

- CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES -
Thursday, August 6, 2015 – 4:00 PM 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 Nicoletto	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					
Rob Neale	X		Richard Hauffe	X	
Dottie Harris	X		Tim Schmitz	X	
Guests					
Rich Truitt (Board Liaison)	X		Jim Brown	X	

I. Call to Order by Chairman Fulton Cochran at 4:02 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015, with Roll Call (above).

II. Staff update

Rick Hauffe announced that two new employees of interest to the Governing Committee were hired since April. They are Keith Enstrom, PE, Technical Services, Tim Schmidts and Robert (Rob) A. Neale, Vice President of Fire Service Activities. Hauffe introduced Neale and also the new Government Relations Regional Manager Tim Schmitz, a former Illinois legislator and volunteer firefighter.

Neale discussed his background in the fire service, including his role at the National Fire Academy. He asked for advice from Governing Committee, several of whom extended their congratulations and offers to help Neale in his transition.

III. Reports from FSMC Governing Committee Work Groups

A. *cdpACCESS Initiative Work Group*

Mission: Encourage fire service to become ICC governmental members and promote their engagement in cdpACCESS

Scott Adams, Group Leader, Ronny Coleman, Sean DeCrane, Tonya Hoover, Jeff Shapiro and Adolf Zubia

Vice Chairman Scott Adams said the work group's activities had remained on standby since last spring's marketing campaign to encourage governmental unit membership signups in time to participate in the Group A hearings and voting.

Jeff Shapiro said more work is needed to get fire service officials involved in the code development process. He encouraged more efforts by the committee to increase fire service participation in ICC and using cdpACCESS.

Rob Neale said Bruce Johnson proposed to do a presentation with FRI on cdpACCESS. He said he would make presentations to FRI and other organizations that should be interested in participating.

Shapiro called attention to the electronic voting registration deadline on August 31 and encouraged an outreach campaign to make sure governmental representatives are validated to vote. He said failure to validate designated voters in a governmental unit would forfeit their ability to vote on the Group A code proposals in October.

Adams said the work group will get started on an email flyer to go out to fire service contacts across the nation and that various fire service associations will be networked to encourage voter validation before the August 31 deadline. Hauffe said he will put out a Doodle Poll for a meeting of the work group plus Governing Committee Members who wish to participate.

Adolph Zubia said he was concerned with weak turnout for Group A voting. He said Group B is going to be more important to the fire service and encouraged more efforts by the work group to boost governmental unit memberships during 2016.

B. Building Safety Month and Fire Prevention Month Work Group

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

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

George Michehl said he had started an article for the October edition of Building Safety Journal for Fire Prevention Week titled "Hear the Beep when You Sleep." He said he was waiting on photos from a fire marshal to supplement the article. He said work group members and other Governing Committee Members were sent a copy of the draft for their edits and recommendations.

C. Membership Council Outreach Work Group

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

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

Mike Sinsigalli said he had been working with the New England Fire Chiefs Association and the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association to become involved with ICC on fire safety initiatives. He said he will soon schedule another work group meeting. Chairman Cochran said there will be opportunities for face-to-face meetings in Long Beach during the ICC Annual Conference and Group A code hearings.

IV. Discussion Item – Voting experience using cdpACCESS post-Memphis hearing

Chairman Cochran said that while the number of voters was lower than expected, voting went very smoothly on the Group A proposals online. He said he reviewed a couple lists and followed recommendations on votes. He said he thought the online experience was “everything the drafting committee expected.”

Tonya Hoover said she found cdpACCESS easy to use and that it was helpful to make decisions based on reading and watching the videos of hearing presentations. She said it may surprise some voters that there is a large volume of proposals, votes and presentations to work through.

Scott Adams asked if there are improvements that can be made in the online voting system. Shapiro said he found some stability issues which he communicated directly to Laurie Rich. Gary West said he had no difficulties.

Adolph Zubia said cdpACCESS is an easy process to find the votes he wants to vote on. He said getting through all of the proposals and presentations online is a very time consuming process and that may be a deterrent to some. He said the fire service will need to stress the importance of priority votes and provide guides. Jackie Gibbs said that although cdpACCESS is easy to use and had no problems using it, the challenge will be getting many more people interested in using it.

V. Update on joint FSMC/BOMC Governing Committees’ training program “Working Together to Achieve Public Safety”

Kelly Nicoletto said meetings were held to review the training program and provide changes. He said the newest round of changes are still under way. He said he put an article together for August Building Safety Journal on the new training program. He said it will be presented at the 2015 ICC Annual Conference and that the target audience is in the Long Beach area.

VI. Update on ICC Annual Conference in Long Beach, Calif.

Chairman Cochran said the FSMC Governing Committee will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the ICC Annual Conference in Long Beach, Calif. Business includes electing a Chair and Vice Chair and deciding the open seats on the Governing Committee. The open seats are held by Jeff Shapiro and Scott Adams, who are eligible for re-appointment by submitting an application to the FSMC Nominating Committee.

Chairman Cochran said he will remain on the Governing Committee but will not seek another term as Chair of the FSMC Governing Committee. He said he is encouraging Vice Chairman Scott Adams to seek the Chair position. He requested Tonya Hoover, George Michehl and Jackie Gibbs to serve on the Nominations Committee.

Jeff Shapiro said he will not seek another term on the Governing Committee after 10 years of service. He said he will remain involved as a Member of the FSMC and in fire service issues.

Terms that are up for representative seats selected by memo of understanding through nomination by their organizations are held by:

Jackie Gibbs – IAFC/Southeastern Division

Rick McCullough - IAFC/Canadian Division
George Michehl - IAFC/Great Lakes Division
Marc Sampson - IAFC/Missouri Valley Division

Tonya Hoover extended a welcome “to the great state of California” to the GC Members.

Board Member Jim Brown said there will be an improved version of the app available for the 2015 Annual Conference, and that participants can also choose to use web-based updates during the conference. Chairman Cochran said he found the app helpful during the 2014 Annual Conference.

VII. Update on fire alarm and sprinkler plan review exams

Marc Sampson said he was disappointed with the lack of people taking the exams. George Michehl improving exam participation will be a challenge for ICC’s fire service chapters. Rob Neale said efforts will be made to make ICC Chapters and Members more aware of the fire alarm and sprinkler plan review exams.

Chairman Cochran announced the FSMC meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Submitted by Rick Hauffe