INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION

SOUTH REGION
WEB CONFERENCE MEETING

June 21, 2006
10:00 am EST

Members In Attendance

1. Robert Oakes (AL)
2. David Guntharp, Linda Strong (AR)
3. Cathy Terry-Crusor (DC)
4. Beth Atchison, Karen Tucker (FL)
5. Joe Kuebler (GA)
6. Amanda Burton, Angela Tolley (KY)
7. Gregg Smith (LA)
8. Melanie Brock, Ellie McMullen (MD)
9. Richie Spears, Laura Cole (MS)
10. Wanda LaCour (MO)
11. Robert Guy (NC)
12. Milt Gilliam (OK)
13. Gary Tullock (TN)
14. Kathy Winckler, Regina Grimes, Cynthia Lee (TX)
15. Walt Pulliam, James Camache (VA)

Members Not In Attendance

1. South Carolina
2. Tennessee
3. West Virginia

Staff

1. Ashley Kenoyer
2. Mindy Spring
3. Kevin Terry
4. Whitney Hall
5. Don Blackburn

Opening Comments Robert Oakes

- The meeting was called to order by R. Oakes at 10:12 am EST. A roll call was taken. A quorum was established.
- Motion to approve the minutes from February 7, 2006.
- Motion passed.

Executive Committee Chair Update David Guntharp

- Discussion of Border State Issues.
- K. Winckler suggested that R. Oakes should set up a Border States Issues Committee before the next South Region Meeting.
- D. Blackburn stated that the Border State Issue is present in every region.
- D. Guntharp said that he assumes that all Commissioners from the South are clearing their schedules to attend the Annual Business meeting because critical issues are voted upon at this meeting. Also, D. Guntharp noted that the new Commissioner Training has been changed to address all commissioners not just new commissioners.

National Office Update Don Blackburn

- D. Blackburn shared with the region members that the 2005 Annual Report has been completed and the National Office will be mailing them out by week’s end.

Rules Committee Milt Gilliam

- M. Gilliam encouraged commissioners to continue commenting on the rule changes on the ICAOS website.
- M. Gilliam announced that the Rules Committee and Compliance Committee have a joint meeting scheduled for next week, June 27-29, 2006 to discuss.
- M. Gilliam stated that if a committee or any other person submits a proposed rule changes, they should submit specific language for those rules.
- K. Winckler stated that there are not many comments yet to the proposed rule changes. She encouraged others to comment on the website.
- M. Gilliam added that the Rules Committee will be going through all the comments at the Face-to-Face meeting and will be making adjustments accordingly.

Training Committee Don Blackburn

- D. Blackburn stated that the National Office has had some face to face trainings and WebEx trainings as well as a Legal Training in St. Louis since the last South Region Meeting.
• D. Blackburn stated that he went to Washington DC to a meeting with Matt Rowland regarding issues with Federal Probation.
• J. Sisk stated that some of his POs had recently participated in the WebEx PO Training and they were very happy with the training.

Technology Committee Joe Kuebler

• J. Kuebler announced that on June 2, 2006 Technical Specifications document was signed by Executive Director. He also stated the NACIS is moving along smoothly.
• D. Blackburn said that the National Office is very positive about the NACIS team from Softscape. Softscape is expecting that around June 23, 2006 they will be done development of the system. He explained that there are three stages of UAT testing to come.
• D. Blackburn said that we have promised each state that the National Office will give them 6 months to get adapted to the system.
• The National Office has been working on training materials for State Council, New Commissioners, and NACIS trainings.
• D. Blackburn stated that the National Office has recently hired a new MIS Project Manager.
• He added that the National Office now has a website shopping cart program to sell Rick Masters book, the Bench Book 2006 Edition, and ICAOS merchandise.
• R. Oakes asked what officers need to be eligible for training over WebEx.
• K. Winckler asked D. Blackburn if there is going to be a newsletter coming out that she can circulate to keep her offices updated. 41:41

Finance Committee Genie Powers

• G. Smith stated that Genie Powers is still out of the office. He said that G. Powers would forward the Finance Committee report out to D. Blackburn and the South Region soon.

Compliance Committee Robert Oakes

• R. Oakes stated that the Compliance Committee will be meeting next week, June 27-29, 2006. He said that Chair, Warren Emmer, has established a Strategic Plan for the Compliance Committee that will be presented to the Commission at the Annual Business Meeting.

State Updates

Alabama Robert Oakes

• R. Oakes reported that recently Alabama was having problems with judges who are not in compliance. He stated that he was able to get Ohio to file a formal complaint against Alabama, and with that document the Alabama
governor’s office became involved. He added that within a couple of weeks the judge complied and the issue was resolved.

Arkansas  David Guntharp

- During June they had an Audit that went well. In response Arkansas is anticipating more training.
- R. Oakes explained that Arkansas had a test audit that will soon be available to other states, to do a self audit once the Compliance Committee completes the creation process of the self audit system.

District of Columbia  Cathy Terry-Crusor

- C. Terry-Crusor will be leaving her position in August 2006. She stated that

Florida  Ron Williams

- Ron Williams retired and Pam LaVigne will be replacing him. She will not be attending Commissiones’ Training in Florida.

Georgia  Joe Kuebler

- J. Kuebler stated that he is appreciative of other states’ patience with their personnel changes in Georgia.
- J. Kuebler asked commissioners to send him lists of transfers that are overdue in Georgia.

Kentucky

- A. Burton, A. Tolley, and Commissioner Vanhoose plan on attending the Annual Business Meeting.
- A. Tolley stated that July 1, 2006 KY will be enacting new Sex Offender Laws. She stated out that Kentucky has sent out letters to Sex Offenders informing them on where they can live and it is very limited.

Missouri  Wanda LaCour

- W. LaCour said that she had a judge who went to the Judicial Training in St. Louis and was very happy with the training.

North Carolina

- R. Guy reported that new Sex Offender laws would go into effect July 1, 2006, and will make a big difference as far as the compact is concerned.

Oklahoma  Milt Gilliam
• M. Gilliam state that they have a few additional staff.
• He added that OK is trying to get a judicial representative appointed for the State Council.
• M. Gilliam thanked the National Office Staff and Xavier Donnelly for the work they have done.

**Tennessee  Gary Tullock**

• G. Tullock announced that Tennessee now has their State Council back to full strength. He stated that they are planning a face-to-face State Council meeting in Nashville, TN.
• He added that they recently had a Dispute Resolution with Florida, and in response his office has distributed the Bench Book.
• G. Tullock requested to other commissioners that if they have a good Disaster Recovery policy, he would like for other states to email him or mail a copy to him.

**Texas  Kathie Winckler**

• K. Winckler stated that Texas is also having major problems with judges complying with the Compact.
• She added that she is planning to attend a Judges Symposium in August and she hopes to network and gain understanding during this conference.
• K. Winckler announced that Regina Grimes is the Deputy Jeremiah Tucker is the Probation DCA and Ethel White is the Parole DCA. Larry Hermanz is the office manager.
• She asked that states contact Regina Grimes, Jeremiah Tucker, Ethel White, or herself if any state is having issues.

**Virginia  J. Fisk**

• J. Fisk stated that Virginia’s Commissioner and DCA will be in attendance at the Annual Business Meeting.

**Louisiana  Gregg Smith**

• G. Smith stated that on behalf the Louisiana Compact Office he would like to thank other states for their help and patience over issues occurring due to Hurricane Katrina.
• G. Smith announced that 70% of the population in Louisiana is still out of the state.

**Maryland  Melanie Brock**
• M. Brock announced that they are concentrating on in house training and preparing for NACIS.
• She stated that Maryland recently had a State Council meeting and announced that her state is still having problems with judges as well.

**Mississippi Laura Cole**

• L. Cole announced that Mississippi has Ricky Spears as New Director. Commissioner Epps will not be able to attend.
• L. Cole announced that D. Blackburn recently traveled to Maryland for a State Council Training that was very successful.
• State Council Board is reorganizing.

• D. Blackburn discussed elections at Annual Business Meeting.
• R. Oakes added that the South Region will meet at the Annual Business Meeting and can schedule another teleconference before that time.

**Closing Comments**

• G. Tullock moved and C. Terry-Cursor seconded adjourning the meeting.
• Motion passed.