Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision
Midwest Region Meeting

September 25, 2007
3:00 PM EDT
Orlando, Florida

Members in Attendance:
1. Ken Merz, Chair
2. Michelle Buscher, Illinois
3. Jane Seigel, Indiana
4. Jeanette Bucklew, Iowa
5. Keven Pellant, Kansas
6. John Rubitschun, Michigan
7. James McKenzie, Nebraska
8. Warren Emmer, North Dakota
9. Linda Janes, Ohio
10. Ed Ligtenberg, South Dakota
11. William Rankin, Wisconsin

Guests:
1. Rich Ludolph, Illinois
2. Jenny Bauer, Indiana
3. Robert Champion, Indiana
4. Arthur Hegewald, Indiana
5. Charles Lauterbach, Iowa
6. Cynthia Johnson
7. Rose Ann Bisch, Minnesota
8. Ellen Fabian Brokofsky, Nebraska
9. Marcella Shortt, Nebraska
10. Charles Placek, North Dakota
11. Gerald VandeWalle, North Dakota
12. Duane L. DeKrey, North Dakota
13. Katrina Ransom, Ohio
14. Nancy Allard, South Dakota
Staff:
  1. Barno Saturday

Call to Order
K. Merz called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. EDT. Eleven out of eleven members were present. Quorum was established.

K. Merz introduced B. Saturday, a temporary Logistic Coordinator, at the National Office.

K. Merz encouraged everybody to be involved in different committees and contact him or H. Hageman, if they have such intentions.

Approval of Agenda
K. Merz asked for approval of agenda. The Agenda was approved by acclamation.

Approval of Minutes

Election of the Regional Chair
W. Emmer nominated K. Merz for the Regional Chair position. J. Seigel seconded. There were no other nominations. K. Merz won by acclamation.

Rule Discussion
J. Seigel, being a part of the Ad Hoc Committee, explained the Committee main goals in the Sex Offender Rules, which were to establish the definition of a sex offender, to collect as much information about offenders as possible, and to enhance the communication between the Sending state and the Receiving state. The Region had a discussion on this matter.

State Dues Increase
S. Taylor presented the Budget Proposal and the budget for FY09. He explained that the two major reasons for increasing budget were the expenses to bring DCAs to an annual meeting and the development of the ICOTS database.

Old Business
The Region had a discussion on ICOTS.

New Business
K. Merz asked states to explain where each state was in regard to its State Council. J. Bucklew stated that Iowa did not have a State Council. M. Buscher stated that Illinois did not have a State Council either. K. Pellant mentioned that Kansas had a non-functioning State Council.
K. Merz consulted with the Region on the matter of having meetings six times, instead of four times a year. He would like to set up all the meetings for this year in advance to decrease schedule conflicts and increase the number of Midwest Region meeting participants.

K. Merz noted that during the meeting, DCAs and Commissioners should keep conversations among each other to a minimum, or communicate with written notes.

Region discussed the technology prices and asked National Office to negotiate a group price on scanners for the states.

B. Rankin asked if National Office could financially assist the states with organizing one face-to-face regional meeting next year.

**Adjourn**
Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM EDT.