

**ASSOCIATION OF JUVENILE COMPACT ADMINISTRATORS
MID-WINTER MEETING
RAMADA AIRPORT INN, TAMPA, FLORIDA**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2000
MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present:

Dave Lawrence	Arizona
Jim Chaffee	Arizona
Howard Jordan	California
Louis Wright	District of Columbia
William Yates	Florida
Cindy Pittman	Georgia
M. Jody Taylor	Idaho
Ronald Leffler	Indiana - Parole
Sarah Jane Stark	Iowa
Leslie Calme	Kentucky
Rose Ann Bisch	Minnesota
Lyle Cunningham	Missouri
Michael Reddish	Nebraska - Parole
April Honey	Nevada
Pam Snodgrass	Nevada
Linda Bombaci	New Hampshire
Michael Epstein	New Jersey - Parole
Duane Edwards	New Mexico
Jo Roberson Parker	North Carolina
Osborne Shamberger	North Carolina
Pamela Helbling	North Dakota
Joann Noffsinger	Oregon
Donna Bonner	Texas
Marci Wharton	Virginia
Jeff Patnode	Washington

Visitors:

Frank Alarcon	Deputy Secretary, Florida Dept. of Juvenile Justice
Jean Hall	Florida ICJ Office
Martha King	Florida ICJ Office
Mary Eccles	Florida ICJ Office

Secretariat:

Kristine Prince McStotts	Utah
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1. Welcome.

AJCA President Duane Edwards welcomed members to the meeting and the Secretariat was asked to do a roll call of states. Mr. Edwards thanked Bill Yates and his staff of the Florida ICJ Office for all of their efforts in planning for and coordinating the Mid-Winter Meeting.

Mr. Yates introduced Mr. Frank Alarcon, Deputy Secretary of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice who provided a warm welcome from the state of Florida.

Each person at the meeting introduced themselves and told the group how long they had been with their state's ICJ Office.

President Edwards recognized Donna Bonner and her staff from the state of Texas who worked diligently to put together the training manual used for the new ICJ administrator training held yesterday. Those who assisted Ms. Bonner from her office were: Kevin Bach, Rachael Hughes, Cindy Herrera and Melinda Torres.

2. Revision of AJCA Rules & Regulations.

Michael Reddish, as co-chair of the Rules & Regulations Committee, introduced the topic of the revision of the Rules & Regulations. He advised the group that co-chair, Fred McDonald of West Virginia, was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Reddish pointed out that he and Fred McDonald have been working on revising the Rules since the 1999 Annual Meeting in Vermont. Because it has been a monumental project, they are now asking for assistance from the membership of AJCA to complete the project. He asked the group to review the revisions made by he and Mr. McDonald, and to proceed to revise the remaining Rules, if necessary. He stated that the work that will be done in this meeting in revising and updating the Rules & Regulations is critically important and will have lasting impact on our states and on the youth we serve.

Mr. Reddish asked the membership to divide into four working groups with the following members acting as Chairs of the four groups: Howard Jordan (to review Rule 1-101 through 4-103 of the revision done by Mr. Reddish and Mr. McDonald); Ron Leffler (to review Rule 4-104 through 4-113 of the revisions done by Mr. Reddish and Mr. McDonald); Donna Bonner (to rewrite Rules 4-101

through the 700 series in the 1999 edition of the Rules); and, Jody Taylor along with Joann Noffsinger (to review forms as well as Rule 2-101 and 2-102).

Each group was given the following assignments:

- a. Identify issues that relate to the Rules & Regulations assigned to your group. This is to be a brainstorming session. Then the group will report back to the membership.
- b. Go through your Rules and determine if the following criteria is met:
 1. Does the Rule meet the intent of the corresponding ICJ Article?
 2. Does the Rule meet with the legal responses received from Mitch Wendell?
 3. Is the Rule necessary? Is the Rule in the best interest of the ICJ?
 4. Are there additional Rules that need to be written and promulgated?
 5. Is the Rule clear, concise and direct?
- c. Review any revisions to the Rules you have been assigned. If so, make changes if you choose. If your group is assigned a Rule that has not been revised yet, review that Rule and rewrite it if necessary. Report back to the membership.
- d. Lastly, the entire body will meet and each group will report on their final product. Hopefully, there will be consensus on the revised Rules & Regulations. The final draft will then be sent to the entire membership in preparation for discussion and their approval at the Annual Meeting in Santa Fe.

The following members participated in the following groups:

- Group # 1: Jody Taylor (ID) and Joann Noffsinger (OR) co-chairs: Leslie Calma (KY), Jim Chaffee (AZ)
- Group #2: Howard Jordan (CA), chair: Osborne Shamberger (NC), Lyle Cunningham (MO), Sarah Jane Stark (IA)
- Group #3: Ron Leffler (IN), chair: Dave Lawrence (AZ), April Honey (NV), Jeff Patnode (WA) and Rose Ann Bisch (MN)
- Group #4: Donna Bonner (TX), chair: Cindy Pittman (GA), Jo Roberson Parker (NC), Pam Helbling (ND), Mike Epstein (NJ), Linda Bombaci (NH), and Marci Wharton (VA)

Duane Edwards cautioned the group to review the Rules in light of what is best for the entire membership, and not what is best for your individual state. The Rules & Regulations should be developed in the best interests of the

juveniles we serve as well as to take into account the safety and security of the communities in which they live. Mr. Edwards explained that this is our opportunity to solve some of the present-day problems with the ICJ and, if successful, could make it possible to resolve problems without having to rewrite the entire Interstate Compact on Juveniles.

Jo Noffsinger suggested that, when rewriting the Rules, perhaps they should be rewritten in the legal style with first listing a purpose to the Rule, then listing definitions of important terms in the Rule, and then writing the Rule itself. Duane Edwards responded that he would prefer that the group work on the revision of the Rules themselves first, and then look at the issue of whether they should be written in a particular legal style.

Each group then convened and worked on their revisions of the Rules for the rest of the day.

3. ADJOURNMENT.

Each group worked until 4:30 pm and then the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kristine Prince Mc-Stotts, AJCA Secretariat
April 7, 2000