



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

East Region Meeting Notes

May 14, 2019 · 2 pm ET
WebEx

Members in Attendance:

1. Dale Crook (VT), Chair
2. Gary Roberge (CT)
3. Patrick Delahanty (ME)
4. Samuel Plumeri (NJ)
5. Robert Maccarone (NY)
6. Raquel Colon (PR)

Members not in Attendance:

1. Jim Elder (DE)
2. [Vacant] (MA)
3. [Vacant] (NH)
4. Linda Rosenberg (PA)
5. Patricia Coyne-Fague (RI)
6. [Vacant] (VI)

Guests:

1. Natalie Latulippe (CT)
2. Fred Watton (CT)
3. Denis Clark (ME)
4. Robin Stacy (NJ)
5. Jim Carswell (NY)
6. Matthew Reed (PA)
7. Ingrid Siliezar (RI)
8. Donna Pratt (VT)

Call to Order

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm ET. Six commissioners were present, a quorum was not established.

Discussion

Executive Committee Update: Executive Director A. Lippert provided an Executive Committee update to the region:

The Executive Committee met face-to-face on March 19, 2019 in Louisville, KY. The committee approved the 2019 ABM agenda. The agenda is available on the commission's website and includes Rule Proposals Discussion, Supervision in the Receiving State session, Opioid Initiative Panel, Ex-Officio Presentation, Executive Session for Commissioners, DCA Session, and face-

to-face committee meetings. The Training Committee and the DCA Liaison Committee were tasked to work on the 2019 Annual Business Meeting content.

The Executive Committee instructed ICAOS Legal Counsel to write an advisory opinion to address questions raised by the DCA Liaison Committee around reopening absconder cases.

The national office completed a comprehensive review of 52 ICAOS advisory opinions – sixteen opinions were retired due to the issues being resolved via rule changes or no longer being applicable; six opinions were revised; and thirty had no recommended changes.

The ICAOS Bench Book underwent a thorough editorial revision. The Bench Book was originally drafted in 2005 and while updated for rule amendments, no additional commentary or editorial review had occurred since. The recent review rewrote chapters 1 and 5; checked all case law references for accuracy; and reviewed and edited all chapters for grammar, tense, consistency, and clarity. The national office is working on a searchable website tool to cross reference the Bench Book with advisory opinions, rules, white papers, and trainings.

In April, the national office launched the ICAOS Dashboard Compliance Email Notifications. The email includes a snapshot of the graphs for each of the six monitored compliance standards, as well as a PDF attachment containing the entire report. This eliminated the need to login to review the state's compliance status. These screenshots will help compact members to identify areas of compliance that need attention. If a state chooses to examine their compliance performance in more detail, a link to the ICAOS Dashboards is included at the bottom of the email.

The Rules Committee met face-to-face on April 9, 2019 in Louisville, KY. The committee discussed the rule proposals to post on the commission's website. The proposals will be available for review and comments from May 1- July 1, 2019.

New Business

Commissioner R. Maccarone (NY) complemented the Rules Committee for their productive work at their face-to-face meeting. He inquired about a discussion at the last Rules Committee meeting to give states an ability to use the ICOTS data to develop IVINS-like criteria to produce victim notifications. He added that large states need a system in place to manage this process.

Executive Director A. Lippert reminded the region that based on the Commission's decision at the last Annual Business Meeting, IVINS was disabled and there is no longer a data connection for notifications from ICOTS.

Commissioner R. Colon (PR) inquired whether states imposed offender application fees and if they had exemptions for indigent offenders.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that the region members can find detailed information on fees and exemptions on the Commission's website.

DCA D. Clark (ME) stated that Maine had a \$100 offender application fee that was waived if an offender was indigent. This fund is controlled by the Director of Adult Community Probation and is used for equipment and trainings.

Old Business

Chair D. Crook (VT) stated that the discussion of the ad hoc committee on warrant tracking brought up at the East Region meeting in October 2018, was premature and suggested tabling it. He stated that the FY 2020 audit focuses on the compliance of tracking warrants and the FY 2021 compliance audit revisits the warrants compliance based on the FY2020 audit results.

Commissioner R. Maccarone (NY) suggested calling the FY 2020 compliance audit a review and conducting an audit practice without regulation. He added in New York, audits had big impact on multiple administrative levels.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that she planned to bring this issue up at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting on May 15.

Commissioner G. Roberge (CT) noted that changing the title of the audit would make it less effective with states stakeholders.

No other states expressed concerns regarding the compliance audit title.

The East Region members decided to meet again in August 2019.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm ET.