RE-ENGINEERING COUNCILS

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RE-ENGINEERING OF ICC COUNCILS

At the heart of the International Code Council are our dedicated volunteers and the Council and Committee structure they work in. Our Councils are an integral part of the ICC’s success and a place where consensus begins. In recent years the ICC has seen the evolution of its councils and its code development process. As a result, the ICC has re-engineered the council structure to better align with the Code Council’s mission and development process.

Council Policy #09, entitled “Role and Structure of Advisory Councils,” has been revised by the Board of Directors to streamline processes, encourage discipline-specific interaction and promote cross-cutting policy review. Key features of this action are as follows:

- Establishment of a new “Codes and Standards Council,” composed of 20 individuals across several disciplines to advise the ICC Board regarding applications for code-related committees, suggest new projects, and review procedures and performance regarding Code Development Committees;
- Establishment of new discipline-specific “Membership Councils”—including Governing Committees and Charters for each Council assigned by the ICC Board of Directors—which will serve as a forum for information exchange and communication, as a feedback loop with the Board and staff, and as a voice for the discipline regarding the activities and programs of the Code Council;
- A call for applications for the Codes and Standards Council and various Membership Council Governing Committees will post on February 3, 2011.

Timeline

- February 2011: Call for Committee posted for the Codes and Standards Council and Membership Council Governing Committees; all current council members must reapply for either entity
- May 2011: Board of Directors appoints the Codes and Standards Council Council and Membership Council Governing Committees, begins chartering additional Membership Councils
- June 2011: Application deadline for 2012 and 2013 Code Development Committees
- July 2011: Membership Councils develop their respective work plans
- August 2011: Codes and Standards Council reviews Code Development Committee applications and provides recommendations to Board
- Fall 2011: Board appoints 2012/2013 Code Development Committees
- January 3, 2012: Group A code change deadline—International Building Code, and Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes
A new “Codes and Standards Council” will be established to replace the four discipline-specific councils for the purpose of advising the Board on the code development process. The newly Chartered Codes and Standards Council will serve to better integrate the professional disciplines and give greater prominence to all disciplines with recommendations on matters of ICC code and standard development. This single entity, composed of approximately 20 individuals across the code disciplines, will advise the Board regarding:

- Applications for technical code development committee service
- Review of code development committee performance
- Review rules of procedures for development and maintenance of Codes and Standards
- Recommendations for new Codes or Standards development projects.

Members of the old discipline-specific Councils will be encouraged to apply for appointment to the Codes and Standards Council. At a minimum, five Codes and Standards Council positions apiece will be dedicated to the disciplines of building, fire, and plumbing/mechanical/ fuel gas; at a minimum two positions will be dedicated to sustainability codes (e.g., IECC and IGCC). Specific appointments will reflect stakeholder agreements with the Code Council and the discretion of the Board.
As a separate activity, new discipline-specific Membership Councils will be established as sections open to all qualified ICC members, designated voting representatives, or individuals representing organizations closely aligned with the Code Council as referenced in the Membership Council’s Charter and directed by the specific Governing Committee. Membership Councils will receive discipline-specific information from ICC along with other benefits including communications tools dedicated to council members. Each Membership Council will be managed by a Governing Committee and chartered by the Board of Directors.

- Each Governing Committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors:
  - Each inaugural Governing Committee will be appointed by the Board, with members of existing discipline-specific “councils” encouraged to apply;
  - Each of the subsequent Governing Committees will be appointed by the Board after review of recommendations from the entire Membership Council.

- The Membership Councils, through their Governing Committees, will act as a voice for the discipline regarding ICC activities and as a vehicle to increase engagement with the ICC mission including:
  - Build and improve relationships with stakeholders with an interest in the activities of the applicable Membership Council
  - Provide opportunities to enhance the understanding, acceptance and adoption of ICC codes related to the applicable Membership Council
  - Make recommendations for ICC training, certification and other programs related to the activities of the applicable Membership Council.

- Initially the Board will consider approval of:
  - Building Official Membership Council
  - Fire Service Membership Council
  - PMG Membership Council
  - Sustainability Membership Council Committees.
  - ICC Global Membership Council

MEMBERSHIP COUNCILS

ICC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Building Officials Membership Council
Fire Service Membership Council
PMG Officials Membership Council
Sustainability (including energy conservation) Membership Council
ICC Global Membership Council

Building Official Governing Committee
Fire Service Governing Committee
PMG Official Governing Committee
Sustainability Governing Committee
ICC Global Governing Committee