Members in attendance:
1. Rich Bitel (Chair, NY)
2. A. T. Wall (RI)
3. Benjamin Martinez (PA)
4. Jacqueline Kotkin (VT)
5. Peter Barnes (NJ)
6. Maureen Walsh (MA)
7. Mike McAlister (NH)
8. Wayne Theriault (ME)

Guests:
1. Chris Ciecko
2. Don LaFratta
3. John O’Brien
4. Sandra Layton
5. Tracy Johnson
6. Colleen Fickle
7. Heather Allin
8. Kevin Dunphy
9. Carmen Ayala
10. John Gusz
11. Patty Malone
12. Rich Vernick
13. Julie DiCenzo
14. Ed McDermott
15. Jeanne Stewart
16. Pamela Mason
17. Tami Ford
Members not in attendance:
1. Alexis Bird (PR)
2. Arline Swan (VI)
3. Carl Danberg (DE)
4. Theresa Lantz (CT)

Staff:
1. Harry Hageman
2. Ashley Hassan
3. Xavier Donnelly
4. Sam Razor
5. Barno Saturday
6. Mindy Spring
7. Kevin Terry

Call to Order
The East Region Chair R. Bitel (NY) called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm EDT. Eight out of twelve members were present thereby constructing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda
Commissioner W. Theriault (ME) made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner J. Kotkin (VT) seconded. The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes
Commissioner J. Kotkin (VT) made a motion to approve the East Region minutes from September 25, 2007. Commissioner B. Martinez (PA) seconded. It was noted that the following people were not included in the attendees list: Edward McDermott (MA), Donald Giancioppo (MA), Patricia Malone (MA) and Donna Reed (MA). The minutes were approved with proposed additions.

Discussion
The Region had discussion on probation compact offices’ implementation strategies of the Sex Offender Rule 3.101-3.

Commissioner J. Kotkin (VT) informed the Region about a formal explanatory letter Vermont probation offices planned to send to courts, State’s Attorneys’ Association and the Defender General. In addition, their local probation managers would schedule meetings explaining this Rule to judges, prosecutors and defenders.

J. Gusz (NJ) informed the Region that New Jersey Probation would write an informative letter to distribute at the time investigations are conducted.
The East Region Chair R. Bitel (NY) informed the Region about M. Walsh’s letter to the Commission recommending conducting a national survey on how states would implement the Sex Offender Rule.

The Region discussed asking the Commission to meet to vote on delaying Rule’s 3.101-3 implementation process.

**Commissioner W. Theriault (ME) moved to convene a Commission Emergency Session to propose delaying implementation of Rule 3.101-3. Commissioner M. Walsh (MA) seconded.**

Commissioner A.T. Wall (RI) called to question to end the discussion. Commissioner B. Martinez (PA) seconded. The motion carried.

**Motion to convene a Commission Emergency Session to propose delaying implementation of Rule 3.101-3 failed.**

The East Region Chair R. Bitel (NY) reminded the Region to post their implementation letters/forms on the Commission website or send them to him for distribution.

The East Region Chair R. Bitel (NY) proposed to construct a Probation Committee that would examine the probation issues and form a solution proposal to present at the annual meeting.

**Rule 5.108 Probable Cause hearing questions effecting Probation:** J. Gusz (NJ) presented to the Region the list of judges’ questions on Compact Rules that he formed based on judicial trainings. The questions would be posted on the Commission’s website under the East Region Forum for discussion.

**Old Business**
K. Dunphy (RI) suggested having one of the East Region meetings in conjunction with NECCD conference in November, 2008.

C. Fickle (PA) noted she forwarded recommended changes of the ICAOS forms to the National Office.

**New Business**
Commissioner R. Bitel (NY) announced Commissioner W. Theriault’s (ME) appointment to the DCA Liaison Committee and Commissioner M. Walsh’s (MA) appointment to the Compliance Committee.

**Adjourn**
Commissioner P. Barnes (NJ) made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner W. Theriault (ME) seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. EDT.