I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
   • The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. EST, the roll was called, and a quorum was established.

II. STAFF UPDATE
    Don Blackburn was unable to attend. Ashley Kenoyer, new Logistics and Administrative Coordinator (phone 859.244.8227; email akenoyer@csg.org), introduced herself to the Committee members.

LEGAL UPDATE
   • Masters discussed a legal matter that may be evolving in Georgia related to the Interstate Compact; the need for the Rules Committee to review the misdemeanor issues when the ad hoc committee completes its work; and, reported that three states remain that have not passed the compact but Massachusetts has a bill filed and Virginia and Mississippi are still expected to pass the compact in their next legislative sessions.

III. CHAIR UPDATE
   • Winckler said that minutes are missing from the two previous Rules Committee meetings because the person who took the meetings left the employment of the Commission before transcribing them. Masters said that an effort should be made to construct minutes based on members’ recollection of the meetings, and Winckler agreed that that would be done.
   • Winckler said Chairman Guntharp could not attend today’s meeting but will join Committee for next meeting.
Winckler asked Cosby, who chairs the ad hoc committee investigating issues related to supervision of misdemeanor offenders for an update on the committee’s activities. Cosby said a survey is being prepared for commissioners to determine states’ positions on misdemeanor supervision. Cosby said that this is a “deal-breaker” for some states that may be unable to comply as the rule is written. The next meeting of the ad hoc committee is scheduled for January 8, 2004 at 11:00am EST.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Winckler said that the purpose of today’s meeting was to discuss items that the Committee should address in 2004. Winckler identified the following areas and asked for suggestions from Committee members: exception for person whose family is a member of the military and is transferred; exception for person whose family member has a job transfer; rules for offenders who travel across borders regularly to work, school or appointments. Mruczek suggested that an exception be created for college students under some circumstances.

Mruczek brought up additional issues for consideration:
- Authorize supervising authority to issue warrant or detainer.
- Establish that the existence of a non-extraditable warrant in the RS at the time of transfer does not constitute a basis for rejection of an offender.
- Clarify language of rule 2.101 regarding the role of the compact administrator in acceptance and rejection of offenders.
- Review issues surrounding sex offenders employed as long-distance truck drivers.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Winckler raised an issue relating to the change made at November 2003 Commission meeting to rule 3.103 that requires states to issue a travel permit to an offender who may not meet the residency requirement of rule 3.101 but is living in the RS at the time of sentencing. Winckler said that the change will undermine the notion that there is a residency requirement for offenders, and that confusion will ensue when the supervising officer prepares an offender’s application and sees that he or she must verify residency in the RS but the offender must be allowed to proceed to the RS if he or she is living there. Gilliam disagreed stating that rule 3.103 requires an offender to return to the SS if, after investigation, he or she is found not to qualify for transfer. Winckler said she believed that the change, at the very least poses a training issue and should be examined further in that light.

VI. NEXT MEETINGS
The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2004. Other meetings are scheduled for every two weeks following. Winckler said that it is not her intention to hold all the scheduled meetings, but that they are scheduled to meet the obligation to afford 30 day’s notice of all meeting. Only those meetings that are deemed necessary will be held.

VII. Adjourn
- Winckler encouraged committee to suggest agenda items as they deemed necessary.
- Subcommittees will be formed in order to handle issues raised using the same procedures as in the previous year. No objections were raised to this.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m. EST.