



**Membership Council Annual Report
Fire Service Membership Council**

DATE: July 31, 2012
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Fulton Cochran, CFO, CBO

Governing Committee Members:

Term	First Name	Last Name	Organization	GC Position
2 yrs	Fulton	Cochran	Henderson Fire Dept	At Large
1 yr	Jackie	Gibbs	IAFC (Southeastern Division)	IAFC-MOU
1 yr	Scott	Adams	Park City Fire Service Dist	At Large
3 yrs	William	Barnard	NASFM	NASFM-MOU
3 yrs	Sean	DeCrane	IAFF	IAFF
2 yrs	Eric	Enriquez	IAFC (Southwestern Division)	IAFC-MOU
3 yrs	Bruce	Faust	NASFM	NASFM-MOU
1 yr	Rick	McCullough	IAFC/City of Regina	IAFC-MOU
1 yr	George	Michehl	IAFC (Great Lakes Division)	IAFC-MOU
3 yrs	Ernie	Misewicz	IAFC (Western Division)	IAFC-MOU
3 yrs	Jon	Roberts	NASFM	NASFM-MOU
1 yr	Marc	Sampson	IAFC (Missouri Valley Division)	IAFC-MOU
2 yrs	Mark	Showmaker	IAFC (Eastern Division)	IAFC-MOU
3 yrs	William	St. Michel	IAFC (New England Division)	IAFC-MOU
2 yrs	Vacant		NASFM	NASFM-MOU
2 yrs	Adolf	Zubia	Chairman, IAFC - FLSS	At Large
2 yrs	Ronny	Coleman	Fireforceone	At Large
1 yr	Jeff	Shapiro	International Code Consultants	At Large

Membership Requirements:

Membership in the Council is open to any individual who wishes to affiliate with the Fire Service Membership Council and is a member of ICC, an ICC Governmental Member Voting Representative, or employed by a jurisdiction or corporate member of ICC or a member in good standing of a closely aligned organization as approved by the ICC Board of Directors. The Governing Committee may make recommendations to the ICC Board of Directors to include additional organizations as closely aligned.

Membership Numbers:

As of July 27th 360 members

Activities Completed Since Last Annual Meeting:

FSMC Inaugural Meeting at 2011 ABM in Phoenix, AZ

Hosted a Cracker Barrel Table at this ABM

Conference Call Meeting; November 29, 2011

Conference Call Meeting; January 4, 2012

Conference Call Meeting; February 21, 2012

Conference Call Meeting; April 17, 2012

FSMC Meeting at Code Development Hearings in Dallas; Sunday April 29, 2012

Conference Call Meeting; June 18, 2012

FSMC Governing Committee meeting held in conjunction with FRI in Denver; July 30-31

Note: Meeting minutes for all meetings and conference calls posted on the website

A Governing Committee Task Group surveyed both ICC members and associated industries in conjunction with the ICC Certification Department to determine the market interest regarding four new certification exams:

1. Commercial Fire Alarm System Maintenance Inspector
2. Commercial Fire Sprinkler System Maintenance Inspector
3. Commercial Fire Alarm Plan Review and Acceptance Testing Inspector
4. Commercial Fire Sprinkler Plan Review and Acceptance Testing Inspector

The survey found that 2/3rds to 3/4ths of the respondents(approximately 750 per question) favored the new certifications being proposed. These results were reported to BIPS and the BIPS committee made a motion to recommend that staff proceed with creating these new certifications. The FSMC is anticipating that staff will utilize 2013 for development and 2014 for implementation.



Chairman Cochran recorded two promotional video clips with Communications Department

Created Membership Council Welcome Letter for new members that join the FSMC

Created a survey to poll members on issues of concern to the fire service and the use of social media for effective membership communications – April 2012

Survey results:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/sr.aspx?sm=GeyGKSPQ_2bxfHOr75ZIkqEwrScYOpmdU2jpiBwOzcSzU_3d

Actively working with Education and Training Department; sharing ideas about enhancing ICC classroom and on-line training programs. See recommendations for training program improvements for ABMs.

Planned Activities for Upcoming Year(s):

Explore opportunities to work with FLASH on public safety messages and IFCC in promotion of Building Safety Month.

Continue working with the Education Committee and staff on ways to enhance ICC training programs (both classroom and on-line) as well as the education programs for code development hearings and the ABM

2013 Mid-Year Meeting of FSMC Governing Committee (1 ½ day meeting) at Dallas Group B Hearings (including Fire Code). **Will require appropriate budget for travel support.**

2014 Mid-Year Meeting at CFSI in Washington DC. **Will require appropriate budget for travel support and CFSI Banquet.**

Feedback/Suggestions/Recommendations:

1. Allowing Membership Councils Greater Responsibility for Education Offerings at ABM:

Give each membership council the opportunity to work directly with the Education Committee/Training Department to create discipline specific tracks for training programs planned for the ABM/FAH and Spring Code Development Hearings. Give each Council greater responsibility for identifying and selecting presentations to be included in those tracks.

2. Establish a budget for enhancing education offerings at ABM

Budget for travel reimbursement and complimentary ABM registration for Instructors of “cutting edge” or “hot topic” training programs as part of the Call for Presentations. The FSMC GC believes that providing travel assistance for top level Presenters will result in a better response to the “Call for Presentations” and result in having education programs of the highest caliber.

Budget \$2500. X 4 programs = \$10,000.

It is the FSMC Governing Committee’s belief that enhanced education offerings at the ABM will add an important incentive to encourage increased attendance and participation by code officials, which would also lead to increased attendance at final action hearings

3. ICC Code Development Cycles/Process

During the Tech Services presentation by Tom Frost at the FSMC Meeting in Denver, the issue of states and jurisdictions delaying adoptions or planning to skip code cycles was discussed. The Committee felt that the lack of significant code changes in the primary *I-Codes* between the 2009 and 2012 editions is a major contributing factor in this trend.

The FSMC GC felt a return to the 18-month cycle for code change proposals to the IFC, IBC, IRC and IEBC would allow for two opportunities to perfect code change proposals in these “core” *I-Codes*. An additional “bite at the apple” could improve the quality of approved code changes and allow for more significant code changes in each new addition; thereby providing greater incentive for jurisdictions to update their codes every three years.

The Coalition for Current Safety Codes is obviously trying to address this disturbing trend and having clearly identified, significant code improvements between editions would provide greater justification to adopt the latest editions when published.

4. cdp-Access

Following the briefing by Sr. VP Tom Frost and intense discussion by the Governing Committee and guests the following action was taken by the FSMC Governing Committee.

As outlined in the FSMC letter to the cdp-Access Steering Committee (dated August 20th):

SUGGESTION 1: REPOSITION THE REMOTE PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY AND THE WINDOW OF REMOTE VOTING TO OCCUR AFTER THE CODE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HEARINGS RATHER THAN AFTER THE FINAL ACTION HEARINGS.



SUGGESTION 2: STRUCTURE THE REMOTE MEMBERSHIP VOTE THAT FOLLOWS THE COMMITTEE HEARING SUCH THAT ONLY VOTING GOVERNMENTAL MEMBERS CAST VOTES AND SUCH THAT A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE CHANGES THE PREVAILING FINAL ACTION MOTION.

SUGGESTION 3: DISCONTINUE THE ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR MOTIONS AND AUDIENCE VOTING AT COMMITTEE HEARINGS.

Questions to the ICC Board of Directors

As a final item, the FSMC would like to ask the Board of Directors two questions:

1. Does the Board feel that the re-engineering of ICC Councils and Committees has achieved the intended goals?
2. Are there specific issues or topics the Board would like the FSMC to address in the next year?