



ASSOCIATION OF JUVENILE COMPACT ADMINISTRATORS
2008 Mid-Year Meeting
February 27, 2008
Savannah, Georgia

Meeting Minutes

Officers Present:

Paul Gibson, Kentucky, President
Ryan Pinto, Washington, Vice President
John Gusz, New Jersey Probation, Secretary
Cindy Pittman, Georgia, Treasurer

Secretariat:

Kristine C. Prince

Immediate Past President:

Michael B. Lacy, West Virginia

Members Present:

Art Gonzales, Arizona
Judy Miller, Arkansas*
Monique Visentin, California
Summer Foxworth, Colorado*
JoAnn Rohan, District of Columbia
Alicia Ehlers, Idaho
Robert Champion, Indiana Probation
Anthony Ellis, Kansas
Liz Wilson, Kansas
Suzie Durrett, Louisiana
Mark Boger, Maine*
Rose Ann Bisch, Minnesota
Christine Townsend-Bunch, Mississippi

Julie Hawkins, Missouri*
Nancy Wikle, Montana*
Stephanie Boysen, Montana
Molli Davis, Nevada*
Wayne Carmack, New Hampshire
Dale Dodd, New Mexico*
Tracy Marchand, North Carolina
Carol Gillespie, Oregon*
Natalie Primak, Pennsylvania
Donna Bonner, Texas
Margo Bryce, Vermont*
Dawn Melzo, Washington
Randall Wagner, West Virginia
Mary Keyes, Wisconsin

*Board Members

Guests:

Adam Kennedy, Region Administrator, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice
Harry Hageman, Executive Director, Interstate Compact on Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS)
Ashley Hassan, Assistant Executive Director, Interstate Compact on Adult Offender Supervision
Cynthia Yim, Maryland ICJ Office (Retired)

1. WELCOME

President Paul Gibson called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the Mid-Year Meeting. The Secretariat conducted the Roll Call of States. Summer Foxworth (Colorado) provided the invocation and lead the group in reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. President Gibson thanked Cindy Pittman (Georgia) for hosting this year's meeting and for making all of the logistical arrangements. He also thanked Dawn Melzo (Washington) and Randall Wagner (West Virginia) for stepping up and taking over the training of new staff yesterday when Nancy Wikle's plane was delayed because of weather conditions. President Gibson asked everyone at the meeting to introduce themselves.

Cindy Pittman then welcomed everyone to Savannah and introduced Adam Kennedy, Region Administrator, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice. Mr. Kennedy provided some historical information about Savannah and discussed the juvenile justice system in Georgia. He stated that as the population in this area rises, so does crime. In order to combat the increase in crime, the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice has hired additional probation/parole officers with the case load goal of 35:1. Additionally, they have hired a full-time victim's advocate and juvenile justice personnel are housed in schools. Mr. Kennedy stated that he hopes everyone has a good time while in Savannah and encouraged everyone to get out and see some of the beautiful and historic sites in this area.

2. INTERSTATE COMPACT ON ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION (ICAOS)UPDATE

President Gibson introduced Harry Hageman, the newly appointed ICAOS Executive Director and Ashley Hassan, Assistant Executive Director. President Gibson explained that Mr. Hageman and Ms. Hassan were invited to present an update on the progress the adult system has made in developing its new national data base and the training system they are using.

Mr. Hageman explained that training for the new IACOS national data base system is being done online using WebEx. WebEx was chosen because it allows them to create customized presentations in any format and because participants can use a standard browser and phone which eliminates the constraints from being unable to meet in person. It allows them to meet with anyone, anywhere in real time over the web and interact as if they are meeting face-to-face.

The online facilitator-led training is conducted in two-hour increments over a two-day period. Participants are able to ask questions and participate in the training. It allows for numerous people to participate in one location. They also offer on-demand self-paced training with modules that can be viewed from any location at any time. There are post-viewing quizzes with instructions upon completion of the modules.

There are three cost variables for WebEx: (1) \$1,500 per month for the basic WebEx cost; (2) The minute usage costs \$1,400 per month with ICAOS using 20,000 minutes per month with the cost per minute charged at \$.07 per minute; (3) On demand modules are \$660 per month and ICAOS currently uses six modules at \$110 each. Their total cost is \$3,560 per month or \$42,720 per year. In the first years of operation, the Commission budgeted \$75,000 annually for training.

In the last 18 months, they have held thirty-four probation/parole officer training sessions training over 2,000 attendees. They have held training for deputy compact administrators on eight rule amendments with 97% of states in attendance.

Since March of 2006, they have offered on demand training for over 2,600 individuals with more than 1,600 hours of viewing time. From 2006 to 2007 there has been a 36.6% increase in the average monthly viewers.

WebEx can also be used for individual states to conduct specific meetings or training within their states and for sharing documents.

Mr. Hageman gave an overview of ICOTS which is the acronym for the new adult offender tracking system. This system is web-based and will be the only way that that business will be conducted for the adult interstate compact system. Once the system is launched, hard copies of forms will be retired and no longer accepted. The system will be used as a pilot program with five or six states first, then once the "bugs" are out of the system, it will be released nationally. Train-the-Trainer sessions will be held via WebEx and web-based on demand training modules will be available. Mr. Hageman explained that more options are also being considered.

The system will require three layers of security. The toolkit will be released shortly and will provide detailed specifications for data preparation. Submission will be either a flat file or XML. States will then have six months to prepare and clean their data.

There are two components to the system: (1) the Legacy caseload, which is all actively supervised out-going cases (historical cases will not be uploaded); and (2) the user load which will allow all states to input all of their users at once. The Legacy caseload includes the core set of data surrounding the offender (offender first name, last name, social security number, gender, offense, start date, expiration date, receiving state, etc.). The user load will contain all of that information as well.

There will be Help Desk support available, but each state is responsible for managing their own user data base. They are working with Apris who is building the site and will host the sit in a secure facility and network. Mr. Hageman stated that this is a totally new way of doing business and sufficient training will be available to help states make the transition to this new system.

At the end of his presentation, Mr. Hageman asked if there were any questions from the floor. One question arose about how realistic is it to think that the new juvenile information system can be "piggybacked" onto the adult information system. Mr. Hageman stated that it will not be possible to piggyback the juvenile information system onto the adult information system because the adult data base is being built specifically for the adult system and was built from the ground up for about \$2 million dollars. He stated that technology is very expensive and the juvenile system would need to invest at least \$1 million dollars in order to develop an information system that would be specific to the needs of the juvenile compact. He advised that the adult information system could be used as a prototype which would save some time and money for the juvenile system, but he advised the juvenile system not to underestimate the cost of building the juvenile national data base.

President Gibson thanked Mr. Hageman and Ms. Hassan for presenting to the AJCA membership and they were given a small token of appreciation.

3. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Molli Davis (Nevada) and Carole Gillespie (Oregon) as co-chairs of the Resolutions and Awards Committee presented Cynthia Yim (Maryland - Retired) an AJCA Lifetime Membership Award. Since Ms. Yim is a guest at the Mid-Year Meeting thus making it possible to make the presentation to her personally, the presentation was made at this time rather than at the Annual Meeting in August. Ms. Yim thanked the membership for the Award and for their friendship and collegiality during her time serving the compact for the State of Maryland.

4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Gibson explained that most all of the AJCA committee work has been stalled during the past year as we await the passage of the new compact. However, he and Cindy Pittman will be manning the AJCA exhibit at the National Juvenile Justice Conference in St. Louis the first week in March.

A question arose about transition once the new compact is enacted and Vice President Pinto reviewed the AJCA Transition Plan that has been approved by the Association and is part of the AJCA Rules and Regulations. JoAnn Rohan (District of Columbia) suggested that one thing that the Association could do now is to identify the non-compacting states and start planning for how business will be conducted with those non-compacting states at this meeting.

President Gibson asked if there were any important issues that the Rules Committee should consider at this time. Wayne Carmack (New Hampshire) stated that AJCA rules don't currently address DNA requirements and that information has not been added to the matrix. In addition the new Adam Walsh law has implications for rule changes regarding sex offender registration. President Gibson reviewed the new rule-making process and explained that the process is much more stringent now than it has been in the past. Proposals for rule changes would be made at the Annual Meeting and referred to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee would review the proposal and decide whether to officially propose the rule change at the next Annual Meeting. He suggested that, at this point, any rule changes should be referred to the new National Commission.

5. 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

Alicia Ehlers (Idaho) provided an update on the planning for the Annual Meeting to be held in Idaho in August. At the last Annual Meeting, the membership chose Couer d'Alene, Idaho as the site for the meeting. However, in checking prices for hotels, Ms. Ehlers has found that because Couer d'Alene is a resort, hotels there are very expensive. Also, members would have to fly into the Seattle airport and drive to Couer d'Alene which is about a 30-45 minute drive. The President asked members to consider the options and the matter will be set on the agenda for a final decision tomorrow.

6. ADJOURN

The meeting was then adjourned.