INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION
MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 8, 2008
2:00 p.m. (EDT) / 1:00 p.m. (SDT)
WebEx Conference

Members in Attendance:
1. Ken Merz   MN
2. Michelle Buscher IL
3. John Rubitschun MI
4. William Rankin WI
5. Jeanette Bucklew IA
6. Keven Pellant KS
7. Linda Janes OH
8. Jane Seigel IN
9. Ellen Brokofsky NE
10. Ed Ligtenberg SD

11. Wanda LaCour  Ex-Officio, MO

Guests
1. Catherine Corbet
2. Marcella Shortt
3. Cynthia Johnson
4. Rose Ann Bisch
5. Cathy Gibson
6. Kari Rumbaugh

Members not in Attendance
1. Warren Emmer  ND

Staff
1. Harry Hageman
2. Ashley Hassan
3. Mindy Spring
4. Barno Saturday
5. Sam Razor
6. Xavier Donnelly
7. Kevin Terry
Call to Order
Chair K. Merz (MN) called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. EDT. Ten out of eleven members were present. Quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved by acclamation.

Approval of Minutes
Commissioner J. Rubitschun (MI) made a motion to approve the minutes from March 13, 2008. Commissioner J. Seigel (IN) seconded.

Commissioner E. Brokofsky (NE) requested removal of the second sentence under Nebraska report on p. 4.

The minutes were approved as amended.

Report from Executive Committee
Chair K. Merz (MN) informed the Region about the Executive Committee meeting on April 8, 2008.

The Rules Committee has two new members: Commissioner W. Theriault (ME) and Commissioner P. Quander (DC). The Committee met on April 24th, 2008 to discuss possible revision of the definition of supervision.

The Finance Committee reported that the Commission was operating under budget. The Committee will be meeting on May 16, 2008.

To complete the development of ICOTS, the pilot was scheduled for August 15, 2008 with the nationwide implementation in October announced Technology Committee.

Executive Director H. Hageman was working on the Executive Committee Orientation Manual, privacy policy for ICOTS, and cheat sheet/quick reference guides for judges.

The Executive Committee will be meeting again on May 29-30, 2008 in Lexington, KY.

Discussion Items
Committee Participation: Chair K. Merz (MN) encouraged the Region to participate in different committees. Interested members need to contact Chair K. Merz (MN) or Executive Director H. Hageman.

Commissioner W. Rankin (WI)) informed the Region that the Ad Hoc Committee on Treatment and Other Jurisdictions met on March 27, 2008. Ad Hoc Committee’s Final Report and recommendations can be found on the Commission website.

File Closure with Issuance of Warrant: The Region had discussion on file closure with issuance of warrant cases initiated by Chair K. Merz (MN).
It was agreed that the Region members would solve this problem on case to case basis.

*Amendment to Rule 3.101-3(c):* The Region discussed the amendment to Rule 3.101-3 (c) proposed by Commissioner W. Rankin (WI).

*ICAOS Rule 3.101-3 (c)*

(c) Reporting instructions for sex offenders living in the receiving state at the time of sentencing- Rule 3.103 applies to the transfer of sex offenders who have been placed on probation for a sex offense requiring registration in the sending or receiving states; except for the following:

1) The receiving state shall have five business days to review the proposed residence to ensure compliance with local policies or laws prior to issuing reporting instructions. If the proposed residence is invalid due to existing state law or policy, the receiving state may deny reporting instructions.

2) No travel permit shall be granted by the sending state until reporting instructions are issued by the receiving state.

Commissioner W. Rankin (WI) made a motion to forward the proposal to the Rules Committee. Commissioner M. Buscher (IL) seconded. The motion passed with one abstained.

**State Updates**

- **Illinois:** Illinois has problems with funds for scanners. The data collection report was submitted to the National Office. They are working on establishing a state council.

- **Indiana:** Commissioner J. Seigel informed the Region that MIS Manager S. Razor gave the ICOTS presentation at the Probation Officers annual meeting last week. Indiana is preparing for the ICOTS Pilot.

- **Iowa:** Iowa experienced its first issue with sex offender cases under the new rule. Iowa was experiencing problems with activating its State Council.

- **Kansas:** Kansas is experiencing problems with its State Council’s appointments. Commissioner K. Pellant (KS) informed the Region about their staff changes: DCA J. Bauer was leaving on May 9, 2008 and Ellen Parker was added as a staff member. The legislative session ended on May 7, 2008.

- **Michigan:** C. Johnson (MI) informed the Region that Commissioner J. Rubitschun is involved in judges’ training on Interstate Compact.

In preparation for ICOTS implementation, Michigan sent out ICOTS preparation surveys to determine the number of available scanners and digital cameras. They are currently exploring different possibilities to solve the scanner purchase issue.
Minnesota: Chair K. Merz informed the Region that Minnesota postponed their Council meeting due to its legislative session. Minnesota is currently have budget deficit.

Chair K. Merz informed the Region that they were working on forming an advisory group that would focus on training and implementation of ICOTS.

Nebraska: Commissioner E. Brokofsky will send an article about J. Mackenzie’s retirement to Executive Director H. Hageman to be distributed among the Midwest Region members.

The Bill on combining Probation and Parole did not pass. Nebraska’s State Council recently met.

Ohio: Commissioner L. Janes informed the Region about the upcoming State Council meeting on July 18, 2008. Due to the budget deficit, some positions would be eliminated.

South Dakota: State Council met on May 7, 2008. SD Victims’ Representative has not been appointed yet.

Wisconsin: Commissioner W. Rankin informed the Region about the upcoming State Board meeting. On May 7, 2008, Commissioner W. Rankin had a meeting with compact specialists and support staff where the ICOTS implementation was discussed.

Missouri: State Council met in April. Missouri is preparing for ICOTS. Deputy Compact Administrator W. LaCour mentioned the private probation issue discussions and their meeting with the Illinois interstate Parole and Probation officers in St. Louis.

Old Business
Chair K. Merz (MN) encouraged the Region to send him their discussion items three weeks before the next Midwest Region meeting.

New Business
The Region discussed the removal of remaining under supervision check box on the offender violation form initiated by K. Rumbaugh (NE).

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m. EDT.