



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

Midwest Region Meeting MINUTES

April 28, 2025 · 1:00 pm ET · Teleconference

Members in Attendance:

1. Amy Vorachek (ND), Chair
2. Melissa Smith (IL)
3. Sally Kreamer (IA)
4. Chris Biehn (IN)
5. Megan Milner (KS)
6. Tracy Hudrlik (MN)
7. Russell Marlan (MI)
8. Jacey Rader (NE)
9. Katrina Ransom (OH)
10. Bradley Lewandowski (SD)

Members not in Attendance:

11. Joselyn López (WI)

Guests:

1. Holly Kassube (IL)
2. April Simmons (IN)
3. Simona Hammond (IA)
4. Fareeda Washington (KS)
5. Daryn Cobb (MI)
6. Susan Barnard (NE)
7. Sally Reinhardt-Stewart (NE)
8. Alyssa Miller (ND)
9. Sarah Spader (SD)
10. Chuck Frieberg (SD)
11. Suzanne Brooks (OH)
12. Matt Reed (PA)
13. Brenna Kojis (WI)

Staff

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

Call to Order

Chair A. Vorachek (ND) called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm ET. Ten out of eleven commissioners were in attendance. A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A motion by Commissioner S. Kreamer (IA) to approve the meeting's agenda was adopted.

A motion by Commissioner J. Rader (NE) to approve the meeting's minutes from January 14, 2025, was adopted.

Discussion

Rule proposals for the Commission's consideration at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting: Commissioner and Rules Committee Chair T. Hudrlik (MN) presented rule proposals to the regional members (see Attachment 1). The Commission will vote on these proposals at the upcoming Annual Business Meeting. Committee members are requested to submit their comments on the Rule Proposal Forum by June 2, 2025.

Commissioner R. Marlan (MI) stated he would vote against the proposal to amend Rule 1.101 Definition of Absconding. He noted that Michigan has specific policies and statutory language addressing absconding, including timeframes and conditions for issuing warrants. He expressed concern that the proposed rule language narrows the exception to "victim safety," whereas Michigan's policy references broader public safety, potentially creating a conflict with existing procedures.

DCA H. Kassube (IL) expressed concern about the proposal to revise Rule 1.101 Definition of Revocation, noting that when read in conjunction with Rule 3.103 Revocation Proceedings, it implies that a court hearing is required which may not align with their state's procedures.

Commissioner T. Hudrlik (MN) noted that both the Midwest and South regions submitted proposals to amend Rule 5.101-2. The Rules Committee combined both proposals into one proposal.

A motion by Commissioner B. Lewandowski (SD) to withdraw a proposal to amend Rule 5.101-2 was adopted.

Old/New Business

There was no old business.

Executive Director A. Lippert asked commissioners to consider nominating candidates for Peyton Tuthill Award for victim advocacy work and Spirit Sighting Award. The recipients of these awards will be recognized at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting in Puerto Rico.

The agenda for the 2025 Annual Business Meeting will be posted on the Commission's website in mid-May. Registration will open in July.

Adjourn

A motion by Commissioner M. Smith (IL) to adjourn was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm ET.