Members In Attendance

1. Ed Ligtenberg, David Geffre (SD)
2. Harry Hageman (OH)
3. James McKenzie, Judy Riddle (NE)
4. Jane Seigel, Jenny Bauer (IN)
5. Jeanette Bucklew, Charles Lauterbach (IA)
6. Joan Yukins, Cynthia Johnson (MI)
7. Ken Merz (MN)
8. Michelle Buscher (IL)
9. Warren Emmer, Charles Placek (ND)
10. William Rankin (WI)

Members Not In Attendance

1. Keven Pellant (KS)
2. Wanda LaCour (MO Ex-Officio)

Staff

1. Ashley Kenoyer
2. Kelli Price

Call to Order

• K. Merz called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. EST.
Report from Executive Committee Ken Merz

- K. Merz briefed the region members on the Executive Committee meeting that was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2006.
  - Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 2pm.
  - The National Teleconference is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 2pm.
    - The Rules Committee feels that some of the rules need more work and they feel that they have time between now and the 2006 Annual Business Meeting to revise them. It is still the intent to discuss this at the National Teleconference.
  - The next Rules Committee face-to-face meeting will be held in Lexington on February 28 and March 1, 2006.
  - D. Blackburn will be going back to Connecticut for e-learning training and to meet with their State Council some time in March.
  - D. Blackburn is currently in Texas. He conducted Training at the APPA conference and facilitated Compact Training in Texas. He also visited and audited the Texas compact office while there.
  - D. Blackburn is lining up Missouri Judges training in February.
  - X. Donnelly from the National Office has been working on videoing D. Blackburn on Rule 3.101 to try e-learning from the National Office. This is a testing stage to get ready for NACIS.

Regional Issues for Discussion Ken Merz

- Region Directory / Changes & Additions – Ken Merz
  - Please submit email addresses of those you would like to include in the Midwest Region meetings to Ken Merz and Kelli Price.
- Incomplete Paperwork – Cynthia Johnson, Michigan
  - Michigan is having problems with receiving incomplete paperwork and was curious to know if other states were experiencing the same problems.
  - H. Hageman from Ohio shared with the Region that every state is receiving this to a certain degree. When NACIS is fully implemented, the system will force you to fill in all of the required fields.
- Audit Committee – Warren Emmer, North Dakota
  - The first meeting of the Audit Committee will be Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 2pm EST.
- Payment of Jail Costs / Fee Usage
  - Ken Merz led the discussion on interstate fees and what the money is allocated for.
- Rules re: Probation vs. Parole – Michelle Buscher, Illinois
  - M. Buscher asked if any other states deal with inmates going work release programs in other states. C. Placek brought to the attendee’s attention that according to Rule 2.107 these inmates are not eligible for transfer within the compact. They must wait until they are released.
State Updates

• Illinois – Michelle Buscher
  o M. Buscher is working with her IT people to get ready for NACIS. H. Hageman offered to assist in any way possible. Any questions regarding NACIS should be directed to H. Hageman or S. Perry of the National Office.

• Indiana – Jane Seigel
  o J. Seigel asked if there was a timeline for NACIS.
  o H. Hageman shared with the attendees that states need to concentrate on internet access, printers and scanners. Unfortunately, solid dates cannot be laid out at this time. It could be as late as October. States still need to be planning for the system to be implemented this year.

• Iowa – Jeanette Bucklew
  o J. Bucklew plans to start dumping existing data to see what clean up needs to be completed before NACIS implementation.

• Michigan – Joan Yukins
  o J. Yukins has scheduled a NACIS demonstration with the National Office and feels some of their questions will be addressed at that time.
  o Other states inquired about a NACIS demonstration. K. Price asked that you contact her at the National Office to coordinate a date and time.

• Minnesota – Ken Merz
  o D. Blackburn will be attending the next MN State Council next month.

• Nebraska – James McKenzie
  o J. McKenzie discussed sex offender issues in the state of Nebraska.

• North Dakota – Warren Emmer
  o W. Emmer shared with the attendees that North Dakota is also having issues regarding sex offenders and is trying to educate legislatures.

• Ohio – Harry Hageman
  o H. Hageman has submitted an advisory opinion to the National Office regarding Rule 3.103. H. Hageman expressed his frustrations with the Rules Committee. He has submitted numerous recommendations to make changes to this rule and has yet to hear any comments regarding his recommendations. E. Ligtenberg suggested H. Hageman right up the comments and the entire Midwest can send it into the Rules Committee. E. Ligtenberg feels that the Rules Committee will have to respond to the
entire Midwest Region. H. Hageman will draft up the issue and send it to Ken Merz to forward to the Rules Committee.

- South Dakota – Ed Ligtenberg
  o South Dakota is having the same sex offender issues as the other states.
  o E. Ligtenberg had a NACIS demonstration last week.
  o South Dakota’s next State Council meeting is scheduled for February.

- Wisconsin – Bill Rankin
  o Wisconsin is experiencing the same sex offender issues as the other states.

**New Business**

- K. Merz asked if states would be interested in face-to-face border state meetings. If there is enough interest, Minnesota would be willing to assist in setting up the meetings. After discussion, it was decided that it would be beneficial if bordering states met first then possibly, the region could meet. Please email K. Merz if you are interested.

- The region decided to meet quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 2pm EST, 1pm Central.

**Adjourn**

- The meeting adjourned at 420 pm.