



## **Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision**

### **Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES**

**12:00 pm ET • January 15, 2025 • Teleconference**

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#### **Members in Attendance:**

1. Mac Pevey (WA), Chair
2. Joselyn López (WI), Vice-Chair
3. Gary Roberge (CT), Treasurer
4. Taryn Link (AK), West Region Chair
5. Chris Moore (GA), Information Technology Chair
6. Steve Turner (KY), South Region Chair
7. Sally Kreamer (IA), Compliance Committee Chair
8. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Rules Committee Chair
9. Amy Vorachek (ND), Midwest Region Chair
10. Katrina Ransom (OH), Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee Chair
11. Dale Crook (VT), East Region Chair
12. Suzanne Brooks (OH), DCA Liaison Chair, Ex-Officio
13. John Gillis, Victim Representative, Ex-Officio

#### **Staff:**

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Allen Eskridge, Policy and Operations Director
3. Barno Saturday, Logistics and Administrator Coordinator
4. Mindy Spring, Administrative and Training Coordinator
5. Drake Greeott, Web Development Manager
6. Xavier Donnelly, ICOTS Project Manager

#### **Call to Order**

Chair M. Pevey (WA) called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm ET; all members were present; a quorum was established.

#### **Agenda and Minutes**

**Commissioner G. Roberge (CT) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner D. Crook (VT) seconded. Agenda approved.**

**Commissioner S. Kreamer (IA) moved to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2024, meeting as presented. Commissioner S. Turner (KY) seconded. Minutes approved.**

#### **Discussion**

*Compliance Committee Report:* Commissioner S. Kreamer (IA) reported that the Compliance Committee will meet to discuss a complaint filed by the State of Washington against the State of Idaho for failing to issue a warrant for an absconder. The Idaho Commissioner intervened to resolve the

matter, but the judge in Idaho has not adhered to the Compact rules for warrant issuance. In addition, the committee will discuss the results of the FY25 audit and ideas for FY26 audit.

*DCA Liaison Committee report:* DCA S. Brooks (OH) reported that the DCA Liaison Committee met earlier this month to discuss FY25 DCA Dashboard Program, DCA Forums, DCA Success Program, and New DCA Assessments. In addition, the committee reviewed the Spirit of the Compact Award submissions to choose a recipient to highlight in the Commission's Newsletter.

*Finance Committee Report:* Commissioner G. Roberge (CT) stated that the Finance Committee will meet in February to discuss budget recommendations for FY2027. The Vanguard account currently holds \$2.1 million, while the savings account contains \$1.2 million.

*Technology Committee Report:* Commissioner C. Moore (GA) stated that the Technology Committee met on December 3, 2024. The committee discussed proposed changes to the ICOTS Privacy Policy. Moving forward with recommending the changes was tabled until the next meeting, at the request of a member who wanted their legal department to review the proposed changes.

The committee also discussed the possibility of changing the name of ICOTS to something more in line with the language the Commission currently uses. Discussion and recommendation of a new name was tabled until the committee's next meeting.

The new dashboard hosting platform on Tableau was fully launched on January 1, 2025, with the previous dashboards taken offline. A total of 48 new dashboards have replaced the 68 dashboards on the old platform. Additionally, the kickoff meeting for the ICOTS re-write project is scheduled for next week, with the JAD group in attendance.

*Rules Committee Report:* Commissioner T. Hudrlik (MN) reported that the Rules Committee set up monthly virtual meetings to prepare the rule proposals for consideration at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting. The committee received proposals from the Midwest and South Regions. The RNR Workgroup also plans to submit proposals to Chapters 4&5 of the rules. The committee will meet face-to-face in March 2025.

Victim Advocate J. Gillis (NOVA) extended his assistance with reviewing new rule proposals.

*Training Committee Report:* Commissioner K. Ransom (OH) stated that the Training Committee will meet on February 12, 2025.

*ABM Planning Workgroup Report:* Commissioner J. López (WI) reported that the ABM Workgroup will meet virtually in February to start working on the agenda for the upcoming Annual Business Meeting. The group will then meet in person in March to focus on finalizing the agenda and its delivery.

*East Region Report:* Commissioner D. Crook (VT) stated that the East Region had not met since the last Executive Committee meeting and did not have any additional rule proposals to consider.

*Midwest Region Report:* Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) stated that the Midwest Region met in December 2024 and January 2025 and discussed rule proposals submitted by the State of Minnesota. The region forwarded three proposals to the Rules Committee for consideration at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting.

*South Region Report:* Commissioner S. Turner (KY) stated that the South Region met on December 10, 2024, to follow up on its rule proposals discussion from the annual business meeting. The region approved one proposal and decided to make further clarification to another one. The region will meet again to vote on the new revision to the proposal to amend Rule 2.106 on January 21.

*West Region Report:* Commissioner T. Link (AK) reported that the West Region had not met since the last Executive Committee meeting and did not have any additional rule proposals to consider.

Executive Director A. Lippert informed the Committee that the RNR Workgroup is currently addressing issues related to remote hearings, mandatory retaking, and absconder rules. The workgroup has requested that all regions participate in a poll. The national office has already conducted an in-meeting poll with the Midwest Region and will conduct another one during the South Region meeting next week. As the East and West regions do not have scheduled meetings, the national office will poll these regions via email.

*Executive Director Report:* Executive Director A. Lippert presented her report to the committee:

*Commissioners' appointments:*

- New Commissioners: Antonio DeJesus (CA), Chad Gambrell (SC), and Rene Hinojosa (TX).

*Compliance:*

- The national office received an official complaint from the State of Washington against the State of Idaho regarding Idaho's failure to issue a warrant for an absconder. The Compliance Committee will meet in February to review the complaint.

*Other Business:*

- Executive Director A. Lippert recently presented on the Compact Documentary "The Road Home" along with filmmaker Devin Tau at the American Correctional Association (ACA) conference earlier this month in Florida. The presentation was well-received. The Florida Foundation for Correctional Excellence reached out to schedule a meeting with filmmaker D. Tau and Executive Director A. Lippert.
- Montana has a longstanding statute that reads "*Article VIII: (2) A rule proposed or adopted by the commission is not binding on this state unless adopted by the department.*"

Per consultation with Legal Counsel T. Travis, Montana has little leverage to enforce this statute, as it runs counter to the core principles of the Compact. While this statute remains in place, it is unlikely to impede the Commission's overall objectives.

- The ICAOS Directors and Officers insurance has been renewed, but with a change to the coverage limit. The policy is now set at a lower coverage limit than previously approved due to

the increase in overall costs. As a result, the Commission's annual renewals this year were slightly lower.

Committee members discussed whether to incur the costs for added coverage and the industry standard for Directors and Officers insurance coverage. Members also noted that each commissioner is also covered under their respective state's liability insurance.

**Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to maintain coverage at the lower limit per the December renewal and industry standards. Commissioner G. Roberge (CT) seconded. Motion passed.**

- The committee reviewed the available hotels in the Midwest region to host the 2026 Annual Business Meeting. The national office reached out to 46 hotels in 10 cities in the Midwest Region. Fewer hotels offer government per diem rates; it is easier to receive one in a larger city as their government per diem rates are higher than in other cities.
  - Voco Chicago Downtown (Chicago, IL): estimated budget of \$320.2K
  - Sheraton Indianapolis City Center Hotel (Indianapolis, IN): estimated budget of \$258.8K
  - InterContinental St. Paul Riverfront (St. Paul, MN): estimated budget of \$290K
  - The Royal Sonesta Minneapolis (Minneapolis, MN): estimated budget of \$275.7K
  - Omaha Marriott Downtown Capital District (Omaha, NE): estimated budget of \$310.1K
  - Hyatt Regency Milwaukee (Milwaukee, WI): estimated budget of \$248.9K

The committee discussed the importance of maintaining fiscal responsibility and decided to further explore options in both Minneapolis and Milwaukee.

**Commissioner C. Moore (GA) moved to approve the two Minnesota locations as the 1<sup>st</sup> choice and the Milwaukee location as the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice to host the 2026 Annual Business Meeting. Commissioner S. Kreamer (IA) seconded. Motion passed.**

*Victim Advocate Report:* Victim Advocate J. Gillis (NOVA) noted the Commission received a lot of positive exposure due to the Peyton Tuthill Award given to Senator Kyl at the last ABM. No significant meetings have happened since the last Executive Committee meeting.

### **Old/New Business**

*RNR Workgroup Update:* Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) provided an update on the RNR Workgroup's progress. The workgroup meets monthly and is scheduled for an in-person meeting in February. During its most recent meeting, the workgroup reviewed Chapters 4 and 5 of the ICAOS Rules, focusing on language that mandates retaking and prohibits situational decision-making, as well as the absconder rules. At the next meeting, the workgroup will work on developing the violation matrix tool.

Executive Director A. Lippert informed the Executive Committee that she has been summoned for jury duty in February and may not be immediately available.

**Adjourn**

**Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to adjourn. Commissioner C. Moore (GA) seconded.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m. ET.

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