INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION
WEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2013
1:00 pm EDT

Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts

Members in Attendance:
1. Cheryl Marlow Hawaii, Chair
2. Carrie Belden Alaska
3. Dori Ege Arizona
4. Mario Fox California
5. Steve Hager Colorado
6. Denton Darrington Idaho
7. Cathy Gordon Montana
8. Shawn Arruti Nevada
9. Edward Gonzales New Mexico
10. Jeremiah Stromberg Oregon
11. Jim Ingle Utah
12. Anmarie Aylward Washington
13. Dawn Sides Wyoming

Members not in Attendance
None

Guests:
1. Kathryn Luth (AK)
2. Sheryl Cudney (AZ)
3. Kenneth Black (CA)
4. Joe White (CO)
5. Devon Whitefield (CO)
6. Sidney Nakamoto (HI)
7. Michael Knott (HI)
8. Judy Mesick (ID)
9. Roberta Cohen (NM)
10. Ruby Bledsoe (NV)
11. Dawn Persels (OR)
Call to Order
Commissioner C. Marlow (HI) called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm EDT. Thirteen out of thirteen members were present, quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda
Official Designee J. Ingle (UT) made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) seconded. Amended agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes from April 17, 2013 were amended and approved by acclimation.

DCA Mentoring Program
Official Designee S. Arruti (NV) discussed the DCA mentoring program. Nevada talked about the worksheets created by the DCA Liaison Committee to help involvement with DCAs mentoring new DCAs.

Nevada also discussed how the committee is looking for DCA Region Chairs to serve during DCA regional meetings and to mentor new DCAs or Commissioners.

DCA Region Chair Nominations
Judy Mesick, DCA (ID) nominates Jim Ingle, DCA (UT) to serve as DCA West Region Chair.

Commissioner D. Darrington (ID) made a motion to close nominations and vote by acclimation. D. Ege (AZ) seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Rule Amendment Discussion
D. Ege (AZ) discussed voting amendments for rules 5.101 and 5.101-1 up or down as a package.

Committee Reports
- Rules Committee – Already covered
- Training Committee – D. Ege (AZ) discussed that trainings will resume after Sept. 9th WebEx meeting.
- Finance Committee – Have not met, no report
- Compliance Committee – No report
- Technology Committee – No report
- DCA Liaison Committee – No report
**State Updates**

Alaska – Commissioner C. Belden (AK) indicated there was no new business.

Arizona – Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) discussed that she met with their state council last week to vet the proposed rule amendments. They passed a policy on handling incoming dual-supervision cases with one supervising officer.

California – Commissioner M. Fox (CA) mentioned Kenneth Black is the new DCA. He discussed new policies regarding parole to probation supervision and the possible release of up to 10,000 offenders.

Colorado – Commissioner S. Hagar (CO) discussed his new role as Commissioner and this being his first ABM.

Oregon – Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) mentioned his new role as Commissioner and his first time attending the ABM. He discussed a sentencing reform bill passed in the legislature. It will lead to a significant increase in the probation population.

Idaho – Commissioner D. Darrington (ID) discussed his new role as Commissioner and his background in the compact. He mentioned that the Criminal Justice Commission will be meeting next month. Idaho recently passed the compact audit. They were able to hire a new person last year to run compliance-based reports.

Montana – Official Designee C. Gordon (MT) mentioned that their state council met last week and discussed how Montana had passed their audit.

Nevada – Official Designee S. Arruti (NV) discussed Nevada just finishing up the legislative session in their state. Probation remained under the Department of Public Safety for the time being.

New Mexico – Commissioner E. Gonzalez (NM) talked about their compact office losing one full time employee position. They also lost their Director of Probation & Parole last week.

Utah – Official Designee J. Ingle (UT) discussed Utah’s new Commissioner, Jerry Miller Fox.

Washington – Commissioner A. Aylward (WA) talked about how marijuana is now legal in Washington. They also came close to a government shutdown, but were able to narrowly avert it. Their state auditor did an audit specifically on the Department of Corrections.

Wyoming – Commissioner D. Sides (WY) discussed how they got prosecutors and public defenders together and did training on the compact. They also trained district court judges. Training will also go out to pre-service and in-service agents.

Hawaii – Commissioner C. Marlow (HI) talked about their office looking to do training with prosecutors, judges and the parole board.
ICOTS Reports
DCA D. Persels (OR) asked if it was possible to add training to the DCA day at the 2014 ABM. S. Arruti (NV) suggested printing off example reports for states to see in such training. DCA K. Black (CA) asked if there was a frequently asked questions section of the website for the external ICOTS reports.

Violation – 30-Day Availability Notifications
DCA D. Persels (OR) brought up confusion caused by the 30-day availability notifications in ICOTS. Xavier Donnelly (National Office) discussed how it would require work by Appriss to get rid of the notifications or modify the current notifications.

D. Ege (AZ) said she would bring up the issue at the next Executive Committee meeting.

West Region Chair Nominations
C. Marlow (HI) opened the floor to nominations for West Region Chair.

D. Ege (AZ) nominated E. Gonzalez (NM) for West Region Chair. There were no further nominations.

C. Marlow (HI) called for a voice vote by acclimation to elect E. Gonzalez (NM) the new West Region Chair. E. Gonzalez (NM) was elected chair unanimously.

Adjourn
Commissioner A. Aylward (WA) moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner M. Fox (CA) seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:34pm EDT.