Members in Attendance:
1. Chris Norman  Alabama
2. Jenny Nimer  Florida
3. Chris Moore  Georgia
4. Genie Powers  Louisiana
5. Milt Gilliam  Oklahoma
6. James Parks  Virginia
7. Kela Thomas  South Carolina
8. Kathie Winckler  Texas
9. Anne Precythe  North Carolina
10. Sheila Sharp  Arkansas
11. Nancy Ware  District of Columbia
12. Steve Turner  Kentucky
13. Bobby Straughter  Tennessee
14. Ellis McSwain  Missouri
15. Karen Nichols  West Virginia
16. Patricia Vale  Maryland
17. Jerry Williams  Mississippi

Guests:
1. Robin Werder  Missouri
2. Ethel White  Texas
3. Julie Lohman  Virginia
4. Richie Spears  Mississippi
5. Frank Mesarick  Oklahoma
6. Debbie Duke  Tennessee
7. Linda Mustafa  Arkansas
8. Gregg Smith  Louisiana
9. Melanie Brock  Maryland
10. Amy Kirk  West Virginia
11. Jody Tracey  District of Columbia
12. Jenna James  Georgia
13. Lee Ishman   Alabama
14. Regina Grimes  Texas
15. Keith Hardison  Kentucky
16. Pat Tuthill    Florida
17. Rick Masters   Kentucky
18. Victoria Jakes  South Carolina
19. Karen Tucker     Florida
20. Jay Lynn       North Carolina

Staff
1. Mindy Spring

C. Norman called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm ET. M Spring called the roll. All members were present establishing a quorum.

Motion to approve the agenda made by J. Nimer, seconded by K. Winckler. Agenda approved by acclimation.

Motion to approve the April 18, 2013 minutes made by M. Gilliam, seconded by G. Powers. Minutes approved by acclimation.

Motion to approve the April 23, 2013 minutes made by K. Thomas, seconded by E. McSwain. Minutes approved by acclimation.

Executive Committee Update

M. Gilliam stated the committee reports will be provided in the general session the following day. He indicated the commission has had an outstanding year and thanked all the south region members for their support and encouraged Commissioner/DCA communication.

M. Gilliam announced the 2014 ABM to be held in Oklahoma City, OK.

C. Norman recognized the new Commissioners in the South Region, S. Sharp (AR), B. Straughter (TN), and J. Parks (VA).

K. Winckler announced her retirement and offered words of support to the new commissioners.

Rule Amendment Discussion

J. Nimer indicated that the proposals to Rules 5.101 and 5.101-1 will be voted on together.

Region Chair Election

K. Winckler nominated C. Norman to remain South Region Chair.
Motion to close the nominations made by K. Thomas, seconded by S. Turner. Motion passed unanimously. C. Norman remains South Region Chair.

ICOTS Reports

M. Spring provided the group a handout with examples of ICOTS reports, external reports as well as data examples from the new Offender Violation Reporting process. M. Spring encouraged states to become familiar with reports available and indicated the national office has access to a variety of data fields not currently provided but can via a helpdesk request.

J. Lohman noted how Virginia generates the reports regularly and how it’s been positive in the management of interstate compact business.

DCA Mentoring Program

S. Arruti (DCA, NV) explained the new DCA mentoring program to the group and requested the region elect a DCA representative to serve as mentor for DCAs in the South Region and on the DCA Liaison Committee for a two year term.

Nomination for R. Grimes to be the South Region DCA mentor made by L. Mustafa, seconded by K. Tucker.

Nomination for J. Lynn to be South Region DCA mentor made by V. Jakes, seconded by J. Lowman.

Nomination for S. Turner to be South Region DCA mentor made by K. Tucker, seconded by D. Duke.

A vote was taken resulting in the election of R. Grimes to serve as DCA mentor for the South Region.

Old Business

None

State Updates

Alabama- L. Ishman noted Alabama is scheduling training dates for next year to assist with compliance. Private probation is expected to be included in the training.

Arkansas- L. Mustafa announced the retirement of Mary Scott who will be replaced by Robin Baker. They are currently working on training new officers. L. Mustafa also indicated requests will be made for DNA registration and fingerprints for their offenders if available.

District of Columbia- N. Ware noted the compact office increased its use of ICOTS reports and training of users. Nation office provided assistance for preparing a presentation for Judges.
Florida- J. Nimer noted the positive impact for Florida’s Secretary and Deputy Secretary too acknowledge the importance and impact of interstate compact. It has been helpful in staying in compliance with Rules. Florida has recently dealt with issues regarding sex offenders and is in the process of changing protocol for GPS tracking. During transfers, Florida is requiring the offenders to send equipment back once arriving in the receiving state.

Georgia- J. James noted there have been some changes in Interstate Compact management and that Georgia passed the FY2013 compliance audit.

Kentucky- S. Turner noted there have been numerous retirees including the current director and assistant director. Currently, the Commissioner appointment is vacant. The Compact office is in the process of planning training.

Louisiana- G. Powers indicated the compact office is working on training for new officers and supervisors concentrating on areas of concern following the recent FY2013 compliance audit results. Recently the Governor pardoned a murderer who proceeded to go out of state. G. Powers polled the other states to see if administrative sanctions are used with compact cases. Louisiana currently uses them for its own offenders but not for compact offenders.

Maryland- P. Vale noted Maryland has been working on legislation to implement transfer fees for the last 2 years to cover extradition costs. M. Brock indicated the compact office has been working with Judges and State attorneys.

Missouri- E. McSwain indicated Robin Wedder was recently promoted. Lori Zuroweste is the new DCA.

Mississippi- R. Spears noted users are experiencing a learning curve with the new offender violation reporting process and the compact office is spending more time reviewing the activities when processed. Currently Mississippi is in the middle of it 2014 training cycle.

North Carolina- A. Precythe stated D. Guice was recently promoted to Commissioner of Adult Corrections and by January 2014 there will be an entire turnover in senior leadership team because of retirements and other reasons. Majority of people to be promoted will be from the field. Application fees implemented two years ago recently increased from $150 - $250. A. Precythe offered support to Maryland to get fees passed. A. Precythe asked states to assist North Carolina in the assessment process particularly in providing criminal histories as officers do not have resources to run DCI checks.

Oklahoma- M. Gilliam indicated the office is using the ICOTS report. M. Gilliam noted district attorney’s supervise over 20,000 offenders just to collect fees. This is about the same amount of offenders on traditional probation and parole in Oklahoma. If states have issues with retaking offenders with Oklahoma, they should contact M. Gilliam or F. Mesarick. Currently, staff training is going on with concentration on ICOTS. Justin Jones is retiring.
South Carolina- V. Jakes indicated South Carolina has spent $105,000 on mandatory retakes since 2007. Currently the compact office is fully staffed and spends time reviewing ICOTS reports to keep up with activities coming due. South Carolina passed the FY2013 Compliance Audit. There is a jail administrator representative on South Carolina’s state council who assists in distributing the Jail Administrator training materials provided by the national office. Recently interstate compact training was added to the basic training curriculum for probation and parole officers.

Tennessee- B. Straughter noted probation and parole was recently moved under the Department of Corrections and a legal liaison has been working with the department for the last year. Officers are now armed and B. Strauhter polled the other states on protocol whether their officers are armed. South Carolina indicated they require a pysch test before allowing a probation or parole officer to carry firearms.

Texas- K. Winckler announced Ethel White is retiring August 30th. R. Grimes has been providing offender violation report training and reviewing ICOTS reports. An article for district attorneys was recently distributed. Compact office continues to provides training to parole division director and probation departments.

Virginia- J. Parks indicated the compact office is fully staffed.

West Virginia- K. Nichols introduced new DCA Amy Kirk. West Virginia is currently implementing training and following the best practice of having ICOTS users go through the on demand training. Currently concentrating on training for institutions, next step will be to train probation which is challenging since it is under the Supreme Court.

New Business

P. Tuthill noted she is pleased to hear about all the news and training.

J. Nimer requests states share their publications so that she can forward to ACA.

K. Thomas stressed P. Tuthill’s important role to ensure victim services are represented.

P. Tuthill discussed the victim notification project and her role as victim advisor.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by K. Thomas, seconded by M. Gilliam. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm ET.