



MIDWEST REGION REPORT

To: Commissioners of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

From: Sally Kreamer, Midwest Region Chair and Commissioner, State of Iowa

The Midwest Region continues to be well represented within all committees in the Commission. Since the last business meeting, no new commissioners or deputy compact administrators (DCA) were appointed.

Midwest Region Mission

Serve as a liaison between the Commission and states within a defined geographic area. Provide assistance, share best practices, recommend rule changes, and report to the Executive Committee.

Midwest Region Goals

1. Develop a list of known best practices, emerging trends, and training opportunities.
2. Engage discussions on aligning compact practices with principles of reentry and justice reinvestment.

Midwest Region Meetings

The Midwest Region commissioners and DCAs met five times including the Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

At its **September 22, 2021**, meeting, the region reviewed rule and ICOTS enhancement proposals for Commission's consideration at the 2021 Annual Business Meeting including the warrant proposal package. States expressed concern with ability to comply, including COVID related reductions in courts' efficiency. Afterward, region members provided COVID-19 update for their state. The majority of states experienced problems with rising offender transportation cost.

The region reviewed FY 2023 dues assessment changes based on 2020 census and offender numbers. Lastly, the region elected a new region chair – Commissioner Sally Kreamer (IA).

At its **November 15, 2021**, meeting, Nebraska asked for clarification on Advisory Opinion 1-2019 which directs states to reopen compact cases when an offender has been apprehended in the receiving state after being reported as an absconder. The region concluded the meeting by sharing best practices and solution to offset climbing retaking cost.

The region met again on **February 23, 2022**. The region analyzed and forwarded new ICOTS enhancement proposals proposed by the State of Minnesota to the Technology Committee for consideration. The member states continued their discussion about high inflation for extradition costs. At the conclusion, the region reviewed the FY 2022 rejection assessment report, the FY 2023 data integrity audit, 2022 ICOTS enhancement proposals comment period, 2023 rule amendment deadline and the DCA Midwest Region report provided by DCA M. Billinger (KS).

Treasurer G. Roberge (CT) attended **August 23, 2022**, meeting, where he presented the Executive Committee recommendation to increase annual dues by 5.25% for the next five fiscal years and by 3% thereafter. The region was in support of the proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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