



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

**Thursday, January 21, 2021
1:30 p.m. EDT**

**“Founded by Members to Serve our Members . . .
Benefitting Communities Worldwide”**

FSMC Governing Committee Members	Representing	Present
Randy Metz -- Chair -- Carlsbad Fire Department, CA	IAFC:W	X
Christine Reed – Vice Chair -- Central County Fire Department, CA	ICC	X
Bryan Adams -- Pleasant Valley Fire District, OH	ICC	X
Rick Boisvert -- Brighton Area Fire Authority, MI	IAFC:GL	
Robert Buxton -- Hudson Fire Department, NH	IAFC:NE	X
Tim Cowan -- City of Oneida Fire Department, NY (Ret.)	IAFC:E	
Michael Desrochers -- State of Vermont Division of Fire Safety	NASFM	X
Timothy Diehl -- Howard County DPW/Bureau of Facilities	ICC	X
Kara Gerczynski -- Elizabeth Fire Protection District, CO	IAFC:MV	X
Andy King -- Franklin Fire Department, TN	IAFC:SE	X
Kelly Nicoletto -- Underwriters Laboratories, TX	NASFM	X
Coy Porter -- Utah State Fire Marshal’s Office	NASFM	X
Brian Sloat – City of Fayetteville, AR	IAFC:SW	
Steve Swarouth -- Global Fire Protection Group -- Winchester, CA	ICC	
Mark Wassom -- Olathe Fire Department, KS	ICC	X
Gary West -- National Fire Sprinkler Association, Nashville, TN	NASFM	X
TBD -- Appointment Pending --	ICC	--
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International Code Council (ICC) Directors, Liaisons, and Staff	Present
Bill Bryant -- ICC Immediate Past President, FSMC Liaison to the ICC BOD -- Anne Arundel County, MD	
Karl Fippingger -- Vice President, Fire & Disaster Mitigation -- ICC	X
Mark Roberts -- Lead Senior Regional Manager., Government Relations -- ICC	X
Tim Schmitz -- Lead Senior Regional Manager., Government Relations -- ICC	X
Beth Tubbs -- Senior Staff Engineer, Technical Services -- ICC	X

Members/Guests Joining by Teleconference	Present
Tom Allen, Building Official -- Lake County Office of Building Services -- Lake County, FL	X

Members/Guests Joining by Teleconference	Present
Audrey Cline -- Building Membership Council Liaison to the FSMC, Durham, NH	X
Paul Coleman, Sr. Manager -- Material & Industry Sustainability -- Huntsman International LLC	X
Patti Daul, Fire Marshal -- Pechanga Fire Department -- Temecula, CA	X
Darcy Davidson -- Assistant Fire Marshal -- Carlsbad (CA) Fire Department	X
Robby Dawson -- Southeast Regional Director -- NFPA	X
Page Dougherty, Fire Protection Engineer II -- Thornton (CO) Fire Department	X
Gary Farley, State Fire Marshal -- State of Tennessee	X
Rob Geislinger, Great Plains Field Services Coordinator -- National Fire Sprinkler Association	X
Jeffrey H. Greenwald, P.E., CAE- - North American Modern Building Alliance -- Washington, DC	X
Rocco Grosso, Fire Marshal -- Wilton (CT) Fire Department	X
Matt Hinds-Aldrich, PhD -- Senior Risk Strategy Lead, American Association of Insurance Services -- Lisle, IL	X
Johnathan Hurst -- Building Official - City of Arroyo Grande, CA	X
Charlie Johnson, Chief Fire Code Consultant -- NC Department of Insurance -- Raleigh, NC	X
Ben Keller, Chief, Fire and Life Safety Branch -- NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services -- Albany, NY	X
Jim Key, Code Enforcement Officer, Public Services Department -- City of College Park, MD	X
Michael Kocab -- Captain/Fire Marshal -- Willoughby (OH) Fire Department	X
Robert Mathes, Fire Building Code Inspector -- Tennessee Department of Health -- Memphis, TN	X
Todd McAlhany, Fire and Life Safety Program Coordinator -- S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control -- Columbia, SC	X
Gary McCarragher -- Senior Public Safety Advisor, FirstNet Authority -- Reston, VA	X
Joe McElvaney -- Fire Protection Engineer -- Hiller Fire Protection	X
Rock Meng -- Global Membership Council Liaison to FSMC -- Capitol Fire Protection Engineering	X
Mindy Ost, Fire Inspector/Investigator -- Peoria (AZ) Fire-Medical Department	X
Paul Padgett, Fire Codes Administrator -- Town of Garner, NC	X
Shamim Rashid-Sumar -- VP, Fire Codes and Standards -- National Ready Mixed Concrete Association	X
Kevin Reinertson, Deputy Fire Marshal -- Riverside County (CA) Fire Department	X
Jeff Shapiro -- International Code Consultants, Inc. -- Austin, TX	X
Bob Sullivan -- Southwest Regional Director -- NFPA	X
Nadja Tremblay -- Sr. Manager, Global Codes and Standards -- Carrier Fire & Life Safety Products	X
John Walser -- Battalion Chief, Fire Prevention Services - Fairfax County (VA) Fire & Rescue Department	X

FSMC Governing Committee Teleconference Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome guests (Metz/Fippinger) - Meeting called to order and roll call at 1:35pm ET by Chair Metz
- 2) Guest Presentation

Update from ICC Fire Code Action Committee

Beth Tubbs, Senior Staff Engineer
FCAC Staff Secretariat
International Code Council

FCAC has been extremely busy with proposals. Beth provided an overview of major code change proposals. 83 proposals have been submitted by the Fire Code Action Committee (FCAC). Members of the Building Code Action Committee (BCAC) also reviewed several of the FCAC proposals in their scope. All of the proposals were sponsored, reviewed and passed by FCAC.

- a. Several proposals focus on definitions.
- b. Some proposals aim to clarify when tests are required for fire alarm systems. Only places where a fire alarm would be present.
- c. A few clarifications regarding smoke alarms, building code, property maintenance.
- d. Big reorganization of Chapter 33, no changes. New provisions for exit signs.
- e. Continuing to work on ESS and correlating changes with NFPA 855.
- f. IWUIC proposals on vents and testing standards.
- g. Code change proposals for outdoor tents, bounce houses, outdoor dining, outdoor storage including pallets, and valet trash. Proposal for new appendix on valet trash.
- h. Other proposals include prohibiting temporary spray booths, mobile food trucks, rooftop storage, mobile on-demand fueling, and mobile hydrogen fueling.

Next steps – waiting for publishing of proposals. Work groups will meet again to review the proposals. The we'll be on to public comments and review of public comments.

Questions/Comments:

- a. Chief Metz - This was the 1st code cycle without regional work groups. How did it go?
 - a. In person meetings did not occur due to COVID so meetings were virtual anyway. Good participation due to virtual meetings.
 - b. Karl stated the large number of groups available made the process interesting to manage. Beth worked to streamline process with volume of participants.
- b. Comment from Kelly Nicolello that FCAC should look to better “vet” what is FCAC issue vs “industry” issues. Could make workload more manageable.
 - a. Joe McElvaney commented that industry must go to FCAC “early” in process to get a proposal reviewed.
 - c. Some proposals dealt with regulating new industries.

Chair Metz stated there were 280 proposals put forward. Participation in code hearings is expected to be good due to ability to attend virtually.

- 3) Opening Remarks from the Chair (Metz)
 - a) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda - None offered.
 - b) Approval of Minutes
 - i. December 17, 2020 Microsoft Teams Meeting
 - (1) Motion to accept: Kelly Nicoletto Second: Kara Gerczynski; Discussion: None; Approved unanimously.
- 4) 2021 Work Group Updates (Metz)
 - a) Member Recruitment (King/West)
 - i. No report.
 - b) Emerging Issues and Trends (Desrochers)
 - i. Marshal Desrochers presented '21 Goals on screen. Goals to be posted on FSMC webpage. Explore partnerships with other groups looking for issues that impact fire service. Call for active participants. Will prepare presentation for NASFM conference. Looking for ideas, subject matter. Chair Metz discussed 1st issue that Emerging Issues developed was portable spray booths.
 - c) Public Awareness (Reed)
 - i. Chief Reed presented 2021 Goals on screen. Discussed collaboration with Emerging Issues and Training and Education work groups. Presented the goals to FSMC. Chief Metz stated Christine has agreed to remain as lead for this work group.
 - d) Training and Education (Gerczynski)
 - i. Kara Gerczynski presented 2021 goals on screen. Next meeting will be Monday the 25th of January.
- 5) Reports from Officers (Metz/Reed)
 - a) ICC Past President/FSMC Governing Committee Liaison (Bryant)
 - i. No report. Past President Bryant attending ICC Board Meeting.
 - b) Other ICC Officers and Directors
 - i. No report as Officers and Directors were attending ICC Board Meeting
 - c) Chair's Report (Metz)
 - i. Weekly leadership meeting occurs with FSMC officers. Monitoring legislative cycles as they convene and will notify FSMC of relevant legislation.
 - d) Vice Chair's Report (Reed)
 - i. Happy to work with the council and the governing committee as new Vice-Chair.
 - e) Staff liaison (Fippinger)
 - i. Links are posted in the chat as items are discussed.
 - ii. Past Pres. Bryant stated FAQ is set up for committee action hearings on ICC website.
 - iii. ICC Board currently meeting on IECC process and reviewing comments received.
 - iv. AFG Fire Prevention and Safety Grants opened on 1/25/21. 21. Closes on 2/26/21.
 - v. ICC continues to support for higher vaccination priorities for code officials.

- vi. Discussed FEMA Public Assistance grant funding for code officials following major disaster declarations.
 - vii. Continuing work on website for FSMC.
 - viii. Andy King discussed the IAFC CRR Leadership Conference and the potential of additional virtual training opportunities.
- 6) On-Going Business
 - a) Tim Diehl had no report
 - 7) New Business
 - a) None Reported
 - 8) Next Meeting
 - a) Thursday, February 18, 2021 @ 1:30 p.m. EDT
 - 9) Questions/Comments from the Audience - None
 - 10) Good of the Order – Chief Metz thanked all participants
 - 11) Adjourn - Motion by Tim Diehl, Second by Chief Reed. Approved unanimously.

Randy Metz, Chair
2021 FSMC Governing Committee

Christine Reed Vice-Chair
2021 FSMC Governing Committee

2021 FSMC Meeting Schedule

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
21	18	18	15	20	17	15	19	16	21	18	16
Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams

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