



FIRE SERVICE
MEMBERSHIP
COUNCIL

Annual Report

2017-18

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Park City Fire Protection District, Utah

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State of Tennessee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

“Many Voices for One Purpose”

The Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee (FSMC-GC) is pleased to submit this report of Council activities for the period of August 2, 2017 through August 1 2018.

As a policy advisory group the FSMC supported passage of the following important federal legislation:

- *Provisions of the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act* (HR 1481) were included and passed in 2018 federal tax reform legislation.

Scott Adams, FSMC-GC Chair, signed a FSMC Resolution on January 25, acknowledging FSMC support of the ICC Global Membership Council’s Smoke Alarm Initiative in connection with the 2018 Hurricane Season damaged areas within the US Territories and other nations in the Caribbean.

The FSMC Governing Committee discussed and addressed the recently resurrected ICC Tentative Interim Amendment proposal via a special FSMC Teleconference conducted on January 4, 2018. Following Jeff Shapiro’s presentation and ensuing discussion of this proposal now recommended by the ICC Industry Advisory Committee (IAC), the GC passed a motion to support to the ICC Board of Directors.

Current and emerging issues swirling in the ICC network including tall wood buildings, contemporary issues with school safety, succession planning for the FSMC and issues related to ICC Fire Certifications.

Special thanks and appreciation go to Jim Brown and Angie Weise who served as liaisons between the Board and FSMC for their participation, guidance and support. Their participation is appreciated by all. The FSMC also would like to acknowledge Mike Nugent, CBO, who has served as the liaison between the FSMC and our partners the Building Official Membership Council.

The Governing Committee welcomed several new members this year. ICC nominated and elected:

- Joe McElvaney, Lead Fire Protection Engineer, Phoenix Fire Department, Arizona
- Christine Reed, Deputy Fire Marshal, Central County Fire Department, California

The International Association of Fire Chiefs appointed:

- Fire Chief Robert Buxton, Hudson Fire Department, New Hampshire
- Deputy Chief Andy King, Franklin Fire Department, Tennessee

National Fire Academy Superintendent Tonya Hoover – former California Fire Marshal – submitted her resignation effective August 3, 2017 due to new USFA responsibilities.

Sean DeCrane, Cleveland Fire Department (retired), Underwriters Laboratories, Ohio, completed his second full FSMC GC term on December 31, 2017.

Marietta Fire Chief Jackie Gibbs, Marietta, Georgia, retired December 1, 2017 and the remainder of his term will be completed by Andy King. Chief Gibb’s many contributions and perspective will be missed.

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Governing Committee Members [†]	Representing
Scott Adams – Chair -- Park City Fire District, UT	ICC
Gary West -- Vice Chair -- Tennessee State Fire Marshal	NASFM
Robert Buxton –International Association of Fire Chiefs	IAFC:NE
Fulton Cochran -- Clark County Building and Fire Prevention, NV	ICC
Michael Desrochers--Vermont State Fire Marshal	NASFM
Timothy Diehl -- Rockville Fire Marshal's Office, MD	ICC
Joseph J. Fahd, Jr. --Cohoes Fire Department, NY	IAFC:E
Jackie Gibbs – Marietta Fire Department, GA	IAFC: SE
Andy King –Franklin Fire Department, TN	IAFC:SE
James Maxon – Sandoval County Fire Department, NM	IAFC:SW
Randy Metz –Carlsbad Fire Department, CA	IAFC:W
Joe McElvaney-- Phoenix Fire Department, AZ	ICC
Rick McCullough – Regina Fire Department, SK (Retired)	IAFC:C
George Michehl – Buffalo Grove Fire Department, IL (Retired)	IAFC: GL
Kelly Nicoletto – Underwriters Laboratories, Ft. Worth, TX	NASFM
Coy Porter --Utah State Fire Marshal, UT	NASFM
Christine Reed --Central County Fire Department, CA	ICC
Marc Sampson--Longmont Fire Department, CO	IAFC: MV
Adolf Zubia – A to Z Fire & Code Consulting, Las Cruces, NM	ICC

Staff Liaisons:

Karla Higgs, Vice President, Member Services

Rob Neale, Vice President, Government Relations, National Fire Service Activities

International Code Council (ICC) Board of Directors Liaison:

Angie Wiese, PE, CBO, Fire Safety Manager, Saint Paul, Minneapolis

Building Official Membership Council Liaison:

Mike Nugent, CBO, City of Rock Hill, South Carolina

†See Term History Appendix.

Fire Service Membership Council Mission

The purpose of the Council shall be to advocate for concerns and issues that are of particular interest to the fire service, to assist ICC in increasing participation of such individuals in the ICC Code development process, and to advise ICC on programs and policies, legislative matters, code adoption issues and such other matters as the Council deems appropriate.

Membership Requirements: Fire Service Membership Council

Membership in the Council is open to any individual who wishes to affiliate with the Fire Service Membership Council and is a member of the International Code Council (ICC), an ICC Governmental Member Voting Representative, or employed by a jurisdiction or corporate member of ICC or a member in good standing of a closely aligned organization as approved by the ICC Board of Directors.

The Governing Committee may make recommendations to the ICC Board of Directors to include additional organizations as closely aligned with ICC.

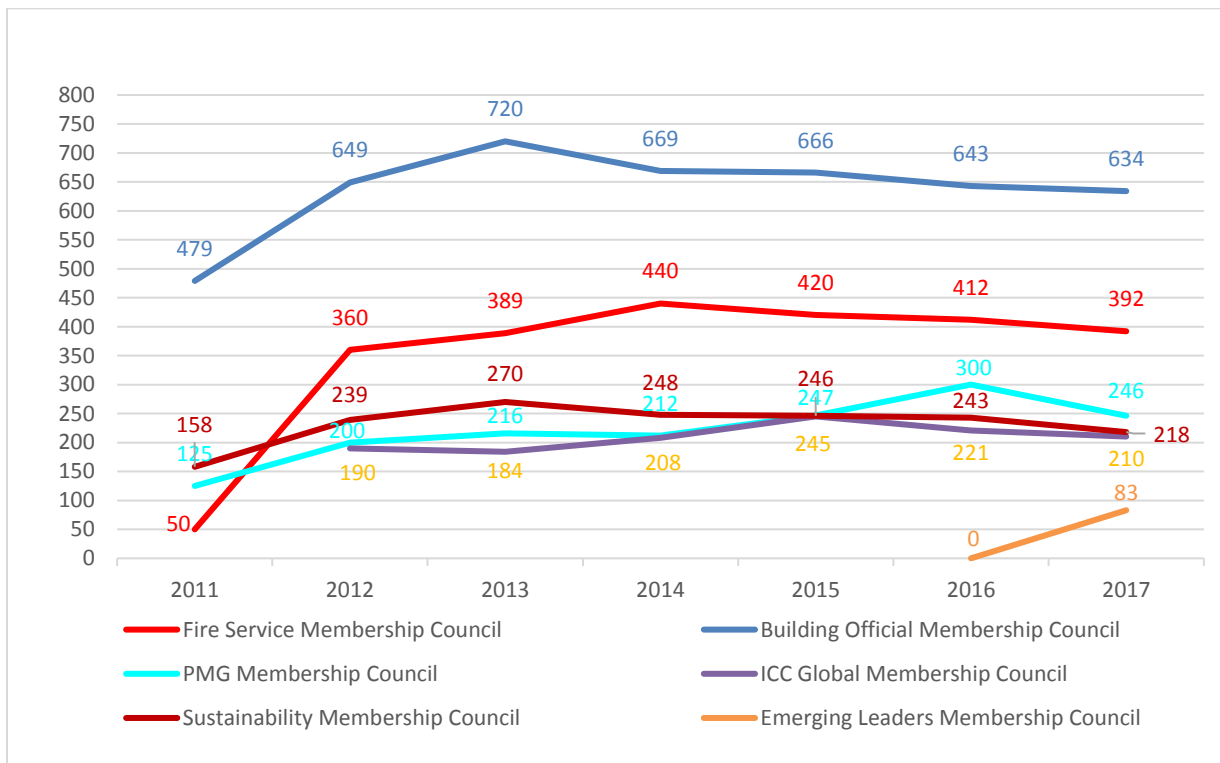
Membership Statistics (2017-2018)

As of August 1, the FSMC had 392 members (a slight decrease from the previous year, most likely due to ICC Membership renewal fluctuation).

The FSMC-GC is particularly interested in evaluating how its membership trends compare to the other Membership Councils. Chart I provides that data.

Chart I

ICC MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL ENROLLMENT HISTORY
2011-2017



Fire Service Membership Council Activities (2017-2018)

Governing Committee Meetings

The Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee (FSMC-GC) began its work year with a teleconference held November 09, 2017. Committee Members discussed the question as to whether the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) should have representation on the FSMC-GC due to ICC's International Wildland Interface Code. A motion was made to contact the association (after gaining normal ICC approvals through the customary channels) to gauge their interest in FSMC-GC participation. Note: After more follow up during 2018, a recommendation to include NASF representation on the FSMC- GC was considered and approved by the ICC Board of Directors in Columbus during the Annual Conference. The Board approved the addition of two state foresters to the FSMC-GC.

Mr. Underwood, on behalf of the ICC Global Membership Council (GMC) reported that the GMC is seeking cooperation and/or a partnership with the FSMC to provide smoke alarms for a not-yet-specified country in the Caribbean that was devastated by this year's hurricanes. The goal was to pick an island nation and commit to putting smoke alarms in the entire rebuilt environment. The FSMC-GC agreed to pursue this initiative with the GMC.

The FSMC-GC conducted conference calls among the Fire Service Membership Council on the following dates.

January 4, 2018	April 15, 2018
February 15, 2018	May 17, 2018
March 15, 2018	June 11, 2018

The FSMC-GC Mid-Year Meeting was held April 15, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio, in conjunction with the ICC Annual Conference.

Note: Once approved by the FSMC-GC, meeting minutes for all meetings and conference calls are posted on the ICC Fire Service Membership Council website: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/membership-councils/fire-service-membership-council/>.

FSMC Governing Committee Work Groups

The FSMC-GC has created standing five work groups to accomplish its mission. Four work groups were created in response to the April 2016 member survey so the Governing Committee could address

issues of importance to the FSMC. A fifth work group, the Chairman's Special Project, provides the chair an opportunity to select and support a project of his or her special interest.

Training and Education

Mission: Reach out to the membership to see what they want in training and education.

Members: Joe McElvaney, Fulton Cochran, Randy Metz, Eirene Knott, Eric Brown, Byron Mathews

2018 Goal: Identify 10 inspector or plan reviewer performance or education gaps that the ICC Learning Center can fill through face-to-face or online programming. Be prepared to present report at Annual Conference

Outcome: The work group changed its focus from the above goal during the year to address several important Fire Certification related issues presented by Michelle Porter and her Assessment Center Staff.

Fire Prevention Week/Building Safety Month/Webpage

Mission: Create articles and solicit content/articles from the members.

Members: Christine Reed, George Michehl, Kelly Nicoletto, James Maxon, Randy Metz

2018 Goals:

Goals:

- By April 28, develop and submit daily (30-31) Twitter messages for Building Safety Month.
- By September 28, develop and submit daily Twitter messages for Fire Prevention Week.
- Evaluate the ICC code Forum for user friendliness and make recommendations for improving participation. Be prepared to present report at Annual Conference

Outcomes:

- The committee created daily Twitter messages on the Building Safety Month weekly topics which were then sent each day in May. This was an interactive way of educating our Twitter followers throughout the month.

- The committee is currently working on the development of daily Twitter messages for Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13. The 2018 NFPA theme is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere" which recognizes the 3 steps to reduce the potential for a fire in the home.
- The committee is in progress on this project. The aim is to identify ways to increase member involvement in the Forum through various promotional opportunities so the membership is awareness of the benefits in using this networking tool.

The work group has submitted regular FSMC web page content from the U.S. Fire Administration, international news sources and other organizations. The goal is to update the FSMC web page every two weeks.

Member Recruitment

Mission: Find and develop ways to grow the FSMC.

Members: James Maxon, Gary West, Coy Porter, George Michehl, Randy Metz, Byron Mathews, Eirene Knott, Robert Buxton, Adolf Zubia

2018 Goals:

- Promote ICC membership and the FSMC.
- Recruit three new ICC student chapters. Be prepared to present report at Annual Conference. Recruit ICC international members to become part of the FSMC
- Identify means to reach ICC “fire chapters” to promote FSMC’s value to individuals and the organization.
- Identify means to emphasize succession planning to assure continued fire service representation on the ICC Board of Directors.
- Complete the promotional bookmark.

Outcomes: The work group has prepared a FSMC bookmark to help promote participation in the FSMC and ICC. The FSMC-GC has added Succession Planning as an ongoing agenda item to identify and promote continued representation on the Fire Service Membership Council and future leaders aspiring to serve on the ICC Board of Directors. ICC Fire Chapters are invited to participate in the monthly conference calls and receive the minutes of the meetings.

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Emerging Issues and Trends

Mission: Identify and report on policy and technical issues that affect ICC and the FSMC.

Members: Michael Desrochers, Timothy Diehl, Adolf Zubia, Marc Sampson, Rick McCullough, Joe McElvaney

2018 Goals:

- Research and develop a policy for the Fire Code Action Committee on fire department access to buildings with unusual footprints (e.g. “donut” buildings, limited access due to topography).
- Tall Wood Buildings- keep the FSMC and chapters informed with impartial information, follow up reports and updates during conference calls.

Outcome:

The Emerging Issues and Trend Work Group changed group leaders in the spring of 2018. The committee was tasked with scanning the environment to see what new issues or trends are occurring that might impact the fire service and recommend whether these should be addressed by the FSMC.

Outside the participation in the normal monthly FSMC conference calls and the face-to-face meeting in Columbus, the work group held its first emerging issues conference call on June 4, 2018. During this meeting the group identified several emerging issues/trends and prioritized these to present to the FSMC for input and further discussion. Included as emerging issues and trends to consider:

- Tall Wood Frame Buildings
- Heating system conversions (Compressed Natural Gas)
- Virtual Inspections
- Valet Trash (storing trash in corridors for thirds party pick-up)
- Peer Storage- renting out space (garages, closets, basements and attics)
- Fire Department Access- donut shaped buildings

Innovation in Code Administration Award Reviewers

Mission: Review applications and make recommendations for the ICC Innovation in Code Administration Award.

Members: Coy Porter, Jeff Shapiro, Andy King (IAFC), Chris Young (BOMC), Scott McDonald (BOMC), Phil Oakes (NASFM)

Outcome:

The work group reviewed five applications for the inaugural award and selected the City of Winston-Salem, NC, Planning and Development Services for its Change of Use Task Force Program.

Chairman's Special Project

Mission: Address an emerging or timely issue of special interest to the Fire Service Membership Council.

Members: Scott Adams, Rob Neale

2018 Goal: Increase the number of ICC fire sprinkler and fire alarm inspector/plan reviewer certification candidates by 30% over 2016-17 totals (178). Target: 241 total

Outcome: See the first item in the FSMC Miscellaneous Activities below.

Miscellaneous FSMC Activities

ICC Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Certifications

At the FSMC's request, in 2014 ICC developed five certification examinations to assess code officials' professional competence in fire alarm and sprinkler system plan review and inspection. The

nationwide response has been less than ICC hoped, so the FSMC in 2016-17 established a goal of increasing the number of tests taken by 30% over 2016 levels.

The FSMC undertook the following actions during 2016-17 in an effort to reach the goal:

- All members of the Fire Service and Building Official Membership Councils (approximately 1000 persons) on June 2, 2017 received an ICC “E-Blast” with the program’s promotional flyer.
- All 53 ICC fire chapters received an email describing the program and potential consequences if participation does not improve. Mr. Metz edited and retransmitted the message to the Southern California and San Diego fire service chapters on June 8, 2017.
- A program announcement was published in the June 8 ICC E-News.
- The FSMC is working on co-branding the program with the Society of Fire Protection Engineers, American Fire Sprinkler Association, National Fire Sprinkler Association and Automatic Fire Alarm Association and the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET).

ICC Assessment Center Staff provided the FSMC detailed presentations on Certification co-branding efforts, the potential to change the fire alarm and sprinkler certifications to a tested, post-course certificate program, consolidating/merging exams as well as addressing the latest challenges associated with ICC seeking ProBoard, which continued into 2018, the annual total for these certifications has not changed significantly. As the demand and competitive certification market/environment is changing, Assessment Center Staff are considering all feedback received and options on the table before making a recommendation to the Professional Development Council later in 2018.

Federal Legislation

Recent federal tax reform legislation — the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act — includes incentives that make it more affordable for small business owners to install fire sprinklers. Fire sprinkler systems are the only tool that can reduce the spread of fire, heat and smoke in a building and contain the fire until the fire department arrives. This provides valuable time for employees and customers to escape a fire.

Small businesses can now deduct the expense of installing a fire sprinkler system on their federal taxes. Under Section 179 of the tax code, fire sprinkler installation can be expensed up to \$1 million for each year of the expense. This incentive makes it possible for restaurants, retail outlets, night clubs and other small businesses to install, retrofit or upgrade their current fire suppression systems. Also, small businesses can deduct the interest from any loan they receive for this type of renovation.

Coalition for Construction Fire Safety

As a result of the recent national focus on significant fires in buildings under construction, a Coalition for Construction Fire Safety, was formed in 2017 by the American Wood Council, the American Institute of Architects, the National Fire Sprinkler Association, the National Fire Protection Association, the ICC and others. The FSMC is represented on the Coalition. The [30th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner](#) held on April 18, 2018, featured several prominent leaders in the nation's fire and emergency services discussing a number of emerging issues including ICC's VP of National Fire Service Activities Rob Neale's panel, "Coalition for Construction Fire Safety.

Innovation in Code Administration Award

The City of Winston-Salem, NC, Planning and Development Services was selected as the 2018 award winner of the International Code Council Innovation in Code Administration Award. The award recognizes fire and building departments for innovation in the delivery of code administration services in their communities. The award program is sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs-Fire and Life Safety Section, the National Association of State Fire Marshals and the International Code Council. There were 10 applications for the award in 2017.]

The Winston-Salem Change of Use Task Force Program offers commercial building owners an evaluation service for potential change of use. A commercial building evaluation service offered by the Inspections Division gives owners, landlords and prospective tenants useful information about the requirements for converting a commercial building or tenant space for a new use.

Through this service, a team of inspectors looks at the space and determines what changes are needed to comply with the building code if the space is going to be used for a purpose other than its last legally established use.

The information is provided in writing, allowing an architect or engineer to incorporate the requirements into building plans before they are submitted to the Inspections Division for approval.

Excellence in Fire and Life Safety Award

Georgia State Fire Marshal and ICC Immediate Past President M. Dwayne Garriss named this year's winner of the Excellence in Fire and Life Safety Award.

As the chief of the Safety Fire Commissioner's Office, Garriss coordinates activities of the various industries regulated by the Safety Fire Commissioner throughout the state of Georgia. He believes that by working together and utilizing the "3E" principal of engineering, education and enforcement, code officials have the best chance of regulating building construction that may constitute a special hazard to property or to the life and safety of the building occupants, and providing a safer built environment for the citizens of Georgia and its visitors. He has strived to build working relationships between the fire and building officials of Georgia. The Excellence in Fire and Life Safety Award honors those who have dedicated themselves to saving lives and property through the development of codes, fire-prevention practices and leadership techniques. The award is sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC) and the Fire & Life Safety Section (FLSS) of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC).

Deputy Fire Chief Andy King with the Franklin Tennessee Fire Department presented the award to Garriss citing his many contributions and accomplishments, his great sense of humor and camaraderie with his peers, and commending his activity and strong leadership in the code development process related to fire and life safety.

Representing the Code Council Board of Directors, Board member Angie Wiese spoke about Garriss' accomplishments, his role in mentoring the next generation, and his help in mentoring and introducing her to the activities of the ICC board.

Building Official-Fire Service Membership Councils' Relations

The Building Official and Fire Service Membership Councils continue to build on their strong working relationship. Each Council shares liaison with the other to improve communications and the Councils meet together when possible.

ICC Board Ad Hoc Committee on Membership Councils

The ICC Board designated an ad hoc committee to determine the effectiveness, Member participation rate and adequacy of staff support for the ICC Membership Councils. A survey was distributed to all of the Council's Members and a special survey was distributed to the governing committees. The FSMC Governing Committee participated in the survey providing important feedback to the ICC Board.

Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner

President Jay Elbetta, and Members of the FSMC attended the 30th Annual Congressional Fire Services Institute dinner April 19, 2018 in Washington, DC. The members were guests at a table sponsored by ICC Government Relations.

Appendix I

Term History: Fire Service Membership Council

ICC Council Policy 09-04 § 2.3 The number of members on each Council [or Membership Council Governance Committee] shall be as determined by the ICC Board of Directors. Each Council member shall be appointed by the ICC Board of Directors with each member appointed for a three-year term. Initial appointment terms shall be staggered. No member shall serve for more than two complete consecutive terms. The council shall elect its Chair and Vice Chair.

Term Expires December 31, 2018

	Representing	Terms
Timothy Diehl	ICC	2015: Elected at Long Beach ABM, 1 st full term. 2015: Eligible, re-election to 2nd full term. Not subsequently eligible.
Scott Adams	ICC	2014: Elected Vice Chair 2012: Re-elected to full 3-year term 2011: 1 year term. Elected Vice Chair but resigned midterm 2015: Eligible, reappointment to 2nd full term. Not subsequently eligible.
Jackie Gibbs	IAFC:SE	2013: Re-elected Vice Chair 2012: Re-appointed to full 3-year term and re-elected Vice Chair. 2011: 1 year term. Moved midterm to Vice Chair 2015: Eligible, re-appointment to 2nd full term. Not subsequently eligible.
Rick McCullough	IAFC:Canada	2012: Re-appointed to full 3-year term 2011: 1 year term 2015: Eligible, appointment to 2nd full term. Not subsequently eligible.
Marc Sampson	IAFC:MV	2012: Appointed to full 3-year term.

		2011: 1 year term
George Michehl	IAFC: GL	2015: Eligible, appointment to 2nd full term. Not subsequently eligible.
Andy King	IAFC:SE	2018: Appointed to fill J. Gibbs vacated seat (retired)

Term Expires December 31, 2019

	Representing	Terms
James Maxon	IAFC: SW	2016: Appointed to 1 st full term
Fulton Cochran	ICC	2016: Re-elected to 2nd full term 2014: Re-elected Chair 2013: Elected to 1st full term; re-elected Chair 2012: Re-elected Chair 2011: 2-year term and Chair
Michael Desrochers	NASFM	2016, August 23: Appointed to fill Hoover vacancy, will fill 1st full term through 12.31.19
Joseph Fahd	IAFC:E	2016: Appointed to 1 st full term
	ICC	2017: Elected to fill Hoover (USFA) vacancy, will fill 1st full term through 12.31.19
Tonya Hoover	ICC	2017 (August 3): Resigned due to new USFA responsibilities. 2016: Elected to 2nd full term. Not subsequently eligible. (Former NASFM representative, elected in 2016 as ICC representative.) 2011: 2-year term
Adolf Zubia	ICC	2016: Re-elected to 2nd full term. Not subsequently eligible. 2013: Elected to 1st full term 2011: 2-year term

Term Expires December 31, 2020

	Representing	Terms
Joe McElvaney	ICC	2017: Elected to complete two-year term
Christine Reed	ICC	2017: Elected to first full three-year term
Gary West	NASFM	2017: Reappointed to 2 nd full term, no longer eligible. 2017: Eligible for re-appointment to 2nd full term. 2014: Reappointed to a full term 2013: Appointed to complete an unexpired 3-year term (Bruce Faust)
Coy D. Porter	NASFM	2017: Appointed to 1 st full term. 2016, August 23. Appointed to fill Miller vacancy, will complete term 12.31.17 and be eligible for 1 st full term.
Randy Metz	IAFC:W	2017: Appointed to 1 st full term. 2017: Jan. 8, Appointed to fill Misewicz vacancy, will complete term 12.31.17 and be eligible for 1 st full term.
Kelly Nicoletto	NASFM	2017: Reappointed to 2 nd full term, no longer eligible. 2017: Eligible, re-appointment to 2nd full term. 2014: Reappointed to 1st full term 2012: Appointed to complete unexpired term 2011: Original 3-year term vacated
Michael Desrochers	NASFM	2016, August 23: Appointed to fill Hoover vacancy, will fill 1st full term through 12.21.19
Joseph J. Fahd, Jr.	IAFC:E	2016: Appointed to 1 st full term
Tonya Hoover	ICC	2016: Elected to 2nd full term. Not subsequently eligible. (Former NASFM representative, elected in 2016 as ICC representative.) 2011: 2-year term

Appendix II

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN INTERNATIONAL SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION
INITIATIVE
DULY PASSED ON [DATE]

WHEREAS, the International Code Council (ICC) is a member-focused association dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures, and,
WHEREAS, the ICC vision is to protect the health, safety and welfare of people by creating safe buildings and communities, and,
WHEREAS, the 2018 hurricane season caused unprecedented loss of life, injury, public welfare and safety throughout US territories and other nations in the Caribbean, and,
WHEREAS, the citizens of these territories and nations are struggling socially and financially to rebuild their lives, economy and infrastructure, and,
WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the ICC membership councils to provide compassionate international support, and,
WHEREAS, the ICC Global Membership Council has founded an ambitious initiative to provide smoke alarms in every dwelling in one of these devastated territories or nations, and,
WHEREAS, smoke alarms have a proven record as one part of a comprehensive residential life safety and fire protection strategy, and,
WHEREAS, the ICC membership councils are chartered to advocate for concerns and issues that are of particular interest to the membership, to advise ICC on programs and policies, legislative matters, code adoption issues and such other matters as the Council deems appropriate,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we members of the ICC Fire Service Membership Council support the ICC Global Membership Council and other ICC membership councils in their initiative to improve fire and life safety through the installation of smoke alarms in as many dwellings as possible in this hurricane-affected area.

Signed:



Scott Adams

Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee Chair