



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

**Thursday, August 27, 2020
1:30 p.m. EDT**

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

FSMC Governing Committee Members	Representing	Present
Gary West -- Chair -- National Fire Sprinkler Association, Nashville, TN	NASFM	X
Randy Metz -- Vice Chair -- Carlsbad Fire Department, CA	IAFC:W	X
Bryan Adams -- Pleasant Valley Fire District, OH	ICC	
Rick Boisvert -- Brighton Area Fire Authority, MI	IAFC:GL	X
Robert Buxton -- Hudson Fire Department, NH	IAFC:NE	X
Tim Cowan -- City of Oneida Fire Department, NY (Ret.)	IAFC:E	X
Michael Desrochers -- State of Vermont Division of Fire Safety	NASFM	X
Timothy Diehl -- Howard County DPW/Bureau of Facilities	ICC	X
Kevin Gallagher -- Acushnet Fire & EMS Department, MA	ICC	
Kara Gerczynski -- Elizabeth Fire Protection District, CO	IAFC:MV	X
Andy King -- Franklin Fire Department, TN	IAFC:SE	X
Kelly Nicoello -- Underwriters Laboratories, TX	NASFM	X
Coy Porter -- Utah State Fire Marshal's Office	NASFM	X
Christine Reed -- Central County Fire Department, CA	ICC	X
Brian Sloat -- City of Fayetteville, AR	IAFC:SW	
Steve Swarthout -- Riverside County Fire Department, CA	ICC	X
Mark Wassom -- Olathe Fire Department, KS	ICC	X
TBD -- Appointment Pending --	IAFC:C	--

International Code Council (ICC) Staff and Liaisons	Present
Angie Wiese -- ICC Director, FSMC Liaison to the ICC BOD -- St. Paul, MN	
Jim Brown -- ICC Director -- Gillette, WY	X
Karl Fippinger -- Vice President, Fire & Disaster Mitigation -- ICC	X
Mark Roberts -- Senior Regional Manager, Government Relations -- ICC	X

Members/Guests Joining by Teleconference	Present
Robby Dawson -- Southeast Regional Director -- NFPA	X
Page Dougherty -- Fire Protection Engineer II -- Thornton (CO) Fire Department	X
Michael Kocab -- Captain -- Willoughby (OH) Fire Department	X
Rock Meng -- Global Membership Council Liaison to FSMC -- Capitol Fire Protection Engineering	X
Bob Sullivan -- Southwest Regional Director -- NFPA	X
Nadja Tremblay -- Sr. Manager, Govt. Relations & Global Codes and Standards -- Carrier	X
John Walser -- Battalion Chief, Fire Prevention Services - Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department (VA)	X

FSMC Governing Committee Teleconference Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome guests (West/Fippinger)
 - a) Note: If you would like your attendance noted and you are not a standing invitee, please email kfippinger@iccsafe.org.
- 2) Opening Remarks from the Chair (West)
 - a) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda
 - i) N/A
 - b) Approval of Minutes
 - i) July 23, 2020 Microsoft Teams Meeting
 - (1) Motion to accept: Randy Metz; Second: Kelly Nicolello; Discussion: None; Approved unanimously
- 3) Guest Presentation (See attached)

Emerging Issues and Trends in Fire Service-related Codes and Standards
Chief Michael O'Brian
Brighton Area (MI) Fire Authority
Chair, ICC Fire Code Action Committee
- 4) 2020 Work Group Updates
 - a) Member Recruitment (King)
 - i) Thanked Chief O'Brian. Excited about today's change in format. We have 45 people on the call. We're in the process of updating our membership and marketing lists. Hoping to encourage more people to attend and participate.
 - b) Emerging Issues and Trends (Desrochers)
 - i) Nice presentation to open the meeting. Great to see this many people on the call. Everyone is interested in emerging issues and trends. We are connecting the dots with the FSMC and our other ICC partners with Tim Diehl and the Building Membership Council Continuity and Outreach subcommittee. We continue to have our monthly meetings are working with Karl to post our information on ICC web site. For our next meeting we will check status on items and encourage additional members to participate.
 - c) Public Awareness (Reed)

- i) We had a mid-month meeting earlier this month. We have been working on a construction site fire safety document that's now in Karl's hands for ICC review and will be presented to AHJs soon. We are performing final reviews and formatting of an inflatable spray booths article. This may be an article for the ICC Building Safety Journal. Some other topics we're working on are smaller documents on the topics of Close Before You Doze, smoke detectors, and some others. We are also looking at an update to our portion of the FSMC web page. It needs to be more interactive so we're looking at what we need and how we want it to work. We're talking about coming up with a standard look and feel for the FSMC work groups and how we highlight them beyond the way they work. The goal is to make them more user friendly and engaging. That's the direction we're going in.
 - d) Training and Education (Gerczynski)
 - i) Our group did not hold a meeting this month. Contacted ICC Director Mike Boso in Ohio to discuss approaching potential members and presenters from the ICC regions near and surrounding Pittsburgh.
 - ii) Working on a good lineup of fire service classes for FSMC folks. Thanks to Chief West for your work and encouraging involvement from the FSMC.
- 5) Reports from Officers (West/Metz)
 - a) Director Brown for Director Wiese
 - i) Angie is on vacation in the Black Hills and hopefully enjoying some well needed time away. The ICC board is busy and there is a lot of activity happening right now.
 - ii) I am chairing the By-Laws Committee. Dave Spencer is the Vice Chair. We have 6 committee members. President Wheeler has appointed 3 members from the Emerging Leaders Membership Council (ELMC). The committee is meeting next week. We'll be working on issues like COVID and emergency measures. We will also be coordinating with Secretary-Treasurer Mike Wich who is chairing the ICC's Blue Ribbon Committee process.
 - iii) The Code Council has received several appeals regarding the 2021 code process. Vice President Davis had her first appeal hearing yesterday.
 - iv) The ICC 2021 budget process is in full swing with the board, too. Just a lot of activity. We're keeping the machine running
 - b) Chair's Report - Chief West
 - i) I'm happy with all the work that we've done in this time of changes and challenges going on in the world. We've continued to keep moving forward. Thank you for doing that. Earlier this week I had the opportunity to co-moderate a webinar with Ed Lisinski from the Building Membership Council (BMC) on CARES Act program funding to support local efforts. It was a successful call. Lots going on and we're still moving forward. Thank you.
 - c) Vice Chair's Report - Chief Metz
 - i) Thanks to FSMC members who are actively engaged in the Fire Code Action Committee (FCAC) and other code groups. If you want to get involved, tap into one of the FCAC workgroups. They are great forums and opportunities to contribute. You don't have to be a code expert to get involved with the workgroups. Kelly Nicoletto and Page

Dougherty have been involved as well as Andy King and others. It's a whole other aspect of the codes to be involved in and includes lots of industry representatives. The FCAC process always needs strong fire service presence. The more, the better.

- ii) The ICC Blue Ribbon Committee has been holding open workgroup calls for the past 3 weeks and have wrapped up the bulk of their work. There was lots of discussion of future activities and processes that affect the fire service. For example, how ICC members are registered to vote, how Government Members Voting Representatives (GMVRs) are selected. The fire service crosses a lot of different code families. For other people to better understand our priorities, it's important for us to be able to speak intelligently and effectively maintain our role in these codes.
 - iii) Having recently listened to conversations about how people outside of the fire service feel has helped me to gain perspective on the issues. There are lots of concerns in these conversations including voting, membership, and others. Many of these issues and concerns may result in reducing the fire service footprint and influence on fire service-related codes and standards.
- d) Staff liaison (Fippinger)
- i) As you heard Chief West mention earlier, he and Ed Lisinski partnered to moderate a CARES Act webinar this past Tuesday. This is another example of FSMC and BMC working together.
 - ii) The Code Council will be hosting a webinar on FEMA's new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program
 - iii) Work on updates coming to the FSMC website
 - (1) Emerging Issues and Trends
 - (2) Public Awareness articles
 - iv) We have been working on updated our FSMC email and marketing lists
 - v) For members who might be interested in serving as beta testers for the ICC Digital Codes Premium product, an advance test group is being formed. If you are interested and have availability the weeks of September 14-25, please reach out to Karl for details on how to participate in the process.
 - vi) The Code Council has published a second survey to gauge how code officials and their offices are working during the COVID-19 pandemic. To participate, visit: <https://www.iccsafe.org/advocacy/coronavirus-response-center/survey/>
 - vii) There are 6 appeals being considered in the 2019 Group B Appeals process. The work of the appeals board is on-going.
 - (1) Federal Preemption Hearing - 8/31 on YouTube
 - (2) Scope and Intent Hearing - 9/3 on YouTube
 - viii) The work of the Board Committee on the Long Term Code Development Process (Code Council Blue Ribbon Committee) is on-going
 - ix) The Code Council is now accepting pre-orders for the 2021 I-Codes in the ICC Store; Codes will be released in October

- x) 2018 IWUIC Code and Commentary and a joint publication between the American Wood Council and the ICC is also available - Mass Timber Buildings and the IBC
- 6) Reports from Special Committees
 - a) Update on Ad-Hoc Committee on Building Safety and Security (Metz)
 - i) The AHC is aiming to finish up early next year. Group is making good headway. In many cases the outcomes and results of the committee's findings are being referring to proper groups and committees like the Fire Code Action Committee (FCAC).
 - 7) On-Going Business
 - a) IAFC MOU Update (Fippinger)
 - i) No report.
 - 8) New Business
 - a) Legislative update (West/Metz/Fippinger)
 - i) Chief Metz - For one bill in CA, multiple water jurisdictions are being sued by a law firm stating that the AHJs have no right to force the cost of water systems and hydrants on private developers for extending water supply in accordance with Proposition 218. The bill provides clarification to alleviate burden on water purveyors. Water purveyors feel their legal responsibility ends at the hydrant. As an example, they won't extend in a CA city unless the city bears the cost. If this is something that you've had happen we'd love to hear from you. Cal Chiefs supports the legislation and hopes it goes through as it helps to define the responsibilities of a public utility for the greater good of the people. Long-term maintenance in urban areas is another piece that's in question
 - ii) Karl noted that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) had adopted a several 2021 I-Codes provisions early including mass timber, energy storage systems (ESS), and others.
 - b) Innovation in Code Administration Award - Update from BMC (Fippinger)
 - i) Earlier this month, BMC Chair Dan Dockery sent a message to ICC President Greg Wheeler. Dan's message requested the board reconsider delaying the awarding of the Innovation in Code Administration Award until 2021. He recommended that the awardee could still be selected, with the presentation of the award being made at the 2021 conference. Dan is awaiting a reply back from President Wheeler.
 - 9) Next Meeting
 - a) Thursday, September 24, 2020 @ 1:30 p.m. EDT
 - 10) Questions/Comments from the Audience
 - a) None heard
 - 11) Good of the Order
 - a) Kelly Nicoletto commented that he sees a distinct issue in the field. Lots of communities are on 2012, 2015, and 2018 editions of the I-Codes. Now with the 2021 edition coming out, and we are well on the way toward developing the 2024 edition, there is a huge potential disconnect between what's in the codes today based on events that happened yesterday. California's approach using their intervening cycle to adopt some of the more recent or

current provisions is a strong idea. Suggested that perhaps the FSMC could come along side efforts like theirs and take on the importance of updating codes so communities have the most up to date info for the public and for regulation/enforcement. For example, the 2015 I-Codes don't speak to ESS , so how does AHJ work with that? With TWB, ESS, and other topics there is room for FSMC to support fire service AHJs that are focused on adopting the most current code. It's painful in many respects, but necessary in order to be relevant.

- b) Karl mentioned the disaster-resistant provisions in the I-Codes are another piece that lags behind.
- c) Chief Metz - The Blue Ribbon Committee has considered a 6-yr cycle for the I-Codes. To consider that would be disastrous for the fire service, particularly with regard to emerging technologies. We should ensure that the fire service says that a 6-yr cycle doesn't work for us in today's day and age.
- d) Mike Desrochers - Noted that he and the state are struggling with financial impact statements. The issue depends on where the codes are being adopted (state or local level). The politics have changed over the past 20 years. It's taking us much longer to grow through legislative processes like rulemaking.

12) Adjourn

- a) Motion: Kelly Nicoletto; Second: Tim Diehl; Discussion: None; Result: Passed unanimously

Gary West, Chair
2020 FSMC Governing Committee

Randy Metz, Vice-Chair
2020 FSMC Governing Committee

2020 FSMC Meeting Schedule

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
16	13	19	23	24	25	23	27	24	15	19	17
WebEx	WebEx	WebEx	WebEx	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams

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2024 ICC Code Development Cycle

FIRE CODE ACTION COMMITTEE

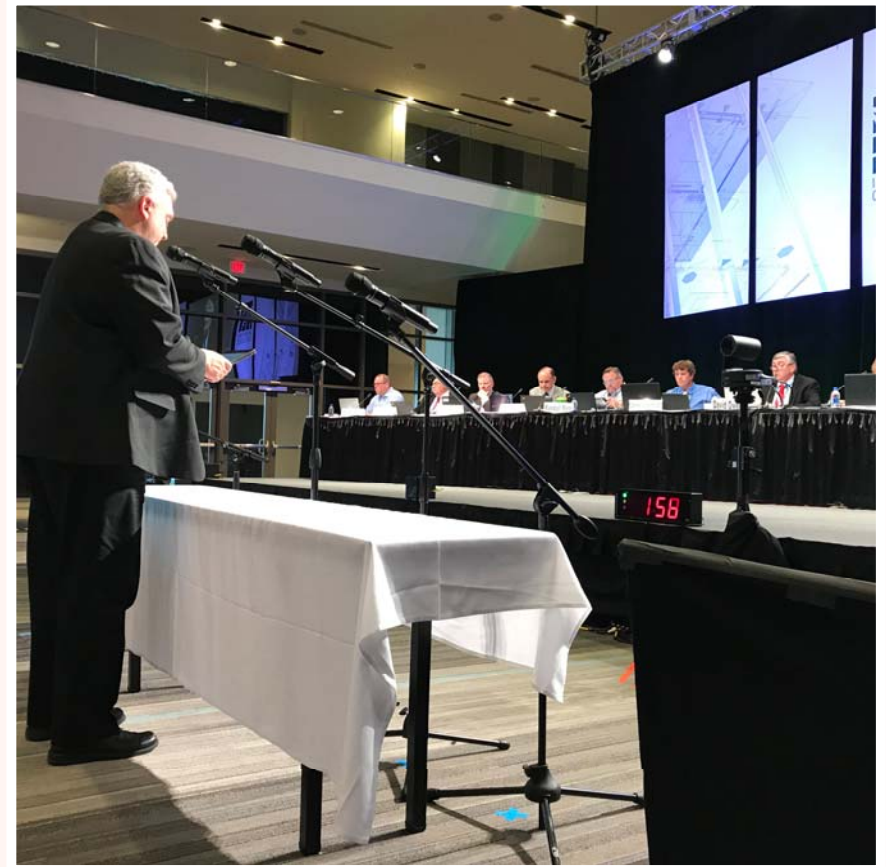
Michael O'Brian,
Fire Chief Brighton Area Fire Authority

FSMC UPDATE

AUGUST 27, 2020

FCAC ROLES

- Code Action Committees are code discipline specific committees whose purposes are to enhance the technical requirements of the International Codes and secondarily to hone the capabilities of committee members for [possible] appointment to code development committees in accordance with Section 5.2
- IBC Chapters 7, 8, 9, 14 and 26 IFC
ICC Performance Code
IWUIC



MEMBERSHIP

Michael O'Brian, IAFC/FLSS Chair

Carl Wren, IAFC/FLSS Vice Chair

Richard Boothby, NASFM

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Ray Reynolds, IAFC/FLSS

Michael Roberts, CBO

Michael Whim, IAFC/FLSS

Staff:

Beth Tubbs

Keith Enstrom

CURRENT CYCLE CHANGES

Regional Work Group
to
Functional WorkGroups





TOPIC LIST

- › Fire Resistance, Chapter 7
 - › Structural Fire engineering
 - › Chapter 14, Exterior Wall
 - › Fire Alarm (Coordination with 72)
 - › Mass Notification
 - › Carbon Monoxide
 - › Integrated Testing
 - › Fire Protection Terminology
 - › FF Communications
 - › Construction Fire Safety
 - › ESS
 - › Electric Vehicles
 - › Battery Storage/manufacture
 - › WUIC
 - › Pallets/Totes Outside Storage
 - › Valet Trash
 - › Flammable Refrigerants
 - › 3D Printing
 - › Temporary Spray Booths
 - › Mobile Food Trucks
 - › Hazardous Materials
 - › NFPA 30 Coordination
 - › Hydrogen Mobile Fueling
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WORK WITH OTHER CACS

- Corridor Continuity
 - Roofs and Exterior
 - Flammable Refrig
 - Secondary Water Supply
 - Electronic Inspections
 - PV
 - Extraction
 - Distilleries
 - Sleep Pods
 - Admin Issues
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