be overlooked. We would like to have everyone engaged and contributing. I encourage you all to find a way to get engaged.
- d) Staff liaison (Fippinger)
- i) Fire Code Action Committee - 18 appointments were made by the ICC board. Appointment letters went out last week. More than 60 individuals applied. Code development committees will be next.
 - ii) The Vision 20/20 CRR Symposium will be held next week in Murfreesboro, TN. ICC is a member of the planning committee and is a sponsor of the event. I will be helping the Vision 20/20 team staff the conference.
 - iii) Wildland Fire Roundtable planning - Sacramento, CA. With support from Wildland Fire Leadership Council, IAFC Wildland Fire Policy Committee, California Fire Chiefs Association, and the California Fire Safe Council we will be holding a planning meeting in March for this event.
 - iv) Toured the Fairfax County, VA condominium fire site with Ray O'Brocki from the American Wood Council and members of the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office. The official cause which will be released later this afternoon is improperly discarded smoking materials on the job site.
 - v) The NFFF will be hosting the National Fire Service Research Agenda Symposium May 17-19 in College Park, MD.
- 6) Reports from Special Committees
- a) Update on Ad-Hoc Committee on Building Safety and Security (Chief Metz)
 - i) Director Wiese (Chair) has given the working groups the deadline of March 15, 2020 for their first drafts. Nothing further to report.
- 7) On-Going Business
- a) 2020 Work Group Updates
 - i) Chairman's Project (West/Metz)
 - (1) Randy and I discussed our membership and continuing to move forward on the things we're doing. Our priorities are really about participation, not just from members who are part of the council governing committee, but from other members of the Fire Service Membership Council and the fire service in general. Our goal is to help secure additional support and participation from ICC, promote the fire service within ICC, to support the ICC and get behind things that are going positively.
 - ii) Training and Education (Gerczynski)
 - (1) Held a Training and Education call in February and had good participation with a few new additions.
 - (2) Discussed 2020 goals. We will have something to bring at the next meeting

- (3) We are putting a couple of groups together. One will be to help with content for articles. Another will focus on flyer content and a format for that content which is being led by Byron Mathews
- (4) Next meeting is Monday, March 2nd. Information will be sent out shortly.
- iii) Member Recruitment (King)
 - (1) No report.
- iv) Public Awareness (Reed)
 - (1) We met and revised our goals which will be presented at the next meeting
 - (2) We have a construction site fire safety piece in the works to review for the next meeting
- v) Emerging Issues and Trends (Desrochers)
 - (1) Next meeting is scheduled for February 20th.
 - (2) We have a couple new items and subjects to review. We will also be revising goals.
- b) Pro Board reciprocity for ICC Fire Inspector I and II (Fippinger)
 - i) An update on an issue I reported on last month regarding the planned sunset of Pro Board reciprocity for ICC Fire Inspector I and II. After discussions with the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office and the Alabama Fire College, the Code Council has decided to continue Pro Board reciprocity for ICC Fire Inspector I and II. I will be working with our Training and Education and our Certification and Accreditation staff to enhance our Fire Inspector I and II programs and share ideas on how we can improve and expand our other fire service offerings.

8) New Business

- i) Legislative update (West/Metz/Fippinger)
 - (1) Chief West - Hi-Rise Sprinkler Act expected to pick up support as well as the Public Housing Fire Safety Act. Tracking 200 bills in 36 states, interesting how bills get caught up in addressing zoning. Also noting several people and industry representatives making code changes to benefit their organizations (e.g. smoke damper inspection certification legislation.
 - (2) Karl - shared [IAFC summary of President's FY 2021 Budget](#). CFSI is working on FY2020 appropriations. They are also reaching out to FEMA to try and facilitate a briefing on AFG and Safer for members of Congress.
 - (3) Chief Metz - Touched on Cal Chiefs legislative agenda. Seeing several bills to do with housing, WUI, and others. Concerned that we are possibly seeing bills developed with the intent to lessen the burden on communities to offer more affordable housing stock. However, this also brings the possibility that these changes would result in offering the construction industry another avenue to circumvent the codes.
 - (4) Jeff Shapiro commented on a few bills of interest:
 - (a) In the State of Washington townhouses with 5 or more units must have sprinklers. This is pending final approval in the state legislature. There has been no opposition from the state building code council.

- (b) In Idaho, there is a bill being argued today to specifically not require sprinklers in 3-4 units of townhouses. This will have significant consequences for the IBC.
- (c) Accessory dwelling units - There is a tremendous amount of effort around the country surrounding second dwelling unit or what is considered under the code a duplex. We are seeing allowances for people to build accessory dwelling units. The affordable housing community and housing advocates are pushing this extremely hard.
 - (i) Chief Metz noted that any homeowner in California is entitled to have one on their property. The maximums of 1,200 square feet apply as long as the accessory dwelling unit is no more than 50% of the total square footage of the original house. A request has been submitted to the CA SFM to consider them accessory dwelling units under the code. Important to understand that accessory dwelling units do not have to be sprinklered unless specifically required by the AHJ. We are seeing more and more bills aimed at legislating the codes and are fighting many of these in CA in the context of the affordable housing issue. We need to stay on top of this as a fire service. It's getting worse year to year.
 - (d) Jeff Shapiro - The FSMC is not able to address this immediately. This is something that ICC needs to look at organizationally as it totally undermines the requirements of the codes under the IBC. Perhaps this should be looked at by the ICC board, maybe through the FCAC. We can't continue to ignore the issue.
- ii) CFSI Expressions of Interest (Fippinger)
 - (1) We have received expressions of interest to attend the CFSI Symposium and Dinner from Randy Metz, Mike Desroschers, Tim Diehl, Kara Gerczynski, Bryan Adams, Steve Swarthout, Mark Wassom, and Kelly Nicoletto. I will work with Gary and Randy to finalize our attendees. Expect further information from me shortly.
- iii) Firehouse Magazine Codes and Standards Articles (Fippinger)
 - (1) Firehouse Magazine has offered the FSMC an opportunity to publish some code-related articles. Christine Reed will follow up with Karl on this.
- iv) ICC Annual Conference Calls for Presentations (Gerczynski/Fippinger)
 - (1) Calls for presentation are due March 1st. Kara has submitted placeholders for the FSMC program. Working to firm up presentations.
- v) ICC Honorary Member Nominations (West/Metz)
 - (1) Nominations are due March 15th.
 - (2) Adolf Zubia - Recommends Jeff Shapiro for Honorary Membership.
 - (a) Chief West - FSMC has received the request and understands that you're looking for an endorsement to move that forward.
 - (b) Chief Metz - MOTION to submit a letter from the FSMC endorsing Jeff Shapiro for Honorary Membership; Second - Kelly; No discussion; Passed unanimously.
 - (3) Chief Metz - MOTION to submit a letter from the FSMC endorsing Kelly Nicoletto

for Honorary Membership; Second: Chief Reed; Discussion: Jeff Shapiro noted that the application is lengthy and will take time and effort; Passed unanimously

vi) ICC Fire Service Award History and Refocus (West/Metz/Fippinger)

- (1) Chief West appointing a task group to look at this. Looking at involving some of our former members if they'll help us
- (2) Appointing Chief Metz, Jeff Shapiro, Jim Tidwell, Fulton Cochran, and Adolf Zubia to be on the committee to help with getting this done.
- (3) Chief Metz - We can work with Jeff Johnson and others at Western Chiefs to get it back and recognize Chief Gain for his contributions

vii) ICC Fire Service Award Submission (West/Metz)

- (1) Chief West - Due March 15th Chief Metz will be Award Committee Chair. Looking for help developing nominees. We didn't nominate anyone last year, but it's important to recognize people who deserve the recognition.
- (2) We will need a small committee to come together with Randy to develop a name and fill out an application on their behalf. Taking names - looking for 4 - Kelly Nicolello, Jeff Shapiro, Jim Tidwell.
- (3) Jeff Shapiro is researching the names of the previous Gain Award winners and has a comprehensive list. Jeff and Jim Tidwell are already working on an application. It will be good for us to get back in the game of nominating.

viii) 2020 Workgroup Goal Setting (West/Metz)

- (1) Covered in workgroup reports

9) Next Meeting

- a) Thursday, March 19, 2020 @ 1:30 p.m. EDT

10) Questions/Comments from the Audience

- a) None heard

11) Good of the Order

- a) None heard

12) Adjourn

- a) Motion: Kelly Nicolello; Second: Chief Reed; Discussion: None; Result: Passed unanimously

Gary West, Chair
2020 FSMC Governing Committee

Randy Metz, Vice-Chair
2020 FSMC Governing Committee

2020 FSMC Meeting Schedule

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

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