INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION
MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008
2:30 pm PST
Palm Springs, CA

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. Robert Champion   IN
9. Ellen Brokofsky   NE
10. Ed Ligtenberg    SD
11. Warren Emmer,  ND

Guests
1. Charles Placek,  ND
2. Art Hegewald,    IN
3. Cynthia Johnson,  MI
4. Rose Ann Bisch,  MN
5. Cathy Gibson,     NE
6. Kari Rumbaugh,   NE
7. Charles Lauterbach, IA
8. Sue Damron,      OH
9. Kimberly Schwant, KS
10. Tom Roy, Ex Officio APPA

Staff
1. Sam Razor

Approved 12/09/2008. B.S.
Call to Order
Chair K. Merz (MN) called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. PST. Twelve out of twelve members were present. Quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved by acclamation.

Approval of Minutes
Commissioner E. Ligtenberg (SD) made a motion to approve the minutes from May 8, 2008. Commissioner J. Rubitschun (MI) seconded. The minutes were approved.

Commissioner M. Buscher (IL) made a motion to approve the minutes from June 26, 2008. Designee R. Champion (IN) seconded. The minutes were approved.

Discussion Items
The Region discussed the need to select an interim chair to represent the Midwest during nominations since current Chair K. Merz (MN) indicated his plans to run in the election.

Commissioner M. Buscher (IL) made a motion for Keven Pellant to represent the Midwest region as interim Chair. Commissioner E. Ligtenberg (SD) seconded. Motion passed.

The Region took nominations for open officer positions. Commissioner W. Emmer (ND) nominated Commissioner Merz (MN) for the Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Pellant (KS) seconded the nomination.

No nominations for Vice Chair were made.

Commissioner J. Rubitschun (MI) nominated Commissioner L. Janes (OH) for the Treasurer of the Commission.

The Region had discussion on standing committees, the Commissioner mentoring program and the self assessment tools. The Region discussed the ICOTS pilot and upcoming decisions regarding implementation.

State Updates

- **Illinois:** Illinois is in the process of training for ICOTS.

- **Indiana:** Indiana extended an invitation for states to meet in Indiana for a region meeting.

- **Iowa:** Iowa will start ICOTS training the following week for Community Corrections.

- **Kansas:** Kansas is organizing their states council and training on ICOTS.
- **Michigan**: Michigan is working on specialized Interstate caseloads.

- **Minnesota**: Minnesota is training on ICOTS.

- **Nebraska**: Nebraska recently launched a new evidence based practices based on their case management system. Nebraska is training on ICOTS.

- **Ohio**: Commissioner L. Janes informed the Region that the Ohio Compact offices have moved.

- **South Dakota**: South Dakota just appointed a new victim’s representative. South Dakota is training on ICOTS.

- **Wisconsin**: Commissioner W. Rankin informed the Region of the death of Mary Haberman and the changes in Compact staff. Wisconsin is training on ICOTS.

**Old Business**
There was no old business.

**New Business**
Commissioner J. Bucklew (IA) informed the Region of the upcoming National Conference in Des Moines.

**Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m. PST.