



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION 2018 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort
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October 3, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair S. Andrews (OH) at 8:30 a.m. ET. The Florida Department of Corrections Honor Guard presented the flags.

Roll Call

Roll was called by Executive Director A. Lippert. Forty-nine out of fifty-three members were present, thereby constituting a quorum.

1. Alabama	Tom Langer, Commissioner
2. Alaska	Carrie Belden, Commissioner
3. Arizona	Dori Littler, Commissioner
4. Arkansas	<i>Not in attendance</i>
5. California	Anthony Pennella, Commissioner
6. Colorado	Merideth McGrath, Commissioner
7. Connecticut	Natalie Latulippe, Official Designee
8. Delaware	Jim Elder, Commissioner
9. District of Columbia	James Berry, Commissioner
10. Florida	Jenny Nimer, Commissioner
11. Georgia	Chris Moore, Commissioner
12. Hawaii	Dwight Sakai, Commissioner
13. Idaho	Denton Darrington, Commissioner
14. Illinois	Dara Matson, Commissioner
15. Indiana	Jane Seigel, Commissioner
16. Iowa	Charles Lauterbach, Commissioner
17. Kansas	Hope Cooper, Commissioner
18. Kentucky	Johnathan Hall, Commissioner
19. Louisiana	<i>Not in attendance</i>
20. Maine	Denis Clark, Official Designee
21. Massachusetts	Paul Treseler, Commissioner
22. Maryland	Joseph Clocker, Commissioner
23. Michigan	Russell Marlan, Commissioner
24. Minnesota	Allen Godfrey, Commissioner
25. Mississippi	Christy Guthertz, Commissioner

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26. Missouri	Anne Precythe, Commissioner
27. Montana	Cathy Gordon, Commissioner
28. Nebraska	Jacey Nordmeyer, Commissioner
29. Nevada	Shawn Arruti, Commissioner
30. New Hampshire	Mike McAlister, Commissioner
31. New Jersey	Samuel Plumeri, Commissioner
32. New Mexico	Roberta Cohen, Commissioner
33. New York	Robert Maccarone, Commissioner
34. North Carolina	Tracy Lee, Official Designee
35. North Dakota	Amy Vorachek, Commissioner
36. Ohio	Sara Andrews, Commissioner
37. Oklahoma	<i>Not in attendance</i>
38. Oregon	Jeremiah Stromberg, Commissioner
39. Pennsylvania	Linda Rosenberg, Commissioner
40. Puerto Rico	Raquel Colon, Commissioner
41. Rhode Island	Ingrid Siliezar, Official Designee
42. South Carolina	<i>Not in attendance</i>
43. South Dakota	Doug Clark, Commissioner
44. Tennessee	<i>Not in attendance</i>
45. Texas	Brody Burks, Commissioner
46. Utah	James Hudspeth, Commissioner
47. Vermont	Dale Crook, Commissioner
48. Virginia	Jim Parks, Commissioner
49. Virgin Islands	Rick Mullgrav, Commissioner
50. Washington	Mac Pevey, Commissioner
51. West Virginia	Diann Skiles, Commissioner
52. Wisconsin	Joselyn Lopez, Commissioner
53. Wyoming	Coltan Harrington, Commissioner

Executive Director A. Lippert recognized ex-officio members:

- American Probation and Parole Association – Veronica Cunningham
- American Jail Association – *Not in attendance*
- Association of Paroling Authorities International – Joe Pacholski
- Association of Prosecuting Attorneys – David LaBahn
- Conference of State Court Administrators – *Not in attendance*
- Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision – Pat Tuthill
- Interstate Commission for Juveniles – Anne Conner
- International Association of Chiefs of Police – *Not in attendance*
- National Governors Association – *Not in attendance*
- National Conference of State Legislatures – *Not in attendance*
- National Organization of State Chief Justices – *Not in attendance*
- National Association of Attorneys General – *Not in attendance*
- National Organization of Crime Victims – *Not in attendance*
- National Institute of Corrections – *Not in attendance*
- National Organization for Victim Assistance – Chief Justice Richard Barajas
- National Association for Public Defense – *Not in attendance*

- National Association of Police Organizations – *Not in attendance*
- National Sheriffs' Association – *Not in attendance*

Approval of Agenda

Chair S. Andrews (OH) requested to amend the agenda by adding the Legal Counsel Report.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner A. Precythe (MO) seconded.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) moved to amend the agenda by adding the Victim Advocate Report to the agenda. Commissioner S. Arruti (NV) seconded.

Agenda approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner J. Rader (NE) moved to approve the ABM 2017 minutes as presented. Official Designee I. Siliezar (RI) seconded.

Minutes approved as presented.

Welcome & Overview

Chair S. Andrews (OH) welcomed the Commission members to Orlando, Florida.

Chair S. Andrews (OH) introduced Jenny Nimer, Commissioner of the State of Florida to deliver the welcome address.

Commissioner J. Nimer (FL) welcomed the Commission and introduced Julie Jones, Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections to deliver the keynote speech.

Chair S. Andrews (OH) instructed the Commission members on the rules and procedures of the meeting.

Training, Education & Public Relations Committee Report

Commissioner A. Precythe (MO), Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee Chair, expressed her gratitude toward the committee members, trainers, and the national office staff for their work throughout the year.

Training Committee Members: Commissioner Anne Precythe (MO); Commissioner James Parks (VA); Commissioner Roberta Cohen (NM); Commissioner Scott McCaffrey (ME); Commissioner Dara Matson (IL); Commissioner Chris Moore (GA); Commissioner Joseph Clocker (MD); Commissioner Russell Marlan (MI); Commissioner Hope Cooper (KS), Ex-officio Mark Patterson (OR); Ex-officio Sally Reinhardt-Stewart, (NE); and Ex-officio Tim Strickland (FL).

The Training Committee continues to improve and expand training efforts to assist states in educating criminal justice professionals involved in Interstate Compact business. This

year, the Training Committee provided the following trainings to over 5,000 individuals in total: Compact Staff training; General Rule training (via WebEx and On-demand); and *Promoting a Single Standard for Supervision* workshop at the APPA Winter Training Institute and at the APAI conference. The national office modernized On-demand modules making them available on mobile devices and updated all published and training documents and ICOTS system with 2018 rule amendments.

The Training Committee assisted the DCA Liaison Committee during its transitioning period to a new committee structure. The new DCA Liaison Committee consists of a DCA committee chair, four elected DCA region chairs, and additional region representatives.

In the upcoming year, the committee plans to assist the national office in a Bench Book revision, continue its ICOTS and Compact Staff trainings, and prepare the Compact states for FY 2020 compliance audit.

Commissioner A. Precythe (MO) reminded the states to use Commission's training tools and resources, share solutions among each other, and engage their state councils and cabinet members.

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to accept the Training, Education & Public Relations Committee Report. Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) seconded.

Motion passed.

Information Technology Report

Commissioner G. Roberge (CT), Information Technology Committee Chair, was unable to attend the meeting. Executive Director A. Lippert presented a report to the Commission on his behalf. The committee chair thanked the national office staff and the Information Technology Committee members for their service to the Committee: Commissioner Nancy Ware (DC), Commissioner Shawn Arruti (NV), Commissioner Mac Pevey (WA), Commissioner Joselyn Lopez (WI), DCA Natalie Latulippe (CT), DCA Tim Strickland (FL), DCA Matt Billinger (KS), DCA Candice Alfonso (NJ), DCA Felix Rosa (NY), and DCA Julie Lohman (VA).

In the past year, the committee worked on the following projects:

ICOTS System Update: Twenty enhancements and eight code releases were implemented in ICOTS this year. The implementation included managed electronic acceptance of ICOTS user agreement, tolling functionality, Compact workflow comments, and a system-driven process for subsequent transfers.

ICOTS Offender Photo Audit (July 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017): In March 2017, the Executive Committee approved photo quality standards adopted into the ICOTS Privacy Policy. The national office analyzed over 38,000 photos using *Amazon's Rekognition* photo software. Results of the audit were 65.4% (25,048 photos) met each photo quality

standard; 28.1% (10,777) met passing standards; and 6.5% (2,475 photos) did not meet photo quality standards.

Helpdesk Tickets: As a result of the national office's continuous improvement and stabilization of the ICOTS system, the number of helpdesk tickets reduced to 879 in FY 2018 compared to over 2000 in FY 2015.

FBI Data Sharing: Each month, the national office continues to export over 200,000 compact records to the FBI NDex data center. The records include offender case and offense information.

New and Improved Dashboards: The national office launched new compliance dashboards in December 2017 removing or consolidating 15 reports and creating 17 new reports.

Upcoming Projects: In the upcoming year, the committee will focus on 2019 ICOTS enhancements, ICOTS data exports, and data sharing opportunities. The committee will also continue its work on the NCIC initiative to improve the Wanted Person File related to Interstate Compact warrants and bond information for retaking purposes.

Executive Director A. Lippert invited commissioners to join the committee.

Commissioner M. Pevey (WA) moved to approve the Information Technology Committee Report as presented. Commissioner R. Mullgrav (VI) seconded.

Motion passed.

Compliance Committee Report

Commissioner A. Godfrey (MN), Compliance Committee chair, expressed his appreciation for national office staff and committee members' commitment and hard work: Commissioner Jacey Rader (NE), Commissioner James Hudspeth (UT), Commissioner Cathy Gordon (MT), Commissioner Amy Vorachek (ND), Commissioner Mike McAlister (NH), and Commissioner Hope Cooper (KS).

The Compliance Committee is responsible for monitoring compliance of member states with the terms of the Compact and the Commission rules. In addition, the committee is responsible for developing appropriate enforcement procedures for the Commission's consideration.

The committee supports proactive measures in addressing compliance concerns. This included promoting enhanced use of the new dashboard measures, conducting quarterly performance reviews, and ensuring compliance on issuing nationwide warrants.

States' adherence to the outcomes measured across the compliance dashboard continued to trend upward in four of the six primary categories. Between FY 2014 and FY 2018, significant compliance increases occurred in Progress Reports (10.7%) and Violation

Responses at (7.4%). While Case Closure Notices and RFRI Replies have leveled, they remain relatively high for compliance.

In the upcoming year, the committee will focus on reviewing quarterly dashboard audits, creating a template for filing a complaint, and providing tools for FY 2020 compliance audit on warrants.

Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) moved to accept the Compliance Committee report. Commissioner D. Clark (SD) seconded.

Motion passed.

Rules Committee Report

Commissioner J. Seigel (IN), Rules Committee Chair, thanked the Rules Committee members and the national office staff for their hard work: Commissioner Dori Littler (AZ); Commissioner Jenny Nimer (FL); Commissioner Chris Moore (GA); Commissioner Robert Maccarone (NY); Commissioner Doug Clark (SD); Commissioner Coltan Harrington (WY); Commissioner Shawn Arruti (NV); Commissioner Brody Burks (TX); Commissioner Linda Rosenberg (PA); DCA Tracy Hudrlik (MN); DCA Margaret Thompson (PA); DCA Tim Strickland (FL); and DCA Pat Odell (WY).

In the past year, the Rules Committee focused on reviewing the sex-offender definition and Rule 3.101-3. To evaluate the scope of the issue, the Rules Committee requested each region to discuss and evaluate the effectiveness of the sex offender related rules. The committee then appointed a sub-committee to look at the sex offender definition and rules.

Another issue the committee discussed in the past year, was the challenge presented by lifetime supervision, particularly if an offender was considered to be ‘unsupervised’ or whether the offender being a subject to revocation was impacted by a valid plan of supervision. The committee surveyed states to identify, which states have unsupervised/lifetime probation/parole, investigate relevant information regarding each state’s laws, and determine the powers by which a compact office interprets this type of supervision.

In conjunction with a previously approved ICOTS enhancement, the committee approved changes to the *Offender Application for Transfer* to remove the specific address the offender intended to reside in the receiving state.

In the upcoming year, the committee plans to continue its discussion on the victim notification rules and review proposals referred by the West and Midwest Regions.

Commissioner B. Burks (TX) moved to accept the Rules Committee report. Commissioner J. Rader (NE) seconded.

Motion passed.

Finance Committee Report

Commissioner C. Lauterbach (IA) recognized the Finance Committee members: Commissioner Christy Gutherz (MS), Commissioner Anthony Pennella (CA), and DCA Debbie Duke (TN).

Commissioner C. Lauterbach (IA) presented his report to the Commission. He stated that the Commission continued to be in excellent financial condition. The Commission finished FY 2018 3% under budget. The Commission did not have to access reserve funds in the last two years.

The balance in the Commission's cash accounts is \$1,724,927. This balance exceeds the Commission's benchmark of maintaining at least one year's annual budget in cash reserves. The bulk of this money, \$1,461,892, is maintained in a savings account currently paying 1.5% interest annually. The Commission also maintains investments in a long-term investment program involving two Vanguard funds. These funds include an investment grade bond fund and a total stock market index fund. The balance in these two Vanguard funds as of June 30, 2018 totals \$1,656,986. In FY 2018, the rate of return on these investments was 9.5%. Due to a gradually declining balance in the reserve fund, the Commission stopped making new contributions to the long-term investment program in FY 2015. In addition, the Commission maintains a separate legal reserve of \$50,000 to cover litigation expenses.

Commissioner C. Lauterbach (IA) stated that the Commission successfully completed a financial audit by an independent auditor. The auditor found the Commission in good financial status. The final audit letter is included in the FY 2018 Annual Report.

Commissioner C. Lauterbach (IA) presented FY 2020 budget for review and approval. The Commission had not increased membership dues since 2008 and no dues increase was recommended for FY 2020.

Commissioner C. Lauterbach (IA) moved to approve the FY 2020 budget. Commissioner D. Crook (VT) seconded.

Motion passed.

Chair S. Andrews (OH) informed the Commission that the Executive Committee restructured the DCA Liaison Committee by voting to appoint a Deputy Compact Administrator to lead the DCA Liaison Committee and serve as an Ex-Officio member of the Executive Committee.

DCA Liaison Committee Report

DCA T. Hudrlik (MN), DCA Liaison Committee chair, presented her report to the Commission. She thanked the national office and the committee members for their work: Natalie Latulippe (CT), Matt Billinger (KS), Julie Lohman (VA), Judy Mesick (ID), Margaret Thompson (PA), Simona Hammond (IA), Tim Strickland (FL), and Pat Odell (WY).

The DCA Liaison Committee's mission is to provide a mechanism for Deputy Compact Administrators to communicate concerns or needs and act as a liaison to improve the communication and relationship between Commissioners and DCAs.

The FY 2019 committee's goals include identifying issues or concerns affecting DCAs, support effective discussion to find resolution, and forward issues of relevance for referral to standing committees.

The committee assisted in planning and implementing the DCA Training Institute at the 2018 Annual Business Meeting.

The committee developed a quarterly DCA-focused newsletter that includes items such as staff highlights and recognition, new staff and retirement announcements, region reports, tip of the quarter and best practices, and highlights of difficult cases and resolutions between states. The first newsletter was launched in September.

The committee is responsible for the DCA Mentoring Program. The mentoring program is designed to coach, train, and counsel new and existing DCAs on the operations of a compact office and to provide guidance to DCAs, who need assistance resolving difficult compliance issues in their state. The mentoring program encourages active participation in Commission and regional activities and collaboration with member states to promote successful strategies and best practices.

Official Designee N. Latulippe (CT) moved to accept the DCA Liaison Committee report. Commissioner C. Belden (AK) seconded.

Motion passed.

ABM Planning Workgroup Report

Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) presented the workgroup report to the Commission. He thanked the workgroup members: Shawn Arruti (NV), Alisha James (TN), Tim Strickland (FL), Jenny Nimer (FL), Mark Patterson (OR), Jenna James (GA), Jim Hudspeth (UT), Roberta Cohen (NM), Suzanne Brooks (OH), Dori Littler (AZ), Matt Billinger (KS), Natalie Latulippe (CT), Margaret Thompson (PA), and Elizabeth Powell (DC).

The workgroup recommends an annual business meeting agenda to the Executive Committee for the upcoming year; reviews feedback from previous ABMs, region meetings, and additional input; considers emerging trends in supervision; provides support for the hosting state; and develops engagement activities at the ABM.

Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) noted that this year's annual business meeting agenda was primarily built on the recommendations from the post 2017 ABM survey. He encouraged commissioners to join the workgroup.

Commissioner M. Pevey (WA) moved to accept the ABM Workgroup report. Commissioner R. Maccarone (NY) seconded.

Motion passed.**Victims Advocate Report**

Victims Advocate P. Tuthill presented her report to the Commission.

Victims Advocate P. Tuthill attended the National Association of Victim Assistance in Corrections (NAVAC) annual conference in Boise, ID past June. She stated that based on information she collected at this meeting, most states had a victim notification system for local offenders. The majority of states did not have a victim notification system for interstate offenders.

Victims Advocate P. Tuthill is a member of the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) Project Advisory Board tasked to develop a web-based Best Practices Post-Conviction Victim Services Toolkit.

Chair S. Andrews (OH) accepted the Victims Advocate's Report on behalf of the Commission.

Legal Counsel Report

General Counsel Rick Masters stated that the Executive Committee voted to appoint a Deputy Compact Administrator to lead the DCA Liaison Committee and serve as an Ex-Officio member of the Executive Committee. General Counsel R. Masters presented an amendment to the Bylaws to accommodate this change. The Commission reviewed the Bylaws marked in red that clarified the new role of DCA Liaison Committee chair.

Section 1. Executive Committee.

The Commission may establish an executive committee, which shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Commission during the interim between Commission meetings, except for rulemaking or amendment of the Compact. The Committee shall be composed of all officers of the Interstate Commission, the chairpersons or vice-chairpersons of each committee, the regional representatives or designees, and the ex-officio victims' representative to the Interstate Commission. The immediate past chairperson of the Commission and the Chair of the DCA Liaison Committee shall also serve as ~~an~~ ex-officio, non-voting, members of the executive committee and ~~both~~ the ex-officio victims' representative, ~~and~~ immediate past chairperson, and Chair of the DCA Liaison Committee shall serve for a term of two years. The procedures, duties, budget, and tenure of such an executive committee shall be determined by the Commission. The power of such an executive committee to act on behalf of the Commission shall at all times be subject to any limitations imposed by the Commission, the Compact or these By-laws.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) moved to accept the amendment to ICAOS Bylaws Article VII Section 1 to change the DCA Liaison Chair status. Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) seconded.

Motion passed.

General Counsel R. Masters advised the Commission to enter executive session to discuss litigation matters.

Commissioner R. Maccarone (NY) moved to enter the executive session to discuss ongoing litigation case involving the Commission. Commissioner A. Precythe (MO) seconded.

Motion passed.

The Commission exited the executive session.

Chair S. Andrews (OH) accepted the legal counsel's report on behalf of the Commission.

The Commission recessed for face-to-face committee meetings at 10:15 am ET.

The Commission resumed the general session at 1:00 pm ET.

Interstate Compact Victim Notification Service (IVINS) Discussion

Chair S. Andrews (OH) opened a discussion on the continued support and use of the Commission's automated victim notification service, IVINS. The Commission's contract with Appriss for IVINS was set for renewal on December 1, 2018.

Chair S. Andrews (OH) advised the Commission to make a decision on whether to sustain a supplemental, automated victim notification service maintained by the national office or to develop processes and rules that enhance states utilizing their existing solutions for victim notification. Chair S. Andrews (OH) added that the Commission had no intention of eliminating victim notification and that the Commission's work was guided by its mission to manage the transfer of offenders in a manner that promotes effective supervision strategies consistent with public safety, offender accountability, and victims' rights.

Executive Director A. Lippert presented a timeline of events to the Commission. She stated that last year, the Commission signed an 18 month extension to the IVINS contract that expires on December 1, 2018. The reason behind the extension was to determine, if there was any usage increase after opening the public portal. Early this year, the Executive and Technology Committees began conversations on the effectiveness of IVINS. After four years, the system received minimal use, primarily because states used their own established and existing victim notification services.

Additionally, the national office was devoting a lot of staff time and resources towards this project.

Earlier this spring, Executive Director A. Lippert received a call from North Carolina citing a potential public safety concern with IVINS anonymous notifications, when an offender registers to receive them. An offender in North Carolina received a violation report notification, when he anonymously registered for his own IVINS notifications, and subsequently threatened his parole officer at the encounter. As a result, Appriss disabled the above notification.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that it was difficult to support IVINS. She noted that the Appriss team that developed and maintained IVINS was not the same team that worked on ICOTS. The IVINS team did not understand the complexity of the compact process and that the national office did not have an expertise in victim notification. She added that IVINS itself was a subscription service and the Commission did not own the software.

At its face-to-face meeting in March, the Executive Committee asked the Technology Committee to research the issue and provide a recommendation.

The Technology Committee assessed the system, looked at alternative methods of notifications, and polled the states on their victim notifications status. There was a lot of discussion in the region and committee meetings.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that one of the difficulties with managing this project was the lack of a functioning testing environment and Appriss developers not comprehending the complex compact process. State information for notifications were inaccurate, so testing scenarios for the correct sending and receiving state notifications cannot be properly run. The national office used a proper testing environment for ICOTS, to make changes and confirm bug fixes. Without a similar environment for IVINS, testing issues and confirming fixes were clumsy, inefficient, and time-consuming.

ICAOS owned the non-proprietary parts of ICOTS and Appriss provided hosting, support, maintenance, and ongoing development for the system. In regards to IVINS, ICAOS paid a subscription fee to participate in Appriss victim notification system, which they had modified heavily in order to meet the requirements of compact notifications. The ongoing development and “fixing of issues” for IVINS was not addressed in the subscription agreement.

Victims Advocate P. Tuthill stated that the majority of states did not have a victim notification system on interstate offenders. She urged the Commission to continue using IVINS and suggested the Commission put together a workgroup consisting of a few victim representatives to look at the issues involving IVINS notifications.

Commissioner R. Maccarone (NY) stated that the Commission came together to achieve public safety tasks that could not be completed effectively and efficiently as individual states. The IVINS system efficiently provided states with potential for victim notifications eliminating manual notification and resolving a public safety concern.

He stated that the cost of maintaining IVINS was a concern. He noted that 12.6% of ICOTS cases were determined to be victim sensitive, yet, only 2.9% of victim sensitive cases used IVINS for notifications. If all victim sensitive cases were entered in IVINS, the cost would be just over \$3 per case, looking at the Commission's mission, this cost was a small price to pay. He added that the cost of IVINS was a small fraction of Commission's reserve funds.

Commissioner R. Maccarone (NY) proposed the following:

1. Sign a one year extension with Appriss to give the Rules Committee an opportunity to review the rules around victim notifications.
2. Instruct the Rules Committee to create a national standard for all states through IVINS or state system
3. Develop a training program for states to implement the victim notifications
4. Develop resource materials to assist states to implement victim notifications and to educate other stakeholders, such as judges, district attorneys, paroling authorities, etc.
5. Audit the new standards, following a sufficient time period after the new rule implementation.

Commissioner R. Maccarone (NY) added that Commission's business was victims and community safety, and by keeping IVINS, states had an opportunity and authority to implement real and lasting changes.

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) inquired about a non-disclosure agreement Appriss had asked for as part of the renewal and how it affected the Compact, as well as what the cost for an additional national office staff member to oversee a victim notification system would be.

Legal Counsel R. Masters stated that a non-disclosure agreement was a one sided agreement where all liability would be solely and completely shifted to the Commission. Appriss agreed to omit the non-disclosure agreement this year, but would more than likely extend the agreement the next time the Commission was required to sign a contract.

Legal Counsel R. Masters recommends against signing a non-disclosure agreement.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that an estimated cost to employ an additional staff member would be about \$50-60K annually.

Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) stated that each state had its own laws and regulations. It would be burdensome for the national office to build and regulate a system that would

notify victims in accordance to states' local laws especially given the one year time restraint.

He added that the Commission was not in a good position to negotiate on the IVINS contract with Appriss. He spoke against sustaining IVINS in its current form.

Commissioner L. Rosenberg (PA) stated that Pennsylvania employed Appriss on a large scale. She inquired if it was possible to connect local VINE system with IVINS system.

ICOTS Manager X. Donnelly stated that Appriss used the existing VINE infrastructure to work on IVINS workflow. However, the systems were different and did not intersect. The VINE system was relatively simple from a functional standpoint. Notifications were sent on the incarceration status of an offender: in custody, out of custody, and escaped. IVINS provided notifications on the entire compact process, which included exceptions to rules.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that Appriss informed the national office that they would not keep IVINS for use by individual states.

Commissioner A. Godfrey (MN) spoke for dealing with the victim notification issue on a state level. IVINS did not meet MN Victims Unit's requirements. They recommended for IVINS to go through significant modifications to suit their needs and ultimately get victims to register in IVINS.

Commissioner C. Belden (AK) inquired whether states' victim notification system, VINE, and Commission level notification system, IVINS, were connected and could share entered information.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that two systems did not connect nor interact with each other, and in both systems victims enter their information themselves.

Official Designee N. Latulippe (CT) spoke on behalf of Gary Roberge, Technology Committee Chair. The Executive Committee asked the Technology Committee to research the issue and provide their recommendation. As the Technology Committee chair, Gary Roberge kept it neutral, and did not influence the committee discussion by the testing results in his own state.

The victim safety was an important aspect of the Compact's mission and since the last year, the Commission tried to increase the states' usage of IVINS. Despite the communication, training, and information efforts, only a handful of states used the system. The system worked for these states, however, the Commission needed to decide if it was allocating resources appropriately.

The Connecticut Compact Office invested a lot of manpower in testing this system. The notifications were confusing, untimely, and inaccurate. After the reported coding errors were fixed, other errors would surface.

If the Commission decided to keep the system, then it needed to reduce the number of notifications.

She added that because of the complexity of the issue, the Technology Committee was unable to make a recommendation regarding the IVINS system.

Official Designee T. Lee (NC) asked for a better vetting process of who was signing up to receive these notifications, to eliminate the abuse of information as it happened in North Carolina earlier this year.

Commissioner J. Nimer (FL) stated that Florida was very active in VINE and IVINS. She emphasized the importance of training and circulation of information. She concurred with New York's five step proposal and asked to postpone the decision for one year.

Commissioner J. Seigel (IN) feared that the Commission entered in the IVINS agreement prematurely. She recommended the Commission evaluate the victim notification standards and then design a system based on those standards.

Commissioner A. Precythe (MO) expressed her concerns about the nondisclosure part of the IVINS agreement.

Legal Counsel R. Masters clarified that the nondisclosure agreement was not required for the renewal of IVINS at this time. However, there was potential that one would be required in the future. He expressed his concerns about the nondisclosure agreement and recommended against signing it.

Commissioner B. Burks (TX) spoke for creating victim notification standards that worked for all states.

Commissioner C. Gordon (MT) stated that the Montana Compact Office discovered misuse of IVINS system when gang members signed up to receive the victim notifications to track other gang members.

Victims Advocate P. Tuthill inquired about the different IVINS notifications offered and whether reducing the number of notification would simplify the system management.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that the national office logged reported issues with IVINS. She added that lack of a testing environment and developers' unfamiliarity with the complex compact process made it very difficult to manage this piece of technology. A reduction in notifications would help simplify the system, but that other issues remained.

Commissioner J. Parks (VA) stated that IVINS filled the void for states who cannot provide the victims notifications on their own. He added that Virginia used IVINS extensively. He agreed that the Commission should ensure the accurate information in IVINS.

Commissioner R. Cohen (NM) stated that NM victim offices reported on inaccurate and untimely IVINS victim notifications received by victims in their state.

Commissioner S. Arruti (NV) noted that states understood the importance of the victim notifications, however, Appriss had not provided a system that met Commission's requirements.

Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) stated that this issue should be dealt on the state level.

Victims Advocate P. Tuthill noted that many states used their own victim notification system, however, these systems did not address the unique interstate movement of offenders overseen by the Compact, and therefore it should not be seen as a state issue. She added that the Compact's mission was to protect the public, which includes protecting victims.

Commissioner M. Pevey (WA) expressed his concerns about the nondisclosure agreement and advised against making premature decisions.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) noted that many states were already in compliance with the victim notification rules, otherwise the Commission would have seen cases related to the noncompliance by now. She stated that Arizona complied with this rule manually. It manually notified AZ victims in the way they request – certified letter, emails, texts, etc. She recommended revising the rules to create a national standard that worked the best for all states.

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to discontinue the IVINS agreement and instruct the Rules Committee to evaluate notification rule and look for other options and solutions needed for this Compact and present it at the next Annual Business Meeting. Commissioner P. Treseler (MA) seconded.

Commissioner S. Andrews (OH) amended the motion by adding “to evaluate victim notification rule”. Commissioner D. Crook (VT) and Commissioner P. Treseler (MA) accepted the amendment.

Motion passed by vote 42 to 5.

Award Presentations

Executive Chair Award presented to Commissioner S. Arruti (NV) by Chair S. Andrews (OH).

Executive Director Award presented to DCA M. Thompson (PA) by Executive Director A. Lippert and Commissioner L. Rosenberg (PA).

Peyton Tuthill Award presented to Victim Advocate Susan Smith (FL) in recognition of her service and commitment to victims by Chair S. Andrews (OH), Secretary of the

Florida Department of Corrections J. Jones, Commissioner J. Nimer (FL), and Victims Advocate P. Tuthill.

Chair S. Andrews (OH) thanked the Commission members for the privilege to serve as their Chair. She recognized the Executive Committee members for their dedication and leadership.

Election

Commissioner D. Crook (VT), the nomination committee spokesperson, presented the following slate of nominees for Commission officers and asked the nominees to accept the nominations:

- Chair – Jeremiah Stromberg accepted the nomination.
- Vice-chair – Hope Cooper accepted the nomination.
- Treasurer – Gary Roberge accepted the nomination.

Chair S. Andrews (OH) asked for the nominations from the floor. No other nominations were received.

Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) and Commissioner H. Cooper (KS) spoke briefly to the Commission.

Commissioner D. Darrington (ID) moved to close the nomination and accept the presented slate by acclamation. Commissioner A. Precythe (MO) seconded.

Motion passed.

Chief Justice R. Barajas (NOVA) administered the oath of office to newly elected officers and a region chair: Jeremiah Stromberg – chair, Hope Cooper – vice-chair, and Roberta Cohen – West Region Chair.

Adjourn

Commissioner S. Andrews (OH) moved to adjourn. Commissioner C. Belden (AK) seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm ET.