Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision  
South Region Meeting Minutes  

April 16, 2014  
2:00pm ET  
WebEx

**Members in Attendance:**
1. Chris Norman  
   Alabama  
2. Sheila Sharp  
   Arkansas  
3. Jenny Nimer  
   Florida  
4. Chris Moore  
   Georgia  
5. Patricia Vale  
   Maryland  
6. Milt Gilliam  
   Oklahoma

**Members not in Attendance**
1. Nancy Ware  
   District of Columbia  
2. Roberto Rodriguez  
   Kentucky  
3. Genie Powers  
   Louisiana  
4. Christopher Epps  
   Mississippi  
5. Anne Precythe  
   North Carolina  
6. Ellis McSwain  
   Missouri  
7. Kela Thomas  
   South Carolina  
8. Bobby Straughter  
   Tennessee  
9. Steve Robinson  
   Texas  
10. James Parks  
    Virginia  
11. Karen Nichols  
    West Virginia

**Guests:**
1. Amy Kirk  
   West Virginia  
2. Daphne Denney  
   Louisiana  
3. Gregg Smith  
   Louisiana  
4. Frank Mesarick  
   Oklahoma  
5. Debbie Duke  
   Tennessee  
6. Regina Grimes  
   Texas  
7. Richie Spears  
   Mississippi  
8. Victoria Jakes  
   South Carolina
Call to order
Commissioner C. Norman (AL) called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm ET. Six members were present, a quorum was not established.

Approval of Agenda
Agenda was approved by acclamation.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of January 16, 2014 were approved by acclamation.

Executive Committee Update
Commissioner C. Norman (AL) informed the region that Victims’ Advocate P. Tuthill received an award from the Department of Justice for efforts to advance victim notification processes around the country.

Commissioner C. Norman (AL) reminded the region about the recently launched Compliance Dashboard and encouraged states to use it.

The national office issued an eBenchbook that can be viewed on mobile devices and tablets.

The Executive Committee approved a new compliance audit proposal that will start in July 2014.

Due to increased spending on ICOTS enhancements, face-to-face committee meetings, VINEWatch, and other, the Commission will need to raise its dues in the next 5-6 years.

Commissioner M. Gilliam (OK) informed the region that the Executive Committee approved two ad hoc committees – ad hoc on border issues and the ABM Planning Workgroup. The Committees will present their report at the upcoming Annual Business Meeting. This years’
ABM will have an extra day for the DCAs’ training. The meeting will take place in Oklahoma City.

The National Office has sent the dues invoices to the states.

The West Region will be meeting next week to elect a new region chair.

The State of New Jersey is actively registering victims for the VINEWatch notifications.

The National Office is drafting a policy on surveys.

**State Updates**

*Alabama*—C. Norman stated that when Alabama implemented ICOTS, they created a protocol and procedures that they continue to follow to stay in compliance. The protocol and procedures include continues trainings and all managers and supervisor to have an account to review the case loads.

*Arkansas* has implemented the VINEWatch. No victims have signed up yet. Arkansas held an amnesty program between February and end of March for all absconders who did not report to supervision for more than 180 days if they did not commit any new felony offenses - 323 offenders reported back.

*District of Columbia* partnered with their Domestic Violence internal partners to decide on the best mechanism to notify offenders and interest parties to entering their information to VINE.

The Compact Office will be meeting with judges in June to discuss the Rules.

*Florida* made short videos on individual rules. The Compact Office is working on VINEWatch, but has not received any signups.

*Georgia* – Parole has been meeting with victim’s services regarding the VINEWatch.

Georgia will be meeting with the Sheriff Association regarding retaking issues and is scheduling a state council meeting in the upcoming months.

Parole is about to roll out an electronic monitoring system by utilizing offenders’ smart phones.

*Louisiana*’s Compact Office made an effort to disseminate the Benchbooks to all their officers and judiciary personnel.

*Maryland* is trying to extend the number of personnel in the Interstate Compact Unit.

*Missouri* - The Compact Office plans to provide trainings to the field officers.

*Mississippi* - R. Spears stated that Mississippi began its annual 40 hrs field officers refreshment trainings. Three hours of this training is devoted to ICAOS.
North Carolina continues to provide training to its staff. The Compact Office started to send out a new tip of the month to its field staff.

Oklahoma - M. Gilliam indicated that F. Mesarick provided ICAOS training to institutional staff and prosecutor attorneys.

The Compact Office is working on the implementation of the VINEWatch.

South Carolina - V. Jakes noted that South Carolina is working on strategies to keep the state in compliance by using ICOTS reports.

The Compact Office plans to launch VINEWatch information (brochures and promotional materials) on May 12.

Tennessee – D. Duke is doing a live training for the whole state. More than 1/3 of the state is completed.

Texas recently had a State Council meeting. R. Grimes is working on providing trainings on rules, and external reports.

Texas is reviewing North Dakota’s retaking fund, to establish a similar resource fund in Texas.

West Virginia is training New IPO’s in the institutions with ICOTS. The State Council will be meeting in September.

New Business
The Region will meet again at 2 pm ET on July 16, 2014.

Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm ET.