

Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee

Phone Conference Minutes – Thursday, January 29, 2015 – 11:00 AM Eastern

IFCC Members	Present	Absent	IFCC Members	Present	Absent
Fulton Cochran – Chair	X		Jackie Gibbs	X	
Scott Adams – Vice Chair	X		Ernie Misewicz	X	
Robert Barnett	X		Kelly Nicolello	X	
Sean DeCrane		X	Marc Sampson	X	
Ronny Coleman	X		Jeff Shapiro	X	
Tonya Hoover		X	Michael Sinsigalli	X	
Rick McCullough		X	Gary West	X	
George Michehl		X	Jim Yates		X
Richard Miller	X		Adolf Zubia	X	
Staff					
Bruce E. Johnson	X				
Guests					
Rich Truitt (Board Liaison)	X		Jeff Bechtold	X	
VP, Alex "Cash" Olszowy III	X				

I. Call to Order by Chairman Cochran at 11:03 a.m. Eastern on Thursday, January 29, 2015, with Roll Call (above); with four members of the ICC Board of Directors and several FSMC members participating in the meeting.

II. Report from cdpACCESS Initiative Work Group

Work Group Leader, Vice-Chair Scott Adams provided an overview of the recent activities that are aimed at increasing awareness about cdpACCESS; communicating critical deadlines for action and motivating greater participation in the current code development cycle utilizing cdpACCESS. He also reported that NASFM and IAFC-FLSS have included information in their January Newsletters. All Governing Committee member are encourage to disseminate the material to their Associations and State leaders.

Jeff Shapiro shared the search page from the ICC website that can be used to track active ICC memberships and updates to governmental voting representatives. He cited the information from Texas, New Mexico and New York as examples. It appears that the messaging is being distributed, but there isn't much improvement in new or renewed ICC memberships or voting reaffirmation as of now.

A discussion ensued concerning the previous recommendation by the FSMC to add both "ICC membership status" and "governmental voting credentials" to the member ICC log-in page to increase awareness of current status whenever a member logs into the ICC website.

Board members responded that this request is in the queue for implementation when the new ICC website is launched in March. The IT structure of the current servers/platform lack the capability to provide this type of information.

III. Report from each Work Group for 2015 and Committee Discussion

Training and Education Work Group

Sean DeCrane, GC Group Leader, Marc Sampson, Robert Barnett and Jeff Shapiro.

Chairman Cochran reported that Work Group Leader Sean DeCrane was teaching a class at the IAFF conference and was therefore unable to participate on today's call. Chairman Cochran gave an update on the FSMC Request to have a standing Membership Council education program at the ABM with a budget for Instructor travel. This request was not approved by the Board/Budget Committee.

Board Members reported that the consensus of the Board of Directors was to encourage the Membership Councils to submit proposals through the normal "Call for ABM Education Programs" for approval by the Education Committee (recently re-established thru CP-45). As such, the budget request is already factored into the ABM budget and didn't require additional/specific funding. The Board felt that this process would allow the Educational Committee fulfill its assigned responsibility and that the Education Committee would give appropriate consideration to ABM education proposals endorsed by a Membership Council.

The FSMC Governing Committee expressed concern that this decision wasn't communicated sooner. Following discussion, a MOTION was presented, with a SECOND to *Request the ICC Board of Directors reconsider its decision to assign each Membership Council one educational slot for the ABM for a cutting-edge/emerging issue topic without the requirement that the program be submitted for review by the Education Committee.*

APPROVED by unanimous vote of the Governing Committee Members present.

Building Safety Month and Fire Prevention Month Work Group

George Michehl, GC Group Leader, Tonya Hoover, Richard Miller, Ernie Misewicz, Adolf Zubia and Jim Yates.

Staff reported the following Building safety Journal deadlines for submitting articles:

April edition – submittal deadline February 16th

June edition - submittal deadline April 20th

August edition - submittal deadline June 22nd

October edition - submittal deadline August 24th

December edition - submittal deadline October 12th

Chairman Cochran reported that Work Group Leader George Michehl had a schedule conflict and is therefore unable to participate on today's call. Chairman Cochran gave an update provided by WGL Michehl – The Work Groups will schedule a conference call in early February and begin work on Building safety Month articles. Chairman Cochran requested staff provide the weekly themes for this year's BSM as soon as they are finalized.

Mentoring Work Group

Mike Sinsigalli, GC Group Leader, Ronny Coleman, Kelly Nicoletto, Gary West and Jackie Gibbs.

Work Group Leader Michael Sinsigalli gave an update report on the activities of the WG and reported on the discussions of their recent conference call.

1. Create a "FSMC Benefits Page" that should be highly visible on the FSMC webpage. This would be a focused list of ICC membership benefits of greatest interest to the fire service
2. Continue to coordinate website enhancements and updates with staff. Goal is to keep the information timely and relevant for the FSMC thereby encouraging website visits.
3. Collect "discipline specific" membership information on new and renewal membership applications.
4. ICC should create more free APPS to provide membership access to essential ICC information. WGL Sinsigalli requested FSMC Governing Committee members present some examples or specific Suggestions.

IV. Update Report about Joint FSMC-BOMC Joint Training Initiative
Staff reported that the class updates are being finalized by the Training Department and the course was set for Friday April 17th in Memphis (immediately preceding the Membership Council Meetings and Committee action Hearings).

Gary West reported that he is working with ICC staff and the Tennessee Building Officials and Fire Service chapters to get code officials registered for the Workshop. He reported significant interest by both fire and building officials.

V. Review plans for FSMC Business Meeting in Memphis (April 18-19)
Staff reported that the Governing Committee members will be receiving the travel dates and authorization shortly, but not to book flights until so notified. Vice Chairman Adams recommended member's book their hotel ASAP to ensure they get the available governmental room rate.
Agenda items are being set – please provide Chairman Cochran with any suggestions.

VI. Discussion Item – Projected 5-year retirement of fire prevention personnel
(as related to recent NIBS study about mass retirements of building officials)
Tabled – item will be on the Memphis agenda

VII. New Business
Marc Sampson inquired how jurisdictions are addressing the ICC Interpretation Committee report (IFC Interpretation 20-14 Issued 10-6-2014) on S-1 self-storage occupancies and the fire protection requirements, Members asked to contact Marc Sampson directly with any information.

VIII. Roundtable
None

IX. Chairman Cochran adjourned the FSMC GC meeting at 12:10 p.m. Eastern

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