Call to Order
Chair G. Tullock (TN) called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. EST. Eleven voting members were present, a quorum was established.
Approval of Agenda
Chair G. Tullock (TN) suggested adding Rule 3.105 under Discussion.

Commissioner R. Taylor (AK) suggested adding Sex Offender Committee under Old Business.

Commissioner E. Ligtenberg (SD) moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner J. Seigel (IN) seconded. Agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes
Commissioner R. Taylor (AK) moved to approve the minutes from December 15, 2011. Commissioner J. Nimer (FL) seconded. Minutes were approved as written.

Chair G. Tullock (TN) welcomed a new committee member - Commissioner J. Cavanaugh (WI).

Discussion
Veteran’s Administration Patients: Commissioner J. Seigel (IN) introduced a new language to Rule 3.101 that covers veterans’ administration centers.

RULE 3.101
(e) or,

(f) Is a United States Veteran eligible for services at a Regional Veteran’s Administration medical center and is referred by the Veteran’s Administration to a center in a receiving state and
(1) Will apply only so long as the offender is under the continued care of that center and
(2) Is receiving care he or she cannot receive in the sending state and

Arizona and Tennessee accepts these cases under the discretionary rule.

Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) spoke against the amendment. She suggested establishing a requirement for supporting documentation for a transfer.

DCA J. Gusz (NJ) spoke for the amendment stating that it is a big problem in New Jersey.

The Committee decided to email B. Saturday their comments regarding the proposed language by March 30, 2012.

Rule 3.105: Chair G. Tullock stated that Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) requested an advisory opinion regarding Rule 3.105 (a). New Business – Potential Rule Amendment 3.101

Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) stated that the issue was with the existing language of Rule 3.105 of “offender’s planned prison release date” and the language in the upcoming version of Rule 3.105 of “offender’s planned release from a correctional facility.”

Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) stated that several states have interpreted this language as a receiving state’s acceptance or approval of reporting instructions creates the “planned release date.” D. Ege requested clarification on:
• Can a receiving state’s acceptance or approval of reporting instructions be the cause of a release of an offender from a correctional facility who would otherwise keep the offender incarcerated?
• Is there a need to define defining “planned release from a correctional facility?”

Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) stated that R. Masters suggested defying “the offender planned release date” in Rules.

Commissioner E. Ligtenberg (SD) expressed his concerns regarding the definition noting that every state has different regulations for this process.

The Committee agreed to review the issue again after the release of the advisory opinion.

Chair G. Tullock (TN) informed the Committee that previously proposed editorial changes to the recently adopted rules were posted on the Commission’s website for 30 days. The changes replaced numeric words with numerals per the previously adopted style guide. The National Office did not receive any comments regarding the changes.

Chair G. Tullock (TN) spoke with Chairman M. Gilliam about creating an Ad Hoc Committee on Sex Offenders as it was suggested at the Annual Business Meeting in Montgomery, AL. Chairman M. Gilliam advised rewriting the rule proposal, rather than creating a new ad hoc committee. Chair G. Tullock (TN) will contact the East Region Chair regarding this matter.

The Committee will meet again on May 17, 2012.

Adjourn
Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner E. Ligtenberg (SD) seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm EST.