



**FIRE SERVICE
MEMBERSHIP
COUNCIL**

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

Thursday, July 21, 2016

FSMC Members	Representing	Present
Scott Adams – Chair -- Park City Fire District, UT	ICC	X
Gary West- Vice Chair -- Tennessee State Fire Marshal	NASFM	X
Robert Barnett –Attorney-at-Law, LA	IAFC:SW	
Fulton Cochran -- Clark County Building and Fire Prevention, NV	ICC	X
Sean DeCrane -- Cleveland Fire Department, OH	IAFF	
Timothy Diehl -- Rockville Fire Marshal's Office, MD	ICC	X
Jackie Gibbs -- Marietta Fire Department, GA	IAFC: SE	X
Tonya Hoover -- (Retired) California State Fire Marshal	NASFM	
Rick McCullough -- (Retired) Regina Fire Department, SK	IAFC:C	X
George Michehl -- (Retired)	IAFC: GL	X
Richard Miller--	NASFM	
Ernie Misewicz -- Fairbanks Fire Department, AK	IAFC:W	
Kelly Nicolello -- Underwriters Laboratories, TX	NASFM	X
Marc Sampson-- Longmont Fire Department, CO	IAFC: MV	X
Michael Sinsigalli -- West Hartford Fire Department, CT	IAFC:NE	X
Jim Yates -- Lawrence Road Fire Co., NJ	IAFC:E	
Adolf Zubia -- Clark County Building and Fire Prevention, NV	ICC	X
(Vacant)	ICC	

ICC Staff	
Rob Neale – Staff Liaison to the FSMC	X
Tom Allen – ICC Regional Representative (FL, GA, PR and USVI)	X
Misty Guard – ICC Vice President for PMG (Plumbing, Mechanical and Gas)	X
Maribel Campos -- Director of Standards ES Certification Program	X

Guests/Visitors	
Alex “Cash” Olzowy --ICC President	X
Jim Brown, CBO -- ICC Board Liaison, Gillette, WY	X
Greg Wheeler – ICC Board of Directors, Thornton, CO	

Guests/Visitors	
Jeff Shapiro – International Code Consultants, Austin, TX	
James Narva – Narva & Associates for National Association of State Fire Marshals	X
Alan Boswell – ICC Board of Directors, Tuscaloosa, AL	X
Robert Drexler – ICC Board of Directors, Greece, NY	X
Eric Brown – S.A. Comunale, DC	X
Eric Gleason – National Fire Sprinkler Association	X
Eirene Knott – BRR Architecture, Merriam, KS	X
Bruce Johnson -- Underwriters Laboratories, NY	X
Robert Fash – Las Vegas Fire Department, NV	X
Nick Hudson – President, Wyoming Fire Marshal's Association	X
Dan Johnson – Town of Farragut, TN	X
Eugene "Gene" M. Novak, Jr., CBO, Tewksbury, MA	X
Earl Valois, New Orleans Fire Department	X
Lynn Nielson – City of Henderson, NV	X

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. EDT by Chairman Scott Adams. Mr. Neale called the roll. Chairman Adams declared a quorum at 1:34 pm EDT.

2) Openings Remarks from the Chair

FSMC Chair Prerogative Project. Mr. Neale explained that in addition to the standing task groups that are part of the FSMC Governing Committee Chairman Adams would like to adopt a tradition that the FSMC chair gets to pick a special project during his/her tenure. Chairman Adams would like to see the four major American universities that have fire protection engineering or technology programs (University of Maryland, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo and Oklahoma State University) have ICC student chapters.

Mr. Neale explained that student chapters must be sponsored by existing ICC chapters, so the four chapters in which the schools exist have been notified and there will be a teleconference schedule soon to discuss their interest in pursuing the project. A draft program outline is available by request.

3) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Mr. Michehl requested, and Chairman Adams approved, that a discussion about online retail sales of non-listed smoke alarms be included under new business.

4) Approval of Minutes

Mr. Michehl moved, and Mr. Nicoletto seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2016 FSMC teleconference. The motion was approved without objection. The minutes will be posted on the FSMC website at <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/membership-councils/fire-service-membership-council-documents/> .

5) Reports from Officers or Permanent Committees

ICC Board of Directors Liaison. Director Brown reported on four action items taken July 20, 2016 by the ICC Board of Directors at their meeting in Casper, Wyoming.

Annual Conference Education Program. The Annual Conference Education Program for the membership councils will have no changes in its practices for planning and scheduling. However, if a “hot topic” arises near the annual conference, please report it to Director Brown or the ICC staff liaison for consideration.

cdpACCESS Change Proposals. FSMC recommendations to change the cdpACCESS voting protocols will not be addressed until the next code cycle.

Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act and Nicholas and Zachary Burt Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act. The Board of Directors authorized ICC Government Relations to draft letters supporting the two bills. The letters will be sent to key U.S. Senators and Congressmen who chair the committees overseeing the bills.

At the conclusion of Director Brown’s report, Mr. Gibbs mentioned additional challenges with cdpACCESS regarding the ability to update validated voters and tacking editorial changes among them. He encouraged the Board of Directors to monitor membership and voting status change problems with cdpACCESS. Director Brown responded that these are software challenges that must be addressed and to submit comments to him.

CdpACCESS Initiative. No report from Mr. Zubia.

Training and Education. Mr. Cochran reported that there is no new information since the last FSMC teleconference. He said Mr. DeCrane still is on track to deliver a class at the Annual Conference in Kansas City.

Building Safety Month/Fire Prevention Week. Mr. Michehl reported he has started on the article for this year’s Fire Prevention Week contribution to *Building Safety Journal*. The article is based on NFPA’s continuing efforts to promote home smoke alarms.

Membership Council Outreach. Mr. Sinsigalli stated he had no report, but will be contacting the staff liaison to arrange a meeting.

ICC ES. There was no report.

6) Reports from Special Committees

Nominating Committee. Vice Chairman West reported the nominating committee is ready to begin its work once it receives applications. Mr. Neale reported he is monitoring the web site and will notify the FSMC when the Call for Committees is posted.

Bylaw Change Committee. Mr. Nicoletto reported this special committee has exchanged numerous emails and expects to have draft language prepared to present at the Annual Conference and to send it to FSMC Governing Committee members.

7) Unfinished Business

Fire Service Membership Council web page. Mr. Neale reported the FSMC web page was updated initially June 8 with a new format that is intended to engage users in discussions. The top of the page lists news items that are updated weekly followed by a link to the ICC code discussion pages so viewers can read the news items and begin a discussion on the discussion board.

Annual Business Meeting. Mr. Neale reported the Joint Membership Council meeting will occur Sunday, October 16 from 1000 to 1100 a.m. It will be followed by the FSMC Governing Committee meeting from 1100 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Chairman Adams recommended all FSMC Governing Committee members make hotel reservations.

Note: Travel authorization information was received from Membership Services and forward to the Governing Committee members July 21.

8) New Business

Teleconference frequency. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed FSMC Governing Committee teleconferences could occur on an every-other-month frequency, with the next call scheduled for September 15 at 1:30 p.m. EDT.

ICC Preferred Provider Network. Mr. Sampson said he was trying to take a straw poll with other jurisdictions that may be having problems with the ICC Preferred Provider Network. He said the system is cumbersome and wonders if everyone else has confusion and struggle to renew ICC certificates.

Mr. Sampson explained his organization is a preferred provider in order to help certify its own employees. He cited a technical change from a password/user name account setup to one that is linked to a person's specific email account. This change was not communicated from ICC and has resulted in significant challenges for his agency.

Mr. Nicoletto suggested he contact chapters in the area or outside the area to see if they are having the same problem. Director Brown suggested the topic was too complex for the teleconference and Mr. Sampson should submit his comments to the staff liaison. Mr. Sampson agreed to do so.

Chairman Adams asked the staff liaison to see if someone from ICC Certification and Testing can make a status update presentation to the FSMC at the Annual Conference.

Corrugated Stainless Steel Tube (CSST) Mr. Michehl introduced the fire safety issues associated with CSST fuel lines. He said he is hoping the FSMC can be educated on the efforts being led by the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM).

Mr. James Narva, NASFM executive director, explained NASFM has been involved for four years of awareness effort with CSST, and the listing and standards to which it is tested. He provided a brief history of one of the CSST products ("yellow pipe") and explained it was installed in approximately 8 million homes before it was addressed in the codes.

According to Mr. Narva (see attached report) the product is subject to lighting damage with subsequent leaks and potential fires. NASFM is working with the CSST industry to identify and educate those homeowners who may have the product. The challenge is finding who the homeowners are.

Mr. Narva gave a brief technical overview of current product standards and test protocols. He said NASFM has taken a position that it wants to advocate for higher standards to assure safety is in place, regardless of products manufacturer.

Mr. Michehl suggested the FSMC brainstorm ideas to help NASFM communicate their concerns to the public, NASFM and ICC members. Mr. Nicoletto suggested an article in Building Safety Journal would be helpful to bring attention to the problem. He suggested the Governing Committee could collaborate on an article.

Retail Sales of Non-listed Smoke Alarms. Mr. Michehl said NASFM brought this issue to the fire service. Vice Chairman West explained that online retailer Amazon was selling non-listed smoke alarms imported from China and other countries.

Mr. Michehl said this might be an issue for the ICC Board of Directors to prepare a letter to Amazon. Mr. Narva said NASFM is in dialog with Amazon. NASFM representatives visited with regulatory staff at Amazon, and the non-listed devices have been removed from their site. Mr. Narva said Amazon has been very cooperative and has provided an email address where complaints of this nature can be submitted. He said Amazon welcomes the information and wants a relationship with regulators so non-authorized products don't make it to market.

Mr. Narva will forward the Amazon correspondence to the FSMC, but asks that it remain controlled so the company is not overwhelmed with frivolous messages.

9) Good of the Order, Presentations and Emerging Issues

Lithium ion Batteries in Canada. Mr. McCullough reported that he will be attending a Canadian National Research Council and Underwriters Laboratories lithium ion batteries summit in Ottawa on September 8 or 9.

American Society of Interior Designers. Mr. Neale reported he had hoped Mr. Jim Brewer, Vice President, Government and Public Affairs, and Ms. Tracey Leatherberry, Associate, Government and Public Affairs, for American Society of Interior Designers were on the call. He reported he had met with them recently and the organization is very interested in becoming more knowledgeable and active in building and fire codes as they pertain to building design.

FSMC Annual Report. Mr. Neale reminded the Committee that the deadline for submissions to the FSMC Annual Report is August 30. A draft report will be sent to FSMC by September 10 for review and comment. Chairman Adams will present the report to the ICC Board of Directors at the Annual Conference (Tentative date: October 15).

Mobile Fueling and Mobile Cooking Operations. Mr. Michehl asked that the FSMC consider the implications of code change proposals for mobile fueling operations and mobile cooking operations. He would like to discuss this in more detail at the Annual Business Meeting.

Self-Storage Association. Mr. Neale reported he has been in conversations with the Self-Storage Association regarding its position on an ICC interpretation on upholstered furniture storage in self-storage units and the requirements for automatic sprinklers. He said he has two fire safety articles scheduled for the online journal Mini-Storage Messenger (www.ministoragemessenger.com).

Preferred Provider Network. Chairman Adams asked staff liaison to see if Mr. Ron Piester, ICC's new vice president of Membership/Certification, can make a presentation at the FSMC meeting during the Annual Conference.

10) Adjournment.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Approved September 15, 2016 by the Fire Service Membership Council at its bi-monthly teleconference.