



Subcommittee for Codes & Standards Liaison (SCCSL)

ICC Working Group

Meeting Report – July 14, 2016

Present: Ray Grill, Jeff Halpert, Don Havener, Brian Kuhn, Gary Lewis, Michael Nightingale, Beth Tubbs (guest/SFPE BOD) and Chris Jelenewicz (Staff).

The following was discussed:

Subcommittee Scope – The SCCSL is responsible for facilitating adoption of SFPE standards and guides into building regulations, codes and standards. Persons from the SCCSL may be appointed by the Board to represent SFPE in specific codes and standards development / liaison activities.

ICC Working Group Scope -- This Working Group that is part of the SCCSL was asked to focus on the ICC process, specifically, to answer the questions: 1) How should SFPE get involved, 2) who should get involved and 3) what this involvement should be.

Strategic Activities – The Working Group spent some time brainstorming activities that would meet the goals outlined in its scope. Specifically, the Working Group agreed it will work on three activities:

- 1. Monitor Code Activities** – It was agreed that a group of individuals will work as a committee to monitor code making activities similar to the Southern California Fire Prevention Officers Association. This committee could a) monitor code changes, b) make recommendations for code changes, c) make public comments and d) possibly participate in code hearings. It was important to note that this committee would need to work closely with SFPE Headquarters to ensure compliance with SFPE policy and positions. At the same time, the committee group will focus its activities on issues that promote the practice of fire protection engineering.

Jeff Halpert volunteered to write down some ideas on a possible scope for this committee. He will present these ideas at the next Working Group meeting. He will also circulate with Working Group members before this meeting via email.

- 2. Participation in ICC Committees** – It was noted that the SCCSL currently has a different working group that is working on developing procedures for having SFPE members

represent SFPE in codes/standards making committees. There was also a discussion on the benefits of having SFPE members participate in the code making process even if they are not officially representing SFPE. The Working Group agreed to do the following as a way to increase committee participation. CJ will work with Beth Tubbs and Gary Lewis on this effort:

- A. Make an inventory of SFPE members who serve on ICC committees, this includes special committees (i.e. Tall Wood Buildings, Commissioning, etc.).
- B. A call for committee members for the 2021 code cycle will be posted in January 2017 and will run through June 2017. Based on the outcome of the Procedures Working Group, this Working Group will develop a strategy to nominate SFPE members to these committees.
- C. Headquarters staff will monitor current ICC activities (i.e. call for special committees) and recommend any actions if needed.
- D. ICC has several “Action Committees” (FCAC, BCAC, etc). This Working Group will develop a strategy to get more SFPE participation in these committees. This could include monitoring committee activities, making comments as a guest at committee meetings and possibly getting SFPE representation on these committees.

3. Focus on Specific Topics that would Promote FPE – The Working Group agreed that it would investigate the idea of focusing some of its efforts on specific topics that are related to how FPE is practiced. These activities could focus on a) submitting code changes, b) working with ICC on improving commentary and c) monitoring activities in these topic areas. It was noted that some of these efforts may take some time and require a lot of resources. As a start, the following topics were recommended along with the names of Working Group members who will investigate the benefits of approaching these topics. For the next Working Group meeting the persons responsible for each topic will report with respect to specific actions that can be taken by this Working Group and the time/resources needed to complete these actions.

- A. Structural fire engineering –Brian Kuhn and Don Havener
- B. Smoke control – Ray Grill and Don Havener
- C. Performance-based design – Gary Lewis, Ray Grill and Brian Kuhn
- D. Mass notification – Ray Grill and Michael Nightingale

4. Participation in ICC Activities is Important – It was noted that even if SFPE endorses a member to a committee, this will not necessarily mean he or she will be accepted. As such, it is important for Working Group members to participate as much as possible in ICC Code related activities to “make a name of themselves.”

5. Next Meeting – The next Working Group meeting will be in early September. CJ will schedule via a Doodle Poll. An email contact list of each Working Group member is listed below. Members who did not attend this meeting will be asked to volunteer for at least one activity.

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