



Subcommittee for Codes & Standards Liaison (SCCSL)

ICC Working Group

Meeting Report – September 6, 2016

Present: Ray Grill, Jeff Halpert, Don Havener, Gary Lewis, and Chris Jelenewicz (Staff).

The following was discussed:

- 1. Monitor Code Activities** -- Jeff Halpert sent several announcements to Working Group members from ICC:
 - a. Registration for ICCs 2016 Conference
 - b. Call for ICC Board of Directors
 - c. Public Comment Hearings Schedule

Jeff also indicated he is reviewing a procedure used by Southern California Fire Prevention Officers Association. He will circulate with the rest of the Working Group.

- 2. Participation in ICC Committees** – Currently, ICC has call-outs for committee members for three committees that may be of interest to this Working Group. The deadline to apply is October 3, 2016:
 - a. **Building Code Action Committee** – Currently 1 SFPE member serves on this committee.
 - b. **Fire Code Action Committee** – Currently 4 SFPE members serve on this committee.
 - c. **Ad Hoc Committee on Health Care** -- was formed in cooperation with the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE).

Although SFPE does not have a process in place to have members represent SFPE on these committees, it was agreed that these openings be advertised with SFPE members as it will be beneficial to have FPEs who are SFPE members sit on these committees.

3. Focus on Specific Topics that would Promote FPE

- a. **Structural fire engineering (Brian Kuhn and Don Havener)** – It was indicated that IBC sections 703.3 and 703.4 do not specifically mention fire as a structural load and would provide a good opportunity to add language about structural fire engineering. It was also indicated that we should take advantage in the new appendix in ASCE/SEI 7 that references SFPE Standards .01 & .02

- b. **Smoke control – (Ray Grill and Don Havener)** – Sections 909.8 and 909.9 points to NFPA 92 and look at design fires/scenarios. Both sections would be good areas for the Working Group to review.
- c. **Performance-based design – (Gary Lewis, Ray Grill and Brain Kuhn)** – There was a discussion about focusing on a specific building type that would benefit from a performance-based analysis such as tall buildings. It may be beneficial to see what the Ad Hoc Committee on tall wood buildings is doing in regards to performance-based options.

There was also a discussion about the need for more education in the area of performance-based design. It was suggested that the Working Group give a presentation to the Major Jurisdictions Committee

- d. **Mass notification – (Ray Grill and Michael Nightingale)** – A lot of work in mass notification is done through NFPA. It was suggested that the Fire Code Action Committee would be a good place to start a dialogue on mass notification.
4. **Next Meeting** – The next Working Group meeting will be in late October. CJ will schedule via a Doodle Poll.

End of Report