INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION
WEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2012
9:30am CDT

Senate B, 1st Floor
The Madison Concourse Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin

Members in Attendance:
1. Edward Gonzales Vice-Chair, New Mexico
2. Ronald Taylor Alaska
3. Dori Ege Arizona
4. Margarita Perez California
5. Tim Hand Colorado
6. Cheryl Marlow Hawaii
7. Kevin Kempf Idaho
8. Pam Bunke Montana
9. Kim Madris Nevada
10. Dawn Persels Oregon
11. Mike Mayer Utah
12. Anmarie Aylward Washington
13. Dawn Sides Wyoming

Guests:
1. Kathee Luth (AK)
2. Sheryl Cudney (AZ)
3. Mario Fox (CA)
4. Joe White (CO)
5. Devon Whitefield (CO)
6. Sidney Nakamoto (HI)
7. Michael Knott (HI)
8. Judy Mesick (ID)
9. Cathy Gordon (MT)
10. Roberta Cohen (NM)
11. Shawn Arruti (NV)
12. Ruby Bledsoe (NV)
13. Jim Ingle (UT)
14. Marjorie Martin (WA)
15. Phyllis Bloomberg (WY)
16. Dale Dodd (ICJ)
17. Sen. Denton Darrington (NCSL)

**Members Not in Attendance**

None

**Staff:**

1. Xavier Donnelly

**Call to Order**

Commissioner E. Gonzales (NM) called the meeting to order at 9:30am CDT. Thirteen out of thirteen members were present. A quorum was established.

**Agenda**

Alaska made a motion to amend the agenda. Arizona seconded. Election of the west region chair was moved from new business to the first item after the agenda. “Election of Officers” was changed to “Nomination of Officers” under new business. “Retaking Issues” was added to new business. Agenda was approved as amended.

**Region Chair Election**

Idaho discussed the benefits of being on the Executive Committee. Arizona expanded on how region chairs work on the Executive Committee.

**Idaho made a motion to nominate Hawaii (C. Marlow) for the position of West Region Chair. Arizona seconded. Hawaii was elected West Region Chair by acclimation.**

**Minutes**

May 15, 2012

- Washington made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2012 meeting. Alaska seconded. Minutes were approved as drafted.

**Committee Reports**

Arizona discussed the Violation Report workgroup and the approval of funding for the statement of work by the Executive Committee.

Nevada discussed the meetings conducted by the DCA Liaison Committee during the last year.

Arizona discussed the Training Committee’s work of preparing for the Annual Business Meeting.
Idaho discussed actions the Executive Committee took regarding motions made by the Compliance Committee.

Idaho discussed some of the business conducted during the last Executive Committee meeting.

**State Updates**

*Alaska:*
- Opened a new medium-size facility for which they are recruiting new officers. The state also won an award for a program featuring tenant-based rental assistance for offenders

*Arizona:*
- Budget issues may be on the rebound as some open positions are being filled. A lot of compact training has been conducted throughout the state.

*California:*
- Prison overcrowding legislation was passed in California which has led to the parole division shrinking rapidly. At the same time, the probation division is increasing drastically. As a result probation is looking at more non-compliance issues with offenders under supervision.

*Colorado:*
- Colorado is looking at the composition of their state council. They are looking to increase the role of the legislative branch. The state council was also trained on its role in the compact. On-going trainings are being held throughout the state for officers.

*Hawaii:*
- Someone has been hired to fill the compact coordinator position.
- They were able to pass legislation regarding the collection of funds for compact supervision.
- The state prosecutor is interested in having ICAOS legal counsel out to discuss the compact.
- Training officers on the compact is still difficult because there is no central training academy in Hawaii. All training must be coordinated through the interstate compact office.

*Idaho:*
- They have a new staff member coming on board from the parole division.
- A state-wide effort to train officers is coming to an end.
- Prosecutors from across the state were also trained.
- Commissioner K. Kempf may be moving to a different role in corrections as the result of a state-wide reorganization.

*Montana:*
- The next legislative session will begin soon. There are indications there may be a budget surplus.
- The department of corrections recently received 2 grants covering the following:
  1. Re-entry efforts
  2. Risk/needs assessment tool for probation and parole
- Their state council met a few weeks ago. The state councils for both the adult and juvenile compacts were merged to better facilitate participation and communication.

**New Mexico:**
- The compact office is currently at 50% staffing level.
- A state council is finally in place. Their first meeting will take place shortly after the Annual Business Meeting.

**Nevada:**
- Successful in getting a state council appointed. They are still waiting on final paperwork for the victim representative.
- Issues are arising when running background checks on potential hires, which lead to some positions not getting filled.
- In order to keep some positions in the compact office, some re-organization had to take place.

**Oregon:**
- Revenue in the state was even this past year, but there still needed to be some drastic cuts. This meant a 50% reduction in staffing at the compact level. They looked at how duties needed to be delegated.
- New assistant director is set to come on board in October 2012.
- Assessment tool is on hold while the transition takes place.

**Utah:**
- The commissioner acknowledged the hard work of DCA Jim Ingle.
- Their state council is scheduled to meet after the Annual Business Meeting.

**Washington:**
- New legislation will be going forward during this session about sanctions regarding violations.

**Wyoming:**
- Accountability issues have led to some turnover with officers in the field.
- An 8% budget cut will need to be taken this year.
- A lot of prison positions are being lost to North Dakota.
- Working on training agents and how to better keep agents in the field trained.

**Old Business**

**Spouse Definition**
Washington discussed some of the items previously brought up on the topic.
Washington made a motion to table discussion on the topic. Montana seconded. Motion passed by acclamation.

Oregon Assessment Tool
Washington made a motion to table discussion on the topic. Wyoming seconded. Motion passed by acclamation.

Break at 10:40am CDT
Meeting resumed at 10:56am CDT

New Business
Nomination of Officers
Nominations closed with no one from the West Region being nominated for Vice-Chair.

Retaking Issues
Oregon discussed retaking issues worksheet titled “Violation Responses”.
- Arizona discussed how violation report changes based on the statement of work from Appriss will address most of the issues brought up on the worksheet.
- Arizona brought up the solution of a training bulletin to address some of the issues on the worksheet.

Break at 11:45am CDT
Meeting resumed at 1:10pm CDT

Oregon discussed retaking issues worksheet titled “Rule 5.101”.
- Alaska made a motion to refer the changes to rule 5.101 proposed by Oregon to the Rules Committee. Utah seconded. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Rule 5.101 Retaking by the sending state**

(a) Except as required in Rules 5.102, 5.103, 5.103-1 and 5.103-2 at its sole discretion, a sending state may retake an offender, unless the offender has been charged with a subsequent criminal offense in the receiving state.

(b) Upon its determination to retake the offender, the sending state shall retake or order the return of the offender from the receiving state or a subsequent receiving state, issue a warrant and file a detainer with the holding facility when the offender is in custody.

(c) If the offender does not return to the sending state as ordered, then the sending state shall issue a warrant that is effective in all compact member states, without limitation as to specific geographic area, no later than 10 calendar days following the offender’s failure to appear in the sending state.

(d) If the offender has been charged with a subsequent criminal offense in the receiving state, the offender shall not be retaken without the consent of the receiving state, or until criminal
charges have been dismissed, sentence has been satisfied, or the offender has been released to supervision for the subsequent offense.

Oregon discussed retaking issues worksheet titled “Rule 2.105 Misdemeanants”
- Alaska made a motion to table discussion on the topic. Washington seconded. Motion passed by acclimation.

Wyoming made a motion to move the next region meeting to Thursday November 15, 2012 at 2pm EST in order to avoid the holiday week. Oregon seconded. Motion passed by acclimation.

The West Region will meet again at 2:00 pm EST on Thursday November 15, 2011.

Adjourn
California made a motion to adjourn. Alaska seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:56pm CDT.