

## *A Detailed Explanation:* **Voting Privileges and Membership Benefits**

The following summary provides a detailed explanation of the voting and membership privileges afforded to all types of ICC Members.

### ***I. Full Voting Privileges:***

In accordance with Article III of the ICC Bylaws, only Governmental Members (via their validated Governmental Member Voting Representatives) and Honorary Members may vote on any issue at ICC's Annual Business Meeting. Further, validated Governmental Member Voting Representatives and Honorary Members may vote in ICC's Public Comment Hearings, Online Governmental Consensus Vote, and the Online Assembly Floor Motions following the Committee Action Hearings, as dictated by Section 9.1 of CP-28:

**Eligible Final Action Voters:** Eligible Final Action voters include ICC Governmental Member Voting Representatives and Honorary Members in good standing who have been confirmed by ICC in accordance with the Electronic Voter Validation System. Such confirmations are required to be revalidated each code development cycle. Eligible Final Action voters in attendance at the Public Comment Hearing and those participating in the Online Governmental Consensus Vote shall have one vote per eligible voter on all Codes. Individuals who represent more than one Governmental Member shall be limited to a single vote.

### ***II. Limited Voting Privileges:***

All other ICC Members, including Corporate Members and Members in any of the Individual Member categories, are afforded the ability to vote in the Online Assembly Floor Motions following the Committee Action Hearings and on Points of Order at all hearings. These Limited Voting Privileges derive from CP-28, Section 5.7.4:

**Eligible Online Assembly Motion Voters:** All Members of ICC shall be eligible to vote on online assembly floor motions. Each member is entitled to one vote, except that each Governmental Member Voting Representative may vote on behalf of its Governmental Member. Individuals who represent more than one Governmental Member shall be limited to a single vote.

And Section 5.4.8:

**Points of Order:** Any person participating in the public hearing may challenge a procedural ruling of the Moderator. A majority vote of ICC Members in attendance shall determine the decision.

Members with Limited Voting Privileges are entitled to one vote and include Corporate Members, Associate Members, Building Safety Professional Members, Student Members, Retired Members, Certified Members, and Participating Members.<sup>1</sup>

### **III. *Members with Multiple Employees:***

In the case of Governmental or Corporate Members, it is important to note that the ICC Member is the entity as a whole and not a particular individual or employee. Because these “entity members” house multiple employees, their voting and membership Privileges are slightly more complex.

#### *a. Governmental Members*

As stated in Section 5.4.7 of CP-28 (referenced above), the general rule is that each ICC Member is entitled to one vote. However, there is an exception that each Governmental Member Voting Representative may vote on behalf of its Governmental Member. This exception entitles Governmental Members to multiple votes; it is the only membership category that is entitled to such.

The remaining non-GMVR employees of a Governmental Member, however, are not entitled to any voting privileges and are not considered individual ICC Members unless they pay for an individual membership themselves. The Governmental Member Primary Representative, however, can select a number of the jurisdiction’s employees to receive a series of Non-Voting Membership Benefits that are available through the overall Governmental Membership. These Non-Voting Membership Benefits may include free code books<sup>2</sup>, a new member kit, building science technical support and code opinions from the ICC technical staff, a subscription to Building Safety Journal, exclusive access to the members-only area of the membership website, and discounts on products and services.

#### *b. Corporate Members*

Corporate Members, like Individual Members, are entitled to one vote. The Corporate Member Primary Contact designates an employee who votes on the corporation’s behalf. The remainder of the corporation’s employees are not entitled to any voting privileges and are not considered individual ICC Members unless they pay for an individual membership themselves. Like Governmental Members, the Corporate Member Primary Contact can designate a number of the corporation’s employees to receive Non-Voting Membership Benefits that are available through the overall Corporate Membership.

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<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that the Chapter Member category listed within CP-10 is not a separate individual membership category. Rather, it affords a discounted rate on an individual membership category for chapter members. For example: a Chapter buys 10 Building Safety Professional individual memberships in bulk at a discounted rate for 10 of its Chapter members.

<sup>2</sup> Governmental and Corporate members receive six free code books, including the IBC, IRC, IPC, IFC, IFGC, and IMC. Individual membership categories receive one free code book of their choosing.

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### Definitions

**Full Voting Privileges:** The ability to vote in ICC's Annual Business Meeting, the Public Comment Hearings, the OGCV, and the Online Assembly Floor Motions following the Committee Action Hearings.

**Limited Voting Privileges:** The ability to vote in ICC's online assembly floor motions following the Committee Action Hearings and on Points of Order at all hearings.

**Non-Voting Membership Benefits:** Membership benefits other than voting privileges that are listed within CP-13 – Member Categories. Depending on the individual membership category, these non-voting membership benefits may include free code books, a new member kit, building science technical support and Code opinions from the ICC technical staff, a subscription to Building Safety Journal, exclusive access to members-only area of the membership website, and discounts on products and services.

**Selected Employee of a Governmental or Corporate Member:** An employee of a Governmental or Corporate Member (who is not a GMVR or an individual ICC Member) who is selected by the Member's Primary Contact as a recipient of Non-Voting Membership Benefits.

### Voting and Membership Privileges of Specific Membership Categories:

#### *Governmental Member:*

- Full Voting Privileges.
- Multiple Votes. All validated Governmental Member Voting Representatives may vote on behalf of the Governmental Member.
- Receives Non-Voting Membership Privileges for all selected employees.

#### *Honorary Member:*

- Full Voting Privileges.
- Entitled to one vote.
- Receives Non-Voting Membership Privileges.

#### *Corporate Member:*

- Limited Voting Privileges.
- Entitled to one vote. The voter is an employee of the Corporate Member designated by the primary contact to vote on the Member's behalf.
- Receives Non-Voting Membership Privileges for all selected employees.

#### *Individual ICC Members (Associate Members, Building Safety Professional Members, Student Members, Retired Members, Certified Members, and Participating Members)*

- Limited Voting Privileges.
- Entitled to one vote.
- Receives Non-Voting Membership Privileges

#### *Selected Employees of a Governmental or Corporate Member:*

- No Voting Privileges, but can testify and participate in discussion at the Committee Action and/or Public Comment Hearings.
- Receives Non-Voting Membership Privileges.

#### *Members of the General Public:*

- No Voting Privileges, but can testify and participate in discussion at the Committee Action and/or Public Comment Hearings.
- Does not receive any Non-Voting Membership Privileges.