Members in attendance:
1. Scott McCaffery ME, Chair
2. Karl Hines DE
3. Mike McAlister NH
4. James Plousis NJ
5. Andrea Evans NY
6. Lloyd White PA

Members not in attendance:
1. Josh Wall MA
2. Raquel Colon PR
3. A.T. Wall RI
4. Leo Arnone CT
5. Warrington Chapman VI
6. Dale Crook VT

Guests:
1. Margaret Thompson
2. Craig Schindewolf
3. Caitlin Casey
4. Semona Childs
5. Kevin Keith
6. Matthew Charton
7. Tony Champion
8. Kevin Dunphy
9. Laura Queenan
10. Gary Tullock
11. Nicole Aldi
12. Jeanne Stewart
13. Wade Johnson

Staff:
1. Harry Hageman
2. Sam Razor

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3. Kevin Terry
4. Barno Saturday
5. Xavier Donnelly

**Call to Order**
Commissioner S. McCaffery (ME) called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm EST. Six out of twelve members were present, a quorum was not established.

**Approval of Agenda**
DCA M. Thompson requested adding the Sex Offender Rule to the agenda.

Commissioner M. McAlister (NH) moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner J. Plousis (NJ) seconded.

The agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes**
Commissioner S. McCaffery (ME) postponed the approval of the minutes from Sept 13 and Nov 17 until the next meeting, due to lack of quorum.

**Discussion**
*Mandatory Retaking Update:* Commissioner J. Plousis (NJ) stated that he was surprised by the numbers collected by the National Office and believes a bigger section of offenders should be examined to receive more accurate results.

Executive Director H. Hageman stated that the reported numbers are not all inclusive due to how data is captured in ICOTS. For instance, retaken absconders are not included.

Commissioner J. Plousis (NJ) suggested repealing the rule on mandatory retaking.

Commissioner M. McAlister (NH) stated that NH’s retaking has increased as well, and the presented statistics are misleading.

DCA K. Dunphy (RI) spoke for repealing the rule.

DCA M. Thompson (PA) stated that based on some reports collected by the National Office per Pennsylvania’s behalf, a large number of cases was terminated by courts in pursuit to avoid the costly retaking.

*Sex Offender Rule:* DCA M. Thompson (PA) inquired about the status of the Sex Offender Ad Hoc Committee.

Commissioner G. Tullock (TN), Rules Committee Chair, spoke with Chairman M. Gilliam about creating an Ad Hoc Committee on Sex Offenders as it was suggested at the Annual Business Meeting in Montgomery, AL. Chairman M. Gilliam advised rewriting the rule proposal, rather than creating a new ad hoc committee.

DCA K. Dunphy (RI) volunteered to help Pennsylvania to rewrite the proposal.

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Commissioner G. Tullock (TN), Rules Committee Chair, explained the rule amendment process and procedures to the Region.

**Committees Update**

*Rules Committee:* Commissioner G. Tullock (TN), Rules Committee Chair, stated that the East Region commissioners are not represented in the Rules Committee. Commissioner L. White (PA) volunteered to serve on the Committee.

*Compliance Committee:* Commissioner M. McAlister (NH), Compliance Committee Chair, stated that the Compliance Committee is in the process of reviewing two outstanding cases – Beasley and Wiggins’ cases to determine whether there was a rule violation and how to prevent it in the future.

Commissioner M. McAlister (NH) informed the Region that the Executive Committee terminated the Incident Report process.

Executive Director H. Hageman presented the following committees’ update:

*Technology Committee:* ICOTS RFP went out for bid on Monday February 13, 2012 to 10 vendors and was posted on 9 different websites. The responses are due on March 16, 2012. The RFP is available to view on the Commission’s website.

The *DCA Liaison Committee* has not met yet.


**Executive Committee Report:**

- Commissioner Vacancies - West Virginia is in the process of filling the position
- Nine of 14 audits will be complete as of the end of February. Improvements are seen in many states when compared to the last audit.
- Requested two legal opinions –
  - Posted 1-2012
  - Commissioner Ege, AZ request clarification with regard to the language in the amended version of Rule 3.105 that states, “Offender’s planned release from a correctional facility.”
- Complaints and Investigations
  - OH and TX
    - Beasley’s case review is ongoing. The National Office received reports from both TX and OH
  - MN vs. GA
    - MN complained an offender was in MN without transferred supervision. The GA judge dismissed the offender’s supervision and as a result resolved the compliant
  - AZ vs. GA
    - Complaint involved a lack of a warrant being issued. The states were able to resolve the issue
  - WA vs. ID
    - Complaint involved a lack of a warrant being issued. The states were able to resolve the issue

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- **WA vs. GA**
  - We are still waiting for investigative reports regarding the Wiggin’s case from WA
  - GA Corrective Action Plan was received
- Legislation and Media Attention
  - The sponsor of TN legislation to withdraw from the Compact is withdrawing her bill after meeting with Commissioner G. Tullock and other Tennessee DOC officials
- Bureau of Justice Statistics requested some ICOTS information to complete its annual Probation and Parole survey.
- 2013 ABM Site Selection – based on the attendees’ feedback from the last couple of years, the National Office searched for a venue in a large city in the East Region. The Executive Committee narrowed its choices to Pittsburgh (PA) and Boston (MA).

**States Update**

*Pennsylvania:* The State Council plans to vote on an application fee at its upcoming meeting.

*Delaware:* The State Council will meet in March 2012.

*New Hampshire:* The legislative session is in progress – possible changes that can influence NH DOC.

*New York* is working on the audit response. NY is considering imposing an application fee.

*Maine* plans to have its State Council meeting in the upcoming months.

**New Business**

Commissioner S. McCaffery (ME) plans to schedule another region meeting in the upcoming months.

Rhode Island suggested emailing the Region a few options for a meeting date to ensure the best participation.

**Adjourn**

Commissioner A. Evans (NY) made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner J. Plousis (NJ) seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm EST.