



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

West Region Meeting MINUTES

October 8, 2019 • 10:45 AM PT

Wyndham San Diego Bayside Hotel • San Diego, California

Members in Attendance:

1. Roberta Cohen (NM), Chair
2. Rebecca Brunger (AK)
3. Dori Littler (AZ)
4. Jeff Green (CA)
5. Merideth McGrath (CO)
6. Denton Darrington (ID)
7. Dwight Sakai (HI)
8. Cathy Gordon (MT)
9. Sheri Sliva (NV)
10. Jeremiah Stromberg (OR)
11. Dan Blanchard (UT)
12. Mac Pevey (WA)

Members not in Attendance:

1. Coltan Harrington (WY)

Guests:

1. Lonzo Henderson (APAI)
2. Matthew Poyzer (AZ)
3. Chris Smalling (CA)
4. Andrew Zavaras (CO)
5. Devon Whitefield (CO)
6. Michael Knott (HI)
7. Brook Mamizuka (HI)
8. Tony De Jesus (ICJ)
9. Judy Mesick (ID)
10. Nichole Case (ID)
11. Victoria Vigil (NM)
12. Deon McDaniel (NV)
13. Nora Antonucci (NV)
14. Christopher Clifton (NV)
15. Mark Patterson (OR)
16. Jennifer Calvo (UT)
17. Nickole Lavery (UT)
18. Autumn Witten (WA)
19. Tanja Gilmore (WA)
20. Pat Odell (WY)

Staff:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Barno Saturday, Logistics and Administrative Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair R. Cohen (NM) called the meeting to order at 10:45 am PT, twelve of thirteen members were present; a quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner M. McGrath (CO) seconded. Agenda approved.

Commissioner M. Pevey (UT) moved to approve the minutes from July 29, 2019 as drafted. Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) seconded. Minutes approved.

Discussion

Discussion of New Rule Proposals: Chair R. Cohen (NM) reminded the region that the Commission votes on the new rule proposals at the general session on Wednesday, October 9.

The region discussed the rule amendment package *Rule 1.101- Revise Definition of ‘Sex Offender’, Rule 3.101-3 Transfer of supervision of sex offenders, and 3.107 Transfer Request*. The amendment package addresses various issues identified through regions and committees with sex offender rules.

DCA M. Poyzer (AZ) stated that AZ Parole was concerned about determining offenders’ registration requirements as outlined in this rule package.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) will vote in support of the amendments as instructed by AZ State Council. She added that she personally preferred the current rule.

The region discussed the West Region proposal to *Rule 3.103 (a) Reporting Instructions*. For offenders qualifying for this rule after a revocation proceeding, the proposal requires that retaking occurred under the compact rules and that a formal court or paroling authority heard the proceeding.

Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) spoke against the proposal. He noted that the proposal had its merits, but in its present form, it was not ready for the vote.

Commissioner M. McGrath (CO) supported Oregon’s statement. She added that the proposal would do more damage by returning the offenders back to their state.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) noted that there were no comments on the website when this proposal was posted for comments. She supports the proposal in its current form.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) added that if needed, the Commission could always make necessary changes to the approved proposal the next year.

Executive Director A. Lippert noted making changes to rules in consecutive years presents training challenges.

Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) moved to withdraw the West Region proposal to Rule 3.103 (a) Reporting instructions. Commissioner M. McGrath (CO) seconded. Motion passed with six (NM, ID, NV, OR, UT, and WA) voting to withdraw and five (AK, AZ, CA, CO, and HI) voting to keep. MT abstained from the vote.

Election of Region Chair: Chair R. Cohen (NM) expressed her interest in continuing serving as the West Region Chair.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) moved to nominate Roberta Cohen for the West Region Chair. Commissioner M. McGrath (CO) seconded.

Commissioner D. Darrington (ID) moved to cease the nominations and elect by acclamation.

Motion passed.

Old/New Business

The region discussed the FY 2020 retaking warrant audit's results. The audit focused on review of state procedures for issuing compact compliant warrants in accordance with ICAOS rules for absconders and retaking.

Based on the audit data, only 13% of states could meet a 15-day requirement for issuing a warrant on an absconder. Alternately, almost 50% of states would be in gross non-compliance with a 15-day timeframe.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that there was no automated warrant tracking system and this type of audit could contain data validity flaws resulting from self-reported data. States' responses were more susceptible to interpretation error, entry error, error by exclusion, and intentional and unintentional entry bias.

She noted that there had only been one complaint filed for failure to issue warrants in the last two years and added that states were successfully retaking offenders.

Executive Director A. Lippert informed the region about multiple concurrent projects on retaking warrants the Commission was involved in. Earlier this week, the Executive Committee charged the Compliance Committee and the Rules Committee to form a workgroup to look into audit results and make a recommendation.

This year, the Rules Committee was going to review warrants and their timeframes as outline in ICAOS Rules.

The national office continued working with the FBI Operations and Policy Unit, to make changes to the NCIC system. One of the changes will allow states to see an indicator for a compact offender's warrant.

Executive Director A. Lippert informed the region about a timely grant awarded to the Commission with SEARCH, the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, for warrant tracking. SEARCH will develop the software components for a subscription/notification service (SNS) to provide officials automated notifications when arrest warrants are issued on out of state offenders.

Chair R. Cohen (NM) informed the region that last year, the Executive Committee approved to form an ad hoc committee to look at the issue of supervision in tribal regions and development of best practices. The West Region will continue its discussion on this matter at the next meeting.

The region tabled its discussion on *"Increase in Offenders Found in States on Travel Permits without Reporting Instructions or an Acceptance Discussion"* until its next meeting.

Adjourn

Commissioner M. Pevey (WA) moved to adjourn. Commissioner S. Sliva (NV) seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 am PT.