INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2009
11:15 a.m. EST
WebEx

Members in Attendance:
1. William Rankin  Chair
2. Ed Ligtenberg  SD
3. Dori Ege  AZ
4. Jeanette Bucklew  IA
5. Wayne Theriault  ME
6. Patricia Malone  ex-officio
7. Denise Sitler  ex-officio
8. Nick Alexander  ex-officio

Guest:
1. David Babby
2. Ken Merz

Members not in Attendance:
1. Peter Barnes  NJ
2. Robert Ambroselli  CA
3. Rick Masters  Legal Counsel
4. Gerald VandeWalle  ex-officio

Staff:
1. Harry Hageman
2. Ashley Hassan
3. Barno Saturday
4. Xavier Donnelly
5. Sam Razor
6. Mindy Spring
Call to Order
Chair W. Rankin (WI) called the meeting to order at 11:21 a.m. EST. Five out of seven members were present. Quorum was established.

Chair W. Rankin (WI) welcomed new members Commissioner P. Barnes (NJ) and ex-officio N. Alexander, Criminal Law Counsel with the National Association of Attorney Generals.

Approval of Agenda
Commissioner W. Theriault (ME) made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) seconded. The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes
Commissioner E. Ligtenberg (SD) made a motion to approve the minutes from November 4, 2008. Commissioner W. Theriault (ME) seconded. The minutes were approved.

Chair W. Rankin (WI) mentioned that the Committee still lacks members from the South Region.

Old Business
Deadline for standing committees to submit proposals to the Rules Committee was extended to March 31, 2009, due to the 2009 Annual Business Meeting being scheduled for November this year.

The Committee agreed on having one day-long face-to-face meeting to review and act on proposals. The Committee discussed having the Rules Committee meeting in conjunction with the Spring Executive Committee meeting in Lexington, KY.

The National Office will email the face-to-face meeting dates to the Committee members in the near future.

New Business
Chair W. Rankin (WI) stated that the Executive Committee referred the issue of the relationship between ICOTS and ICAOS Rules to the Rules Committee for discussion. W. Theriault (ME) asked for a list of issues or conflicts between ICOTS and the rules. Chair W. Rankin (WI) will request information on ICOTS and Rules from the Technology Committee. The discussion was postponed until the Committee’s face-to-face meeting.

The Committee discussed Mandatory retaking upon notice of violation of Rule 2.110 and Mandatory retaking upon withdrawal of assistance by resident family proposed rule changes initiated by Ex-officio P. Malone (MA).

Ex-officio P. Malone (MA) will post these rule proposals on the Rules Committee Discussion Forum.

The Committee had discussion on a case, where an inmate from MS was temporarily released under the supervision of MS Correction Department and allowed to travel to Louisiana by the MS Governor’s executive order. The matter had been referred by the Executive Committee, to
determine if a revision to Rule 2.107 is needed. The Committee decided to refer this case to the Compliance Committee for review and resume this discussion at its upcoming face-to-face meeting. The Committee asked to have the text of the executive order available for the discussion.

Executive Director H. Hageman informed the Committee that Legal Counsel R. Masters was in the process of writing a letter to the Governor of Mississippi about the issue.

Chair W. Rankin (WI) informed the Committee that a proposal was expected from New Jersey. Since Commissioner P. Barnes (NJ) was absent, New Jersey’s proposal will be discussed at a future meeting.

Adjourn
Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner W. Theriault (ME) seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 pm EST.