Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision
South Region Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2012
2:30 pm EDT
WebEx

Members in Attendance:
Chris Norman    Chair, Alabama
Timothy Carman  Kentucky
Jenny Nimer     Florida
Karen Nichols   West Virginia
Nancy Ware      District of Columbia
Chris Moore     Georgia
Genie Powers    Louisiana
Milt Gilliam    Oklahoma
Gary Tullock    Tennessee
Patricia Vale   Maryland
James Sisk      Virginia

Members not in Attendance
David Eberhard  Arkansas
Kathie Winckler Texas
Christopher Epps Mississippi
Ellis McSwain   Missouri
Timothy Moose   North Carolina
Kela Thomas     South Carolina

Guests:
Linda Mustafa
Christopher Harris
Regina Grimes
Richie Spears
Gregg Smith
Jay Lynn
Ethel White
Stephanie Hundley
Jackie Brunson
Call to Order
Commissioner C. Norman called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm EDT. Eleven commissioners were present, a quorum was established.

Agenda
Agenda was approved by acclamation.

Minutes
Minutes from January 19, 2012 meeting were approved by acclamation.

Executive Committee Update
Commissioner C. Norman gave the Executive Committee update:

- The Executive Committee met face-to-face on April 17, 2012 in Lexington, KY

- The Commission is operating 9.5% under budget for this fiscal year.

- The Committee approved a three year contract with Appriss as proposed.

- P. Tuthill will be presenting at the Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI) in May 2012.

- The Peyton Tuthill Foundation is accepting applications for Hearts of Hope Scholarships. $17,000 has been awarded through 2011 to young homicide survivors.
- All the states showed some improvements, except for progress report and arrival notices areas.

- The Executive Committee approved a draft proposal for 2013 Audit submitted by the National Office.

- The Executive Committee voted for Boston, Massachusetts as 2013 ABM site selection

- The Committee discussed the upcoming annual business meeting agenda. It decided to concentrate on retaking and include the judges’ panel and regions’ discussion.

- The Commission will hold officers election this year.

- New commissioner in Nebraska – C. Gibson-Beltz

- Commissioner’s vacancy in West Virginia

- The Executive Committee adopted a new Advisory Opinion 3-2012 presented by Legal Counsel R. Masters - “whether an offender whose supervision was never transferred under the Compact and who subsequently absconds supervision is subject to the terms of the Compact and ICAOS rules and may the State, from which the offender absconded, return the offender under the Compact or is the Extradition Clause of the U.S. Constitution the only means by which such an absconder may be returned.”

**Old Business**

Commissioner C. Norman stated that at the last Annual Business Meeting the South Region had discussion concerning retaking issues. The issues were brought up to the table during the break out session. The Region was tasked to come up with some solutions.

Alabama attempts to track the offenders who are subject to retaking. Commissioner C. Norman presented a tool that Alabama uses to track offenders who are subject for retaken from Alabama.

Commissioner G. Tullock stated that Tennessee started a similar practice and discovered that many states closed cases as retaking cases, even though the warrant was never served. He suggested the issue being reviewed by the Training Committee.

The Region had discussion on jurisdictions not issuing a warrant within 10 days initiated by J. Tracey.

Commissioner G. Tullock stated that 10 days was a reasonable timeframe.
Executive Director H. Hageman stated that the National Office does not receive complaints regarding the warrant timeframe.

Commissioner J. Sisk stated that Virginia has problem with education of judges and commonwealth attorneys. Legal Counsel R. Masters will provide an on-site training in the upcoming months.

Commissioner C. Norman initiated discussion regarding problems with funding for retaking of offenders for discussion.

DCA V. Jakes suggested forming an ad hoc committee to review the retaking issue.

DCA G. Smith stated that it is not a nationwide problem; the rule is well written and the solution is in adequate training.

Maryland introduced a bill this year in legislature that requires everybody moving out of state to pay a fee of $100 for retaking purposes. The bill was defeated.

Commissioner G. Tullock initiated discussion concerning a situation when a judge refuses to revoke an offender unless an officer from the receiving state comes to the state to testify. He suggested writing a rule that will solve this problem.

The Region will continue its retaking discussion at the Annual Business Meeting.

**States Update:**

*Alabama* is in the process of conducting ICOTS trainings for 60 new officers it hired in the last year.

Alabama implemented a protocol for supervisors to review certain items in ICOTS. The new procedures have improve the quality of information and eliminated many of the communication issues.

*Arkansas* uses Go-to-Meetings program for its online trainings. The Compact Office implemented strategies to reduce number of overdue reports. Arkansas has new officers form the academy.

*Florida* holds quarterly ICOTS trainings.

*Georgia* included ICOTS training to its yearly in-service training for all officers. Georgia added additional staff to its Probation unit.

*Kentucky*: DCA S. Turner provided trainings for more than 100 field officers in the last year.

*Louisiana*: G. Smith thanked the National Office for providing WebEx trainings.
Mississippi starts a field officers’ annual refresher training. Staff will be traveling across the state from now until October 2012.

South Carolina will be closed tomorrow for a state holiday.

Tennessee: The Field Officers Branch of the Board of Probation and Parole is transferred to the Department of Correction and will be changing its location. The Compact Office will send out the detailed information in the upcoming weeks.

Texas: DCA R. Grimes thanked the National Office for its assistance with WebEx trainings. Over 700 people were trained. The Compact Office is working on training for judges on mandatory retaking requirements. Texas received a spirit award last month.

Virginia: Commissioner J. Sisk thanked the National Office for its assistance with the WebEx trainings.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm EDT.