



FIRE SERVICE MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL GOVERNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Tuesday April 1, 2014 – 2:00 PM Eastern
Conference Call**

IFCC Members	Present	Absent	IFCC Members	Present	Absent
Fulton Cochran – Chair	X		Jackie Gibbs – Vice Chair		X
Scott Adams	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		Mark Roberts		X
Rick Hauffe	X		Karla Higgs		X
Guests					
Bill Bryant (Board Liaison)	X		Greg Wheeler, ICC Board	X	
Robert Drexler, ICC Board	X		Ravi Shah	X	

- I. Call to Order by Chairman Cochran at 2:03 p.m. Eastern with Roll Call (above).
Nine members of the FSMC also participated on this call with four members of the ICC Board of Directors.
- II. Update reports from 2014 FSMC Work Groups – Chairman and Work Group Leaders

Training and Education Work Group – Vacant position

Mission: *Recommend ICC Training & Education Programs/Work with Education Committee*

Chairman Cochran said consideration will be made at the FSMC GC meeting in Memphis about filling the Work Group leader position or merging this group with the Recruitment and Mentoring Work Group. He said the 2014 ABM has been shortened to two days instead of three, and that the noon Cracker Barrel session was eliminated.

Building Safety and Fire Prevention Month Work Group – George Michehl

Mission: *Work with Government Relations Department in support of Building Safety Month*

George Michehl reported all four articles were completed and submitted for the Building Safety Month edition of the Building Safety Journal. He thanked the BOMC and Jeff Bechtold for his contribution to the effort.

Chairman Cochran said that this year’s contribution again completes the Governing Committee’s obligation to the Building Safety Month publication.

Recruitment and Mentoring Work Group – Scott Adams

Mission: Recruitment of new members to the FSMC; adding value to membership in the FSMC

Scott Adams and Eirene Oliphant discussed efforts to submit a proposal for a *Mentoring* workshop slot in the 2014 ICC Annual Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Oliphant said an article can be submitted for the Building Safety Journal to generate interest. Adams said a conference call is scheduled to develop ideas.

Later in the meeting, the Governing Committee discussed the concept of installing sprinklers in a Habitat for Humanity construction project as a workshop possibility during the 2014 ABM. The concept is no longer under consideration.

Newsletter Letter and Website Committee – Bruce Faust

Mission: Work with staff to produce a quarterly FSMC Newsletter and update the FSMC webpage

Chairman Cochran announced that Work Group Leader Bruce Faust will continue to serve this Work Group, but has limited time since starting a new position in Florida. The Governing Committee will discuss more about this Work Group when it meets in Memphis.

III. Update on Joint FSMC-BOMC Governing Committee Activities

Chairman Cochran said he and BOMC GC Chairman Steve Shapiro are discussing agenda items for the joint meeting of the two Governing Councils. A joint meeting is scheduled for Sunday morning 10 AM until noon, April 27. Agenda items include the results of the Work Groups assigned last year, joint training opportunities and how to continue making progress this year.

Chairman Cochran work has started with the ICC training staff in Chicago to generate a joint education opportunity for a future ABM. More information will be available at Memphis.

Chairman Cochran said the BOMC GC will meet 2-5 p.m. on the Saturday at Memphis and the FSMC GC is scheduled to meet all day Saturday (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and 8-10 a.m. Sunday. The BOMC and FSMC will meet for networking on Saturday evening prior to their respective GC group dinner.

IV. Education Program and instructor for ABM in Ft. Lauderdale no later than May 1

George Michehl said a proposed joint Building Official and Fire Service training plan has 10 modules, which would fill entire two-day schedule.

Bruce Johnson said one of the “cutting edge” courses under consideration is Jeff Shapiro’s suggestion for a curriculum around tall timber buildings which may be suitable for the 2014 ABM. Chairman Cochran agreed.

Shapiro suggested using a panel discussion on tall wood structures that are six stories and higher, featuring representatives from the fire service, the research foundation and an architect. Chairman Cochran said details on a panel need to be worked out in Memphis.

Shapiro said another topic could be NFPA 25 as well as advanced fire alarm systems that are self-testing or operate by remote control, including the latest research on detector performance by UL.

V. Next in-person FSMC GC Meeting

Chairman Cochran said it will be held in Memphis in conjunction with the IgCC Committee Action Hearings (4-27 thru 5-4). FSMC GC meeting will meet on Saturday April 26th and Sunday April 27th. He said the agenda was sent in an earlier email to Governing Committee members, and that a representative from ICC ES will discuss technical meetings and ES acceptance criteria.

VI. Report from Charter Review Committee

Chairman Cochran, G. Michehl, K. Nicoletto, S. Adams

✓ FSMC GC submitting Public Comments to other SDOs (NFPA, ES, UL, etc.)

Chairman Cochran said a conference call meeting was held and it was decided that no charter amendments are needed at this time. He said meeting participants concluded that the FSMC GC operates under the Charter of ICC and that Governing Committee Members need to remain aware of that fact.

VII. ICC funding request for national organizations – conflict of interest issue for governmental members

Adolf Zubia, Sean DeCrane & Kelly Nicoletto

Chairman Cochran said he, Bruce Johnson and committee members will discuss if the issue should be added to the agenda for the Memphis meeting. A conference call is scheduled for April 11th.

VIII. Other/Unfinished Business

Discussion on recent decision by NFPA to withdraw the latest edition of Standard 1124. Further discussion will be added to the Memphis meeting agenda

IX. Roundtable

Jeff Bechtold announced he will make a run for the ICC Board of Directors this year. He said he is located in Region V. He works in northern Kentucky directly across from Cincinnati.

Sean DeCrane said the IAFF website online items on codes and standards are nearly ready. He said there are nine education modules and, video content for meetings.

Ronny Coleman has been involved in investigating the fire loss of three buildings under construction in less than two weeks. They occurred in San Francisco, Houston and Maryland. Ronny also offered to distribute information on Laminated Wood and Tall Wood Structures to the full FSMC GC.

Rick McCullough said he recently participated in meetings involving the Canadian fire service community, National Research Council, the Canadian Wood Council and others. The meetings focused on fire safety issues involved with tall wood structures. He also announced that with the selection of a new Fire Chief for Regina, Saskatchewan, his last FSMC GC meeting will probably be in Memphis.

George Michehl said the Illinois Legislature is considering prohibitions of mandates requiring residential fire sprinklers and limiting the administrative rule-making authority of the State Fire Marshal. He said industry interests appear to be heavily lobbying for the limits.

Richard Miller said the Michigan Legislature is considering removing references to AFCIs from the electric code, limits on the use of flying “sky-lanterns” and rules on fireworks.

Jeff Shapiro said his office has been focusing on fire sprinkler requirements for townhouses built in some Texas cities. He also discussed work on sprinkler requirements in Oregon, Connecticut and New York.

Mike Sinsigalli said that in Connecticut, officials are working on adoption of the 2012 IBC and IRC and are discussing provisions involving residential sprinklers. He said the State Fire Marshal’s Office had recently been moved to the state’s Department of Administrative Services.

Gary West said a major discussion in Tennessee involves the use of fire sprinklers in churches.

Jim Yates said sprinkler requirements are still being debated in New Jersey with the Governor’s office.

Adolf Zubia said that the statewide home fire sprinkler coalition is discussing a three-year strategic plan and called attention to the meeting of the Fire Code Action Committee in Chicago to prepare for the 2018 code updates.

Robert Drexler reported the new state budget for the State of New York provides for the purchase of updated code books for all jurisdictions in the state.

- X. Select date for next conference call meeting – 3rd or 4th week of June

Chairman Cochran said staff will send out Doodle Poll for GC Members to select the ideal date for the June phone conference during the third or fourth week of the month.

- XI. There were no other comments or questions from Governing Committee Members or Fire Service Council Members, the meeting adjourned at 3:12 PM.

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