



# FIRE SERVICE MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Teleconference Meeting of the Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee

Thursday, February 18, 2016 1 p.m. EST

FSMC Members	Present	FSMC Members	Present
Scott Adams – Chair Park City Fire District, UT	X	Rick McCullough (Retired) Regina Fire Department, SK	X
Gary West- Vice Chair Tennessee State Fire Marshal	X	George Michehl (Retired)	X
Robert Barnett Attorney at Law, LA		Richard Miller	
Fulton Cochran Clark County Fire, NV	X	Ernie Misewicz Fairbanks Fire Department, AK	
Ronny Coleman FireForce One, CA		Kelly Nicolello Underwriters Laboratories, TX	X
Sean DeCrane Cleveland Fire Department, OH	X	Marc Sampson, Longmont Fire, CO	X
Timothy Diehl Rockville FMO, MD	X	Michael Sinsigalli West Hartford Fire, CT	
Jackie Gibbs Marietta Fire Department, GA	X	Jim Yates Lawrence Road Fire Co., NJ	
Tonya Hoover, California State Fire Marshal		Adolf Zubia Clark County Fire, NV	X
Staff		Staff	
Rob Neale	X		
Registered Guests		Registered Guests	
Jim H. Brown (Board Liaison), Gillette Building Department, WY	X	Dave Belcher Violet Fire Department, OH	X
Greg Wheeler, CBO (ICC Board of Directors) Thornton, CO	X	Jack Murphy, Fire Safety Directors Association of Great New York	X
Eirene Oliphant, BRR Architects Merriam, KS	X	Don Buckley, United Fire Authority, Salt Lake City, UT	X
Scott West Metro Fire, CO			

## 1) Call to Order/Roll call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Adams at 1:02 p.m. EST. The chairman declared a quorum existed at 1:07 p.m. ICC staff liaison Rob Neale called the roll.

## 2) Old Business

Chairman Adams opened the meeting with the review and discussion of the proposed Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee Work Groups for 2016. (Roster is attached.)

- cdpACCESS Work Group: Mr. Zubia inquired if ICC staff has any data regarding the level of Group A code cycle participation using cdpACCESS. Mr. Neale offered to contact ICC Technical Services Department to obtain the data.

Mr. DeCrane commented he found the review of individual items in cdpACCESS to be time consuming, and it is easier to refer to a “voting sheet” of recommendations that may be obtain from other non-fire service groups through social media. Mr. DeCrane commented these groups have members who are motivated to vote and more is needed to engage the fire service. Mr. DeCrane expressed concern the voting sheets did not encourage members to understand an issue and their vote, but they simply are voting with the recommendations listed on the sheet.

Mr. Zubia suggested the Fire Service Membership Council invite Mr. Mike Pfeiffer, ICC Senior Vice President of Technical Services, to meet to discuss these concerns. Director Wheeler recommended the Governing Committee invite Mr. Pfeiffer to participate in a teleconference because it would be more likely Mr. Pfeiffer could attend. Mr. Neale will facilitate that invitation.

- Training and Education Work Group: Mr. DeCrane and Mr. McCullough discussed several options for courses to be delivered at the ICC Annual Business Meeting in October. The two proposed topics are:
  - “Smoke Alarms through Community Risk Reduction”
  - An informative approach from Canadian experience on tall wood buildings.

There was general discussion among the Governing Council on the importance of assuring content in the tall wood building course proposal is informational only to protect the neutrality and integrity of the ICC code development process.

Course titles, descriptions and learning objectives are due to the Training and Education Department as soon as possible (with PowerPoint presentations due May 18, 2016). Mr. DeCrane and Mr. McCullough will submit the titles, descriptions and learning objectives.

- Building Safety Month/Fire Prevention Week Work Group: Mr. Michehl reported Mr. Nicoletto and Mr. Bruce Johnson of Underwriters Laboratories have submitted an article for editing on modern furnishings fire behavior and the importance of closing doors to slow fire travel.

Mr. Michehl stated he is working on an article about lessons learned from historic fires. He commented that while fire service personnel may recognize these fires by their names and consequences, many design professionals have no familiarity with them.

Mr. Misewicz reported after the meeting he had submitted an article entitled *Climatic Challenges for Code Officials in the Arctic* to Building Safety Journal Online for its April 2016 issue.

Chairman Adams asked the Work Group to assume responsibility for getting fire service chapters to collect and submit annual Building Safety Month proclamations. Chairman Adams asked how many have been submitted to date. Mr. Neale reported ICC has received six proclamations from fire service organizations.

- Membership Outreach Work Group: Mr. Gibbs reported there was no news except that the Work Group intends to reach out to regional fire service groups for recruiting.
- ICC Evaluation Service Work Group: Mr. DeCrane reported he had sent an email to the Work Group members to learn their thoughts about the Evaluation Service.

Chairman Adams asked all groups to be prepared to provide a progress report at the FSMC semi-annual meeting April 16-17, 2016 in Louisville.

### **3) New Business**

Chairman Adams asked the Governing Committee of their interest in a standing monthly teleconference. It was agreed by consensus that there will be a regular Governing Committee teleconference on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

### **4) Other Business/Reports**

Mr. Neale reported the ICC has sponsored a 10-seat table at the May 4, 2016 Congressional Fire Service Institute annual dinner. Invitations to dignitaries will be sent soon.

Mr. Jack Murphy informed the Governing Committee of his relationship with Fire Engineering magazine, and offered the Committee access to post information on the magazine's website. Mr. Neale added Fire Engineering Online recently posted article on the ICC International Accreditation Service and ICC Evaluation Service.

### **5) Adjournment**

Having no other business to come before the Governing Committee, a motion to adjourn was acclaimed at 2:45 p.m.

Scott Adams, Chair  
FSMC Governing Committee

Attachment

Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee Work Group Roster

*Approved April 16, 2016 by the Fire Service  
Membership Council Governing Committee  
at its Committee Action Hearing meeting in  
Louisville, Kentucky*