W. Theriault called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Four of six members were present, establishing a quorum.
J. Seigel made a motion to approve the January 29, 2007 minutes. G. Powers seconded. B. Martinez abstained because of Pennsylvania’s involvement. Minutes approved.

W. Theriault asked the Committee what it thought of the sufficiency of the response from Texas. B. Martinez asked if the Committee was at a point where it should approve the response from Texas. W. Theriault replied that the Committee was not.

There was discussion of the letters cc'ed to the Compliance Committee Chair from New Mexico and Arizona addressed to Texas. R. Grimes indicated that Texas had responded to those letters and is working with those two states to resolve the issues raised.

W. Theriault asked if the Pennsylvania Action Plan is a matter of public record, and if the plan should be made available to all Commission member states. D. Blackburn stated that the plans could be forwarded once approved by the Committee.

W. Theriault stated that the Committee would be taking a vote on the Corrective Action plans of Pennsylvania and Texas at the face-to-face meeting in May. He asked R. Grimes to provide the Committee with the most up-to-date information available prior to that meeting.

D. Blackburn noted that the Texas plan does not indicate whether Texas will be looking to the National Office to help with compliance issues. He expressed concern that the state will be unable to provide enough training without assistance.

W. Theriault noted that live training is better for probation and parole staff.

W. Theriault asked if the Committee had comments on the Pennsylvania Corrective Action Plan.

B. Martinez stated that M. Thompson is the contact person for Pennsylvania.

M. Thompson stated that she and an Allegheny County official would be conducting the audit, and asked if the Committee felt that would be sufficiently objective.

D. Blackburn stated that Pennsylvania could have a liaison if that was what Chair L. Lucey had in mind. G. Powers suggested the Committee discuss this at the May meeting.

W. Theriault stated that neither state’s plans provided a plan to prevent future Compact violations. He stated that he believed the Committee should develop an audit process to be standard for all member states.

V. Jakes indicated that Texas put a plan of action in their response; however Pennsylvania did not put a plan of action in their response only steps taken to this point. Pennsylvania did not include what they plan to do to be informed of Compact Rules.

M. Thompson from PA responded that she included a plan for the future when the response was written, but was advised by legal counsel to take out since the complaint was against Allegheny County.

B. Martinez indicated that they can take care of the concerns mentioned and direct more globally.

J. Siegel agreed that the complaint was specific to Allegheny County but there was no harm in discussing an ongoing plan.

M. Thompson stated that she would get an addendum to the Committee by May.

D. Blackburn stated that Chair L. Lucey is pleased with the proactive actions that Pennsylvania has taken.
Audit Process
- W. Theriault asked if the National Office was recognizing W. Rankin for his work on the audit process. He then described the exercise audit in Arkansas. He indicated that the audit was supposed to be a self-assessment tool.
- W. Theriault then asked what the National Office was looking for the Committee to do in regards to the audit process at the face-to-face meeting. He asked if the Committee should form an Ad Hoc Committee.
- D. Blackburn stated that it was an issue that Chair L. Lucey wanted the whole Committee to address.

Old Business
- R. Grimes stated that the Texas audit was conducted by Community Justice Assistance, and that she does not have their findings yet. She stated that she would forward those results to the National Office once they were complete.

New Business
- W. Theriault discussed creating a policy that Commissioners not respond to emails from individuals not associated with the Compact such as attorneys or offenders. He suggested that the policy recommend that all communication should be forwarded to the National Office. He asked the National Office to draft and distribute a policy regarding these communications.
- D. Blackburn stated that the National Office would draw up a policy and present it to the Executive Committee.
- R. Masters stated his agreement with the policy.

- J. Seigel made a motion to adjourn. B. Martinez seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.