INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION
WEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2009
3:45 p.m.  PDT
Reno, Nevada

Members in Attendance:
1. Edward Gonzales  Chair, New Mexico
2. Mark Cadotte  Oregon
3. Pam Bunke  Montana
4. Kevin Kempf  Idaho
5. Les Pozsgy  Wyoming
6. Lin Miller  Washington
7. Brent Butcher  Utah
8. Jeaneene Miller  Colorado
9. Dori Ege  Arizona
10. Donna White  Alaska
11. Janice Yamada  Hawaii

Guests:
1. Pat Odell
2. Marjorie Owens
3. Kathryn Luth
4. Denise Sitler
5. Jim Engel
6. Judy Mesick
7. Devon Whitefield
8. Louis Zorn
9. Cathy Gordon
10. Frank Torres
11. William Dodds
12. Roberta Cohen
13. Kim Madris
14. Shawn Arruti
15. Anthony DeCrona
16. Mario Fox

Approved on 5/4/2010.B.S.
Members not in Attendance
1. Robert Ambroselli   California
2. Bernard Curtis     Nevada

Staff:
1. Xavier Donnelly

Call to Order
Commissioner E. Gonzales (NM) called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm PDT. Eleven out of thirteen members were present. Quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda
Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner M. Cadotte (OR) seconded. The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes
Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2, 2009 & August 4, 2009. Commissioner L. Pozsgi (WY) seconded. The minutes were approved.

Discussion
Denying Mandatory Cases: The region discussed reasons for denying mandatory cases and expressed concern some states may be “stretching” reasons for denial.

Judges Circumventing the Compact: The region discussed issues with some judges circumventing or ignoring the compact. The need for more educational materials and exposure to training options was brought up.

States ICOTS Update
Alaska, Commissioner D. White
• State Council was appointed
• First meeting was in October 2009

Arizona, Commissioner D. Ege
• State Council met in October 2009

California, Acting DCA F. Torres
• Described California’s transition period
• Discussed Parole being behind in processing Transfer Requests

Colorado, Commissioner J. Miller
• Discussion on status of State Council, which is going well
• Brought up that Colorado is also facing budgetary issues
  o Probation: Training budget cut completely
Parole: 1 Compact user in each office
Delegation of compact related support and issues
CARs regarding criteria for discharging offenders from parole

Hawaii, Commissioner J. Yamada
- Discussed State Council
  - Effective avenue for getting things done
  - Ability to get legislators involved
- Also facing financial crisis
  - Will begin furloughs next month
- Discussed judges that are not following the compact

Idaho, Commissioner K. Kempf
- Hosted Regional Interstate Compact meeting this past summer
- Training has been continuous all year
- Trained one DAG to deal exclusively with Interstate Compact matters
- Dori Ege also trained in Idaho

Montana, Commissioner P. Bunke
- Financial situation not as dire as some states
- Replaced three people on state council

New Mexico, Commissioner E. Gonzales
- Discussed financial situation in the state
  - Possibilities of furloughs
  - Releasing prisoners
  - Closing prisons
  - Compact Office is short one position

Nevada, Compact Administrator K. Madris
- Also facing financial hardship
- Still does not have a state council in place
- Discussed how some investigations are done by Compact Office staff

Oregon, Commissioner M. Cadotte
- Also using furloughs to address budget shortfalls
- Will be implementing an application fee
- State council met on 10/30/2009 and discussed Rules proposals

Utah, Commissioner B. Butcher
- Not facing furloughs yet
- Could be facing budget cuts in near future

Washington, Commissioner L. Miller
- Legislature passed laws changing supervision eligibility requirements to help save on costs
- Advised the region that low-risk offenders will be kiosk supervised

**West Region Chair Election**

*Nominations:* Commissioner D. White (AK) nominated Commissioner E. Gonzales (NM). Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) seconded the nomination. E. Gonzales accepted the nomination.

Commissioner D. White (AK) made a motion to elect E. Gonzales West Region Chair. Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) seconded. The motion passes by unanimous verbal vote.

**Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

**New Business**

Commissioner J. Miller (CO) brought up the issue of dues reformulation. The region discussed the ICAOS budget and dues in relation to the states’ current budgetary difficulties.

**Adjourn**

Commissioner D. Ege (AZ) made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner K. Kempf (ID) seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm PDT.