



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

**Thursday, May 17, 2018  
1:30 p.m. EST**

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Worldwide”**

FSMC Members	Representing	Present
Scott Adams – Chair -- Park City Fire District, UT (Retired)	ICC	X
Gary West --Vice Chair – National Fire Sprinkler Association, Nashville	NASFM	X
Robert Buxton – Hudson Fire Department, NH	IAFC:NE	X
Fulton Cochran -- Clark County Building and Fire Prevention, NV	ICC	X
Michael Desrochers – Vermont Fire Marshal’s Office, Barre	NASFM	X
Timothy Diehl -- Rockville Fire Marshal’s Office, MD	ICC	
Joseph Fahd, Jr. – Cohoes Fire Department, NY	IAFC:E	Excused
Jackie Gibbs -- Marietta Fire Department, GA (Retired)	IAFC:SE	
Joe McElvaney – Phoenix Fire Department, AZ	ICC	X
Rick McCullough -- Regina Fire Department, SK (Retired)	IAFC:C	Excused
James Maxon – Sandoval County Fire Department, NM	IAFC:SW	X
Randy Metz – Carlsbad Fire Department, CA	IAFC:W	X
George Michehl -- Buffalo Grove Fire Department, IL (Retired)	IAFC:GL	
Kelly Nicoletto -- Underwriters Laboratories, TX	NASFM	X
Coy Porter – Utah Fire Marshal’s Office, Salt Lake City	NASFM	
Christine Reed – Central County Fire Department, CA	ICC	X
Marc Sampson-- Longmont Fire Department, CO	IAFC:MV	X
Adolf Zubia -- A to Z Fire & Code Consulting LLC, Las Cruces, NM	ICC	

International Code Council (ICC) Staff and Liaisons	
Rob Neale – Staff Liaison to the FSMC	X
Angie Wiese- Liaison to the ICC Board of Directors, St. Paul, MN	X
Jim H. Brown -- ICC Board of Directors, Gillette, WY	X
Dwayne Garriss – ICC Past President	
Stuart Tom – ICC Board of Directors, Pasadena, CA	X
Michelle Porter – ICC Assessment Center	
Mike Nugent – BOMC liaison	X

## 1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Adams at 1:30 p.m. Eastern time. Mr. Neale called the roll and a quorum was declared at 1:32 pm

## 2) Openings Remarks from the Chair

Chairman Adams welcomed the attendees and expressed his appreciation for their participation.

## 3) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda under new business:

- a. Bitcoin and Blockchain construction and fire safety issues (Director Brown)
- b. Board of Directors ad hoc school safety committee report (Metz)

## 4) Approval of Minutes

**Action: Mr. McElvaney moved, and Mr. Metz seconded, a motion to accept the minutes of the April 14-15, 2018 meeting. The motion carried without objection.**

## 5) Reports from Officers or Permanent Committees

***Building Safety Month.*** Director Wiese reminded everyone that May is ICC Building Safety Month and there are many free resources available on the Building Safety Month website that can be shared with the public and the members' professional networks.

***ICC Board of Directors ad hoc School Safety Committee.*** Director Wiese reported she and Mr. Metz attended a phone call with Mr. Chris Bridges and Mr. Chris Young to discuss the ICC ad hoc School Safety Committee.

Director Wiese reported ICC efforts are temporarily on hold because of NFPA's recent release NFPA 3000, *Standard for an Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response Program*. She said the Board knows there is a need for information on the topic, but doesn't want to overlap NFPA's efforts. Director Wiese described NFPA 300 as "very much a preparedness, response and qualifications document". She said there is a lot of base for ICC to use, but ICC does not want to be stepping on NFPA's toes or duplicating efforts. She recommended the Membership Council hold steady on their efforts on this topic until ICC meets with NFPA to get directions.

Mr. Metz added that group had some discussion on makeup of who might be best qualified to serve on ad hoc committee to help people understand the differences between the NFPA document and ICC's codes.

***Additional items from the Board of Directors.*** Director Tom reported the Board of Directors approved the addition of two representatives from the National Association of State Foresters to the Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee.

He also reported the next Board quarterly meeting will occur in Blaine, Washington.

Director Brown reported ICC Region II has created new mentoring program called ICC Safety 2.0R ("R" for region) that is intended to recruit new people into the code enforcement community.

He also reported the next ICC Leadership Academy is scheduled for June 4-6 in Denver.

***Chairman's 2018 Special Project.*** Mr. Neale reported there has been no additional action since the last report and discussion on converting the certification program to a certificate of education achievement.

***Training and Education.*** Mr. McElvaney reported he had informally surveyed almost every city in the Phoenix area, and many were reporting to him they are having trouble funding training and obtaining certifications. For many, he said, it is a choice between adding staff or paying for certifications.

He said the City of Phoenix became an ICC Preferred Provider to help its own employees achieve certifications. Mr. Sampson asked if the Fire Service Membership Council could become a Preferred Provider and offer webinars during its monthly meetings. That might increase Council membership and become a member benefit. Chairman Adams asked Mr. McElvaney to check with the ICC Assessment Center to see if FSMC could become a Preferred Provider.

Mr. Metz said the Southern California Fire Prevention Association was investigating become a Preferred Provider and he wondered if the Membership Council has the budget to support it. Mr. McElvaney suggested the Membership Council could piggyback on Phoenix's certification.

Mr. Neale said he already has several presentations that have obtained ICC approval and offered to deliver a session at the June meeting. Chairman Adams asked him to work with the Training and Education committee to develop a proposal.

In the meantime, Mr. McElvaney said he would work with the committee to develop a survey that assesses code training budgets and topics of interest.

**Membership Outreach.** Mr. Maxon reported he still is organizing the work group and did not have a report.

Mr. Neale reported that ICC held its inaugural monthly “Twitter Chat” April 25 on fire protection and Membership Council issues. He said while the turnout was not as high as hoped, ICC will continue to grow the program with other topics.

**FPW/BSM/FSMC Website.** Mr. Neale thanked the work group for the compilation of daily Building Safety Month messages that are being distributed through Twitter, LinkedIn and ICC’s other social media platforms.

**Emerging Issues and Trends.** Mr. Desrochers reported the committee’s first teleconference is scheduled for June 4, and he expects the group to develop a list of emerging issues on which the Membership Council can start working. He encouraged Council members to submit ideas for inclusion.

**BOMC Liaison .** Mr. Nicoletto reported ICC had delivered the “Fire and Building Officials Working Together for Public Safety” in Arlington, Texas. He said he thought it was the first delivery outside of an ICC venue. He said the course had about 22 attendees from four jurisdictions in the Dallas Metroplex and the event was sponsored by the North Texas Fire Marshals Association. He said participation was not so widespread as had been hoped, but there were a lot of positive comments about the program.

BOMC Liaison Mike Nugent reported the Building Official Membership Committee still is working on ways to acknowledge code official role and improve its profile.

## 6) Reports from Special Committees

**Nominating Committee.** Mr. Desrochers asked for resumes from anyone interested in the chair or vice chair positions on the Governing Committee to be submitted by August so the committee can have recommendations by the Annual Conference in Richmond in October.

Mr. Sampson suggested reaching out Chief Michael O’Brian of the International Association of Fire Chiefs to fill their appointed vacancies.

**Bylaw Committee.** Mr. Nicoletto reported there has been no additional action on the proposed attendance policy for the Governing Committee.

**Succession Planning.** Chairman Adams reminded the Governing Committee to search for qualified and interested persons who may be interested in serving on the ICC Board of Directors. Applications are due 60 days ahead of the October 21 ICC Annual Conference.

## 7) Unfinished Business

### *Letter to Board of Directors ad hoc committee on Membership Councils.*

Director Tom explained the Board has received some questions from other Membership Councils regarding the purpose of the ad hoc committee. He said some of the other Membership Councils are not so engaged and the Board just wants to be certain the reason the Membership Councils exist is still sound. The Board is looking at some measurable was to evaluate the Councils for their annual output. He encouraged the Fire Service Membership Council to continue as it is doing because clearly it is engaged. Director Wiese added the reason the Fire Council hasn't heard anything is because FSMC "was awesome and got things done right away".

## 8) New Business

*Fire Inspector I and II re-accreditation.* Mr. Neale reported that the changes to the NFPA 1031 fire inspector professional qualifications standard, and after talking specifics with ProBoard, ICC will need to make some changes to its Fire Inspector I and II programs in order to be eligible to re-accredit. NFPA changes have resulted in topics ICC and the ProBoard believe they cannot adequately test.

The ICC Assessment Center asked if the FSMC believes having fewer candidates with the accreditation is preferable to more candidates without the accreditation?

Mr. McElvaney expressed concern that if ICC chooses to changes exams and processes it also means local jurisdiction will have to change their employee certification programs.

Director Brown said he would hate to see ICC programs fall by the wayside because it would affect "cross pollination" between fire and building code officials.

Mr. Metz explained that revising the ICC curriculum to meet NFPA 1031 and 1037 is a substantial undertaking and will be a big challenge if ProBoard requires it. He asked if it is important to the members that ProBoard accreditation remains. He asked if there are other ICC products are IFSAC or ProBoard accredited.

Mr. Sampson asked the value of ProBoard accreditation and Director Wiese explained it enables certifications to be transferrable. State certifications are not portable.

Mr. Sampson suggested the Governing Committee invite ICC Assessment Center Director Michelle Porter to attend its next meeting to explain the changes and answer questions.

[Note: Ms. Porter has agreed to attend the next Governing Committee meeting.]

***Bitcoin and Blockchain.*** Director Brown reported Wyoming has enacted legislation that encourage in-state Bitcoin and Blockchain mining. Consequently, the state has seen an increased demand for server space with large electric services. He said he is aware of one 12,000 sq. ft. building that is equipped with three 3,000-amp electrical services to satisfy the electrical needs. He said the mining servers run hotter than normal servers and require special cooling systems. Director Brown said he did not know if other parts of the country are experiencing these issues but hoped code officials could find some enforcement consistency. He said the Wyoming Fire Marshals Association and State Fire Marshal are going to put a discussion group together to investigate the challenge.

***Other Emerging Issues.*** Mr. Desrochers said in New England they have seen a big push to convert existing heating plants to compressed natural gas (CNG) that is delivered by mobile apparatus and piped into the heating plant at 3500 psi. Some companies have reported saving as much as \$100,000 per month on fuel costs. Vermont has experienced several high-pressure CNG explosions. Several of the New England states are working with NFPA to address the problem.

Mr. Sampson added his city's sanitation department has just started a program that is capturing methane from human waste, scrubbing it, converting it CNG and uses it to fuel trash collection trucks.

## **9. Questions and Comments from the Audience**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

## **10. Good of the Order and Emerging Issues**

***Annual Conference.*** Mr. Sampson asked if permission has been granted for the Governing Committee to make travel and lodging arrangements for the ICC Annual Conference.

[Note: The Fire Service Membership Council meeting will occur Sunday, October 21 from 0900 to 1200. Committee members are authorized to make arrangements. Additional information can be obtained from [http://media.iccsafe.org/2018\\_ICC\\_AnCon/index.html](http://media.iccsafe.org/2018_ICC_AnCon/index.html)

***Congressional Fire Services Annual Symposium and Dinner.*** Director Brown thanked ICC Government Relations and the FSMC for the invitation. He described it as an “amazing event, greatly appreciated it. I haven't seen that much brass since I was on parade in the military”.

## **11) Adjournment.**

**Action: There being no additional business to come before the Governing Committee Mr. Sampson moved, and Mr. McElvaney seconded, a motion to adjourn meeting. The motion carried without objection and the meeting was closed at 2:25 p.m.**

Scott W. Adams, Chair  
FSMC Governing Committee

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