



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

**Thursday, December 17, 2020  
1:30 p.m. EDT**

**“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	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	X
Michael Desrochers -- State of Vermont Division of Fire Safety	NASFM	X
Timothy Diehl -- Howard County DPW/Bureau of Facilities	ICC	X
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	X
Christine Reed -- Central County Fire Department, CA	ICC	X
Brian Sloat -- City of Fayetteville, AR	IAFC:SW	
Steve Swarhout -- Global Fire Protection Group -- Winchester, CA	ICC	X
Mark Wassom -- Olathe Fire Department, KS	ICC	X
TBD -- Appointment Pending --	ICC	--
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<b>International Code Council (ICC) Directors, Liaisons, and Staff</b>	<b>Present</b>
Greg Wheeler -- ICC President -- Thornton, CO	X
Bill Bryant -- ICC Immediate Past President, FSMC Liaison to the ICC BOD -- Anne Arundel County, MD	X
Jim Brown -- ICC Director -- Gillette, WY	X
Tom Peterson -- ICC Director -- State of Utah	X
Karl Fippinger -- Vice President, Fire & Disaster Mitigation -- ICC	X
Tim Schmitz -- Lead Senior Regional Manager., Government Relations -- ICC	X
Rick Hauffe -- Senior Regional Manager, Government Relations -- ICC	X
Dottie Mazzarella -- Vice President, Government Relations	X

Bill Nash -- Senior Regional Manager, Government Relations -- ICC	X
Mark Roberts -- Lead Senior Regional Manager, Government Relations -- ICC	X

<b>Members/Guests Joining by Teleconference</b>	<b>Present</b>
Greg Andersen, Chief of Code Development & Analysis -- CAL FIRE, Office of the State Fire Marshal -- Sacramento, CA	X
Andrew Barr, CFPS -- Graduate Fire Protection Engineer -- McKinney Fire Department, McKinney, TX	X
Chris Boyd, Captain/Fire Marshal -- CAL FIRE/Butte County (CA) Fire Department	X
Chris Brunette, Section Chief -- Fire & Life Safety Section - Colorado Department of Fire Prevention and Control	X
Paul Coleman, Sr. Manager -- Material & Industry Sustainability -- Huntsman International LLC	X
Rick Cortina -- Apple Valley Communications, Inc. -- Redondo Beach, CA	X
Darcy Davidson -- Assistant Fire Marshal -- Carlsbad (CA) Fire Department	X
Steve DiGiovanni, Fire Protection Engineer -- Clark County (NV) Department of Building & Fire Prevention	X
Mark Dossett, Assistant Fire Marshal -- San Diego (CA) Fire-Rescue Department	X
Page Dougherty, Fire Protection Engineer II -- Thornton (CO) Fire Department	X
Gary Farley, State Fire Marshal -- State of Tennessee	X
Eriks Gabliks, Superintendent -- United States Fire Administration, National Fire Academy	X
Romeo Gervais, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal -- Boise (ID) Fire Department	X
Jeffrey H. Greenwald, P.E., CAE- - North American Modern Building Alliance -- Washington, DC	X
Rocco Grosso, Fire Marshal -- Wilton (CT) Fire Department	X
Matt Hinds-Aldrich, PhD -- Senior Risk Strategy Lead, American Association of Insurance Services -- Lisle, IL	X
Tonya Hoover, Deputy U.S. Fire Administrator	X
Johnathan Hurst -- Building Official - City of Arroyo Grande, CA	X
Charlie Johnson, Chief Fire Code Consultant -- NC Department of Insurance -- Raleigh, NC	X
Michael Kocab -- Captain/Fire Marshal -- Willoughby (OH) Fire Department	X
Gary McCarraher -- Senior Public Safety Advisor, FirstNet Authority -- Reston, VA	X
George Michehl, Deputy Fire Marshal (Ret.) -- IAFC Fire and Life Safety Section Board of Directors -- Buffalo Grove, IL	X
Christopher J Mong, ASP, Education Chair -- Five County Building Officials Association -- Akron, OH	X
Paul Padgett, Fire Codes Administrator -- Town of Garner, NC	X
Adria Reinertson, Deputy Fire Marshal -- Riverside County (CA) Fire Department	X
Kevin Reinertson, Deputy Fire Marshal -- Riverside County (CA) Fire Department	X
Jeff Shapiro -- International Code Consultants, Inc. -- Austin, TX	X

Members/Guests Joining by Teleconference	Present
Nadja Tremblay -- Sr. Manager, Global Codes and Standards -- Carrier Fire & Life Safety Products	X
Joe Zuccaro, Fire Prevention Supervisor -- San Bernardino County (CA) Fire Department	X

FSMC Governing Committee Teleconference Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome guests (West/Fippinger)
- 2) Guest Presentation

**Update from the U.S. Fire Administration and the National Fire Academy**

Chief Tonya Hoover                                      Eriks Gabliks  
Deputy U.S. Fire Administrator                      Superintendent, National Fire Academy

Chief Hoover formally welcomed and introduced new NFA Superintendent, Eriks Gabliks. She answered questions submitted by the FSMC in advance of the meeting. During COVID, USFA has had staff embedded with interagency task forces and hosted webinars on a variety of subjects including the FEMA Public Assistance Program, AFG and AFG supplement grants as well as sharing information about PPE and supply chain. Coordinated a special data study on COVID response through the NFIRS reporting system; the report is available on the USFA website. USFA is also involved in FEMA’s Building Codes Work Group Executive Committee to support the adoption and use of the latest codes and standards.

Superintendent Gabliks reminded the group that the NFA is still open for business. Training is still being delivered with State partners using COVID-19 guidelines. NFA is also offering several virtual training programs. Interest in the NFA’s Executive Fire Officer Program continues to be strong, but changes to the EFO program are being phased in. The EFO Program is now a two-year program with classes both online and in-person. USFA has an incredible partnership with the American Council on Education (ACE). ACE evaluates NFA courses for college credit. Updating the Youth Fire Setter curriculum and focusing on WUI-related offerings. Trying to get students back to campus, but we also want them to be safe. We have made the decision not to offer classes until the end of January. We currently have more than 450 applicants to evaluate for acceptance to the EFO program.

Chief Hoover reminded the group to use your state training directors as a resource if there are classes you’d like to see in your states. Chief Metz asked if the EFO program was considering increasing the degree requirement from a bachelor’s degree to a master’s degree. Chief Hoover commented that it had been discussed, but the decision was made to keep it at the bachelor’s degree level for now.

Karl noted that FEMA had recently released its [Building Codes Save: A Nationwide Study of Loss Prevention](#) report. He asked Chief Hoover if the USFA had thoughts on pursuing a follow-up to that report since loss prevention in the WUI was not addressed in the report. Chief Hoover replied that fire was mentioned once in the report and that fire in the WUI was not addressed, although FEMA has committed that it will not be lost, and the fire piece will be heard. The Building Codes Working Group just put out its charter and we will follow up but encourage FSMC members to speak up and amplify the need. Superintendent Gabliks added that the USFA is updating America Burning and will be focusing on WUI issues for this update.

Chief Metz asked whether NFA has given any thought to developing a WUI technical course. USFA has requested additional funding to add an instructional systems designer and a training specialist to focus on WUI. In the meantime, we do have standing courses on planning, evacuation, and one that touches on WUI codes and standards. We're aware of the need and desire and will continue to pursue the topic. We hope to continue offering our NFA courses at the IAFC WUI Conference again in the future once it resumes.

- 3) Opening Remarks from the Chair (West) - Chief West thanked the panel for their time and excellent discussion. Welcomed the large turnout to the meeting. Our goal is to increase participation and support the fire service.
  - a) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda - None offered.
  - b) Approval of Minutes
    - i. November 12, 2020 Microsoft Teams Meeting
      - (1) Motion to accept: Kara Gerczynski; Second: Kelly Nicoletto; Discussion: None; Approved unanimously
- 4) 2020 Work Group Updates (West)
  - a) Member Recruitment (King)
    - i. Andy King was unable to attend meeting. No report.
  - b) Emerging Issues and Trends (Desrochers)
    - i. Participated with other group calls during past month. Work group did not meet during this month. Next meeting will be in January 2021.
  - c) Public Awareness (Reed)
    - i. Workgroup goals were submitted. Construction Site Fire Safety and Inflatable Spray Booth documents are complete, and our format is now set for future documents. Documents were shared on screen. Christine walked the committee through the document template details.
  - d) Training and Education (Gerczynski)
    - i. Committee met in November and working on Goals. Planning to work on professional development for ICC fire service members in conjunction with staff. Working on topics and training for the 2021 ABM across multiple tracks. Would like to do another "open forum" during luncheon. No December meeting; next meeting January 2021.
- 5) Reports from Officers (West/Metz)
  - a) ICC Past President/FSMC Governing Committee Liaison (Bryant)
    - i. President Bryant discussed Blue Ribbon Committee work regarding federal pre-emption as well as creating a voter guide for validated voters. Board also looking at energy code development process. Possibly moving to using the energy code to the standards-making process. Public comment period is next. Lastly, the Committee Action Hearings will be held in Chicago for the code committees, moderators, and staff in-person using precautions and social distancing. The Committee Action Hearings will be virtual for all others.

- b) Other ICC Officers and Directors
  - i. President Wheeler discussed changes to CP-28 “Assembly Consideration” to save time during the hearing process. Changes to CP-44, allows honorary members to serve on the Code Correlating Committee.
  - ii. Director Brown thanked President Bryant for his report and had nothing further to add.
  - iii. Marc Sampson asked Pres. Wheeler when 2021 IFC would be available for purchase. President Wheeler will check with Mark Johnson on date.
- c) Chair’s Report - (West)
  - i. Chief West expressed his thanks for tremendous participation from committee. Happy with succession of the leadership to prepare others to serve. Discussed Fire Sprinkler Incentive Guide from NFSA. Looks forward to remaining as a member of FSMC Governing Committee for 2021.
- d) Vice Chair’s Report - (Metz)
  - i. Chief Metz will be participating in the ICC Cost Impact Group call after this meeting adjourns. Thanked Gary and all participants who participated in and attended the joint BMC and FSMC webinar yesterday.
- e) Staff liaison (Fippinger)
  - i. Joint BMC/FSMC webinar went well yesterday. Great relationship between both councils. IAFC memorandum of understanding was approved and signed by the ICC CEO. Chief Mike O’Brian will continue as chair of FCAC through 2021. Discussed meeting with NASFM to present remote virtual inspections. Showed committee the ICC Pandemic Task Force press release. Showed the committee the ICC code adoptions page and shared the link in Teams chat.
- 6) On-Going Business (West)
  - a) Report from Nominating Committee (Desrochers)
    - i. Reported that nominations were received for Chief Metz to serve as Chair of FSMC and Chief Reed to serve as Vice-Chair.
- 7) New Business
  - a) 2021 FSMC Chair/Vice Chair Elections (West)
    - i. Chief West asked for any additional nominations 3 separate times. None offered and nominations were closed.
    - ii. Slate was motioned for approval by Chief West and seconded by Kelly Nicoletto. Approved with no objections.
    - iii. Chief Metz expressed his thanks to Chief West and stated his excitement to serve as the next Chair. Chief Reed also thanked Chief West for his dedicated service. Excited for upcoming year.
    - iv. Chief West discussed the leadership meetings that happen every Tuesday to help plan and guide the FSMC.

- 8) Next Meeting
  - a) Thursday, January 21, 2020 @ 1:30 p.m. EDT
- 9) Questions/Comments from the Audience - None
- 10) Good of the Order - Congrats to the new leadership team
- 11) Adjourn

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	<del>24</del>	25	23	27	24	15	12	17
WebEx	WebEx	WebEx	WebEx	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams

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