



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

**Thursday, July 23, 2020
1:30 p.m. EDT**

**“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	
Robert Buxton -- Hudson Fire Department, NH	IAFC:NE	
Tim Cowan -- City of Oneida Fire Department, NY (Ret.)	IAFC:E	
Michael Desrochers -- State of Vermont Division of Fire Safety	NASFM	X
Timothy Diehl -- Howard County DPW/Bureau of Facilities	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	X
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	X
Steve Swarthout -- Riverside County Fire Department, CA	ICC	
Mark Wassom -- Olathe Fire Department, KS	ICC	X
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	
Greg Wheeler -- ICC President, Thornton, CO	X
Mike Boso -- ICC Director -- Grove City, OH	X
Jim Brown -- ICC Director -- Gillette, WY	X
Karl Fippinger -- Vice President, Fire & Disaster Mitigation -- ICC	X
Mark Roberts -- Senior Regional Manager, Government Relations -- ICC	

Members/Guests Joining by Teleconference	Present
Robby Dawson -- Southeast Regional Director -- NFPA	X

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Page Dougherty -- Fire Protection Engineer II, Thornton (CO) Fire Department	X
Byron Mathews -- Division Chief -- Cheyenne (WY) Fire Rescue	X
Mark Matheny -- Chief Building Official -- City of Asheville, NC	X
Joe McElvaney -- Fire Protection Engineer -- Hiller Fire Protection	X
Rock Meng -- Global Membership Council Liaison to FSMC -- Capitol Fire Protection Engineering	X
Rick Rozier -- Deputy Fire Marshal -- Las Vegas (NV) Fire & Rescue	X
Shamim Rashid-Sumar -- VP, Fire Codes and Standards -- National Ready Mixed Concrete Association	X
Bob Sullivan -- Southwest Regional Director -- NFPA	X
John Walser -- Battalion Chief, Fire Prevention Services - Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department (VA)	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.
- 2) Opening Remarks from the Chair (West)
 - a) N/A
- 3) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda
 - a) Tim Diehl requested to add a brief update on the Innovation in Code Administration Award under New Business
- 4) Approval of Minutes
 - a) June 11, 2020 Microsoft Teams Meeting
 - i) Motion to accept: Kelly Nicoletto; Second: Randy Metz; Discussion: None; Approved unanimously
- 5) Reports from Officers (West/Metz)
 - a) Director Boso for Director Wiese
 - i) Director Boso brings greetings from the ICC board. He has a family lineage in the Columbus Fire Department. It's his pleasure to fill in for Angie for her report. As you know, the annual conference is cancelled. The board and staff are focused on the spring code hearings and getting everything lined up to make it happen. Cancelling the annual conference was not an easy decision, but it was certainly the right thing to do. If you have concerns for or against, we're always here to listen. We have been getting some responses in and the board is addressing those. We're also making contingency plans in case we're faced with something similar in the future.
 - ii) President Wheeler reported that there are lots of great COVID-19 resources available online on the ICC web site. Staff are working toward hosting the spring code hearings as well as the 2021 conference, expo, and business meeting. The Code Council is developing contingencies in the case that our meetings cannot be held in-person. Code appeals are on-going. There are 6-20 code changes being appealed. The appeal board has

been selected and is being led by Vice President Davis. All board and staff travel remain suspended. We are considering either in-person or virtual for our December board meeting/winter retreat. Finally, the board received a letter from a New Hampshire chapter supporting the board's recent decisions relative to the ABM and COVID.

- iii) Director Brown reported that he had just concluded a 2-hour Audit Committee meeting where they closed out the 2019 financials. The committee will cover investments tomorrow.
- b) Chair's Report - Chief West
 - i) No report.
- c) Vice Chair's Report - Chief Metz
 - i) FSMC work groups have been doing a great job and producing lots of work. Wanted to commend the chairs for their outside the box thinking and hard work. Also wanted to bring up some things - the [ICC Blue Ribbon Committee](#) has been named; we have reinstated California Coalition calls with Sara Yerkes, other ICC staff and California stakeholders; we are also ensuring that the fire service stays front and center in the codes and standards development process.
- d) Staff liaison (Fippinger)
 - i) Short report as Karl is on vacation. Wanted to let the group know that the Code Council is also assembling a committee looking at code changes brought about by our recent experiences with COVID-19. More information will be shared with everyone when it is available.
- 6) Reports from Special Committees
 - a) Update on Ad-Hoc Committee on Building Safety and Security (Metz)
 - i) The AHC is aiming to finish up early next year. Group is making good headway. In many cases the outcomes and results of the committee's findings are being referring to proper groups and committees like the Fire Code Action Committee (FCAC).
- 7) On-Going Business
 - a) 2020 Work Group Updates
 - i) Chairman's Project (West/Metz)
 - (1) No report.
 - ii) Emerging Issues and Trends (Desrochers)
 - (1) Last month the workgroup submitted a revised form with some added changes to it. We submitted a new tracking spreadsheet that will be available on the ICC FSMC site. Our next meeting will be toward the end of month. Currently tying up some loose ends including giving some thought about how we can better support our other membership councils with the data we produce and receive.
 - iii) Public Awareness (Reed)
 - (1) Presented the final draft of the group's construction fire safety document. Working on an inflatable spray booths document. Coordinating with the other groups to help develop products that need awareness out throughout the country. Chief West asked

if there were any objections on moving forward with work group tasks. Chief Gerczynski would like to make sure that we have our products branded. Chief Metz concurred. A good example of this is Chief Reed's group providing generic resources to AHJs for their use along the same lines of how Vision 20/20 promotes the use of its materials.

iv) Training and Education (Gerczynski)

- (1) Met a couple of weeks ago. Gearing up for 2021 ABM/conference/expo submissions. Continuing to pursue Hard Rock Café collapse class with Butch Browning. Looking at bringing in an Emerging Issues and Trends class. Considering whether there may be enough classes to consider an Emerging Issues and Trends track. Next call will be to identify things we haven't considered yet.

v) Member Recruitment (King)

- (1) We've identified additional prospective members that we're going to reach out to that are interested in the FSMC. We're looking at restructuring our monthly calls to devote time to current topics (e.g. emerging trends). We'd like to have someone present a relatively compact version of the issue with the goal of getting more folks involved in the code development process. This approach might help us interest others in joining us for our business meeting. We could potentially start this as early as next month. Chief West replied that we've had discussion about this previously on how to increase our participation.
- (2) Kelly Nicoletto mentioned that there is no shortage of subject material. We could even do 30-minute lunch and learns outside of monthly meeting, something similar to the old USFA coffee break approach. Some other topics to consider are construction fire safety and A2L refrigerants. The topics and presentations can be tied back into our web site if they are recorded. We can also create a library of information on the FSMC web site. Chief King's idea is right on the money, maybe it doesn't even need to be tied to this meeting.
- (3) Chief West mentioned that we were successful with our recent BMC/FSMC webinars and that there was great participation on those
- (4) Chief King appreciated Kelly's comments and recommend that we shorten our meetings and offer an educational component up front (e.g. micro learning segments). If we increase the attendance enough, we could consider branching off into other standalone programs. Our focus should be to let prospective members know there is an avenue to stay involved and participate.
- (5) Chief Metz replied that this idea warrants giving it a shot and see what it nets for us. Doing this is moving us down a path that we haven't explored yet.
- (6) Chief West: Asked if there were any objections to implementing this approach. Hearing none, Chief West approved moving forward with a new format and scheduling it as of our next meeting. We'll start at the same time and add the training component up front. Karl will work this approach into the FSMC agenda for the next meeting.
- (7) Chief King mentioned that if anyone wants to be the first to present, reach out to him or ICC staff.

- b) IAFC MOU Update (Fippinger)
 - i) No report.
 - c) Succession planning update based on ICC board guidance (Fippinger)
 - i) The National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) and its FSMC members have agreed to extend their seats by one year. Thank you to Chief West, Marshal's Desrochers and Porter, and Kelly Nicolello.
 - ii) The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) has been advised of the board's action. Current IAFC positions are not affected by the board's decision.
- 8) New Business
- a) Legislative update (West/Metz/Fippinger)
 - i) Karl is monitoring CARES Act and appropriations. Shared an update on the California legislative process. Several staff and members have been diagnosed with Coronavirus. Legislative session dates have been pushed back and both chambers are doing limited business.
 - ii) Chief Metz is monitoring WUI, affordable housing, accessory dwelling units. There is a far-reaching bill on construction in the WUI. Legislation is being proposed on regulating development through legislation rather than code (mandatory turnaround times for plan submittals, etc.). The CA fire service is pushing back on those stringently. Interest groups are getting creative with bills because they haven't been successful getting things through the codes process. We are dealing with that now with the refrigerant industry on A2Ls.
 - iii) Kelly Nicolello mentioned that the UL 60335-2-40 4th edition is in process to address fire service concerns. AHRI and UL have been working together to put together fire service scientific testing in September, results expected first of the year. AHRI has a group that is looking at training and reference materials for fire service. Kelly is part of that group and is looking for additional volunteers to bring out the fire service-centric information programs to various fire service conferences in 2021. If anyone on this call would like to participate contact Kelly. He is a co-chair of the group.
 - b) Innovation in Code Administration Award - Update from BMC (Diehl/Matheny)
 - i) Recommended putting the joint BMC/FSMC award committee together and recognize a winner from the 6 applications. One of the BMC task groups is fine tuning the process from last year. Karl and Bill Nash built a rough framework as to how the award process works and we are working to improve upon that. Our recommendation is to pick a winner, send a certificate, do in-person recognition for next year.
 - ii) Chief Metz brought a point of order and asked President Wheeler whether BMC and FSMC could award given the board's recent action. President Wheeler agreed to take the proposal to the Executive Committee to determine if they want to put the request in front of the full board.
 - iii) Tim Diehl added that there is discussion by the BMC to re-look at the attendance policy for Membership Council Governing Committees including maintaining rosters and attendance. BMC leadership will be reaching out to membership council leaders to discuss reinstating the old attendance policy.

- 9) Next Meeting
 - a) Thursday, August 27, 2020 @ 1:30 p.m. EDT
- 10) Questions/Comments from the Audience
 - a) None heard
- 11) Good of the Order
 - a) N/A
- 12) Adjourn
 - a) Motion: Chief Reed; Second: Chief Metz; 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	23	21	25	23	27	24	13-14	19	17
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