



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

Midwest Region Meeting MINUTES

July 15, 2025 · 11:00 am ET · Teleconference

Members in Attendance:

1. Amy Vorachek (ND), Chair
2. Melissa Smith (IL)
3. Chris Biehn (IN)
4. Megan Milner (KS)
5. Tracy Hudrlik (MN)
6. Jacey Rader (NE)
7. Katrina Ransom (OH)
8. Bradley Lewandowski (SD)
9. Joselyn López (WI)

Members not in Attendance:

10. Sally Kreamer (IA)
11. Russell Marlan (MI)

Guests:

1. Holly Kassube (IL)
2. April Simmons (IN)
3. Natally Sevilla (IN)
4. Simona Hammond (IA)
5. Fareeda Washington (KS)
6. Susan Barnard (NE)
7. Sally Reinhardt-Stewart (NE)
8. Alyssa Miller (ND)
9. Sarah Spader (SD)
10. Chuck Frieberg (SD)
11. Brenna Kojis (WI)

Staff

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Barno Saturday, Logistics and Administrator Coordinator
3. Xavier Donnelly, ICOTS Project Manager
4. Mindy Spring, Operations Manager
5. Suzanne Brooks, Education and Implementation Manager
6. Drake Greeott, Web Development Manager

Call to Order

Chair A. Vorachek (ND) called the meeting to order at 11:00 am ET. Nine out of eleven commissioners were in attendance. A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A motion by Commissioner K. Ransom (OH) to approve the meeting's agenda was adopted.

A motion by Commissioner B. Lewandowski (SD) to approve the meeting's minutes from April 28, 2025, was adopted.

Discussion

At its previous meeting, the Rules Committee reviewed feedback on the Midwest Region's proposed amendments. The Midwest Region reviewed recommended changes, as outlined in *Addendum*.

A motion by Commissioner K. Ransom (OH) was adopted as follows: accept the Rules Committee's recommendations to change (c) to 'documentation or details,' decrease the timeframe in section (d) to 10 business days and expand the timeframe in section (e) to 90 calendar days in the proposal to amend Rule 3.103.

A motion by Commissioner B. Levandowski (SD) was approved as follows: approve Rules Committee's recommended changes to the proposal to amend Rule 3.102 & 3.XXX (NEW RULE): Mandatory reporting instructions for supervised individuals released from incarceration in the receiving state based on the timeline and references to other rules.

A motion by Commissioner M. Smith (IL) was approved as follows: accept the Rules Committee's recommendation to re-word (b)(2) to mirror existing rule language referencing virtual hearings in the proposal to create a new rule 3.XXX reporting instructions for sex offenders.

Old/New Business

Commission's Update: DCA S. Hammond (IA) provided an update on the INSITE (Interstate National System for Information, Tracking, and Enforcement) project. The JAD workgroup and Optimum have been meeting weekly to support the development of the new system, scheduled for launch by the end of next year.

At the upcoming Annual Business Meeting (ABM), the national office will host an information table to share screenshots of the new system and information about its features and progress.

Upcoming Region Chair Election: Region Chair elections are held every 2 years during the ABM. All commissioners within the region are eligible to run or nominate others. If there are multiple nominees, an election will be conducted by anonymous ballot.

Chair A. Vorachek (ND) announced her intent to seek re-election and encouraged others to consider running.

Violation Framework Update: Chair A. Vorachek (ND) presented an update on the RNR Workgroup. In partnership with the Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP), the workgroup is creating a matrix-based tool that considers violation severity, offender risk level, and stabilizing factors (e.g., housing, employment, treatment compliance) to guide fair, consistent, and evidence-based responses.

The RNR Workgroup also proposed rule amendments to increase flexibility, promote fairness, and modernize Compact policies. These changes emphasize responsive supervision over rigid compliance and aim to enhance reintegration and public safety.

The proposed rule package and Violation Response Framework will be presented at the 2025 ABM, followed by pilot testing in select states and full implementation pending Commission approval in 2026.

Advisory Opinion Disclaimer Update: The Executive Committee approved the addition of a formal disclaimer to ICAOS Advisory Opinions, reaffirming their status as interpretations of Compact rules. This step addresses concerns raised by the Training Committee over inconsistent recognition of Advisory Opinions legal authority in the field.

The disclaimer aims to ensure Advisory Opinions are upheld consistently, thereby promoting clarity, legal certainty, and uniform rule implementation across member states.

2025 Annual Business Meeting: Some states reported challenges obtaining out-of-state travel approval to attend the 2025 ABM in Puerto Rico. Commissioners facing such issues may contact the national office to request a formal letter to support their travel authorization process.

State Council Webinar: The Training Committee, in collaboration with the State of Florida, will host a State Council Webinar in early August. The webinar will provide guidance on:

- Forming and structuring effective state councils
- Strategies for recruiting and retaining members
- Best practices from Florida's state council
- Examples of successful advocacy and interagency collaboration

Commissioners, deputy compact administrators, state council members, and stakeholders committed to improving interstate collaboration and public safety are encouraged to attend.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 am ET.