



**ASSOCIATION OF JUVENILE COMPACT ADMINISTRATORS
2009 ANNUAL MEETING**

August 4, 2009

**Offices of The Council of State Governments
Lexington, Kentucky**

Meeting Minutes

Officers Present:

Michael B. Lacy, President, West Virginia
Amanda Behe, Vice President, Pennsylvania
Traci Marchand, Secretary, North Carolina
Cindy Pittman, Treasurer, Georgia

Secretariat:

Kristine C. Prince, Secretariat, Utah

Members Present:

Rachel P. Rios, California
Ronald J. Leffler, Indiana Parole
Robert Champion, Indiana Probation*
Fred White, Massachusetts, Parole*
Rose Ann Bisch, Minnesota
Wayne Carmack, New Hampshire*
Catherine Laurie, New Hampshire

Guests:

Paul Gibson, Kentucky

*Board Members

1. WELCOME/INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Association President, Michael B. Lacy, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He noted that this is probably the smallest group of attendees at an Association meeting that he is aware of. He stated, however, that this is the reality of what is happening with the compact and the membership numbers will likely continue to get smaller as time goes on. President Lacy asked everyone to go around the room and introduce themselves and state what their relationship with the compact is.

Ron Leffler led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and he offered an invocation. President Lacy introduced Paul Gibson, Deputy State Compact Administrator for the State of Kentucky. Mr. Gibson welcomed the group to the host city of Lexington, Kentucky. He explained that Kentucky has passed the compact legislation and is now a member of the new Juvenile Compact Commission. Mr. Gibson talked about his membership on the commission and his service on the technology and membership committees. He reported that the technology committee is at square one and will have to start at the very beginning in developing a data system. It was initially thought that the data base system for the juvenile compact could piggyback on the adult compact technology system. But because of the many differences between the juvenile compact and the adult compact, there is no way this can happen.

Mr. Gibson stated that on behalf of the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice, he welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the state of Kentucky. President Lacy thanked Mr. Gibson for providing transportation between the hotel and The Council of State Governments' offices where the meetings are held.

2. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Amanda Behe stated that she had nothing new to report, other than that there were two problems that arose between two compacting states and the matter was referred to the new commission as both states were members of the commission.

3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Traci Marchand reminded everyone that the deadline for submitting statistics for the Annual Report is August 14. However, she will extend that deadline to September. The statistical information is very important for the new commission to consider as they assess membership dues. Additionally, Traci continues to keep the AJCA website updated with new ICJ personnel.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cindy Pittman distributed a copy of the year to date budget report. She estimates that the cost for this meeting will be a little under \$7,000.00. There is \$8,730.32 in the savings account and \$8,482.51 in the checking account. She intends to pay Captain Innovations for another year to host the AJCA website and keep it running. The group discussed whether to assess dues for the next year.

Motion: *Bob Champion made a motion to suspend dues for the next year because of the money already remaining in the treasury. Rose Ann Bisch seconded the motion. The motion was defeated.*

The membership were concerned about running out of money if the Association continued on without assessing dues.

Cindy will send out dues notices of \$400 in January for the next calendar year.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. *Budget and Finance Committee:* Cindy Pittman reported for this committee as the co-chair, Barbara Murray of Alaska, did not attend the meeting. Alaska just recently joined the new compact and Ms. Murray will no longer be a member of AJCA. The substance of Ms. Pittman's report was the yearly budget report she handed out earlier.

B. *Rules and Regulations/Compliance Committee:* Chair, Fred McDonald stated he had nothing new to report at this time.

C. *Forms/Manual Committee:* Amanda Behe had nothing new to report.

D. *Legal Issues/Bylaws Committee:* Fred McDonald had stated earlier in the year that he thought the Bylaws should be reviewed and recommendations made for change if there were any due to the greatly reduced size of the AJCA membership. However, he stated

that because of the huge time commitment involved in this project, he wasn't able to do anything on it yet.

- E. *Site Selection Committee*: Cindy Pittman suggested that the membership consider collapsing the two meetings (Mid-Year Meeting and the Annual Meeting) into one meeting per year and holding the meeting in June.

6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

President Lacy facilitated a brainstorming discussion with the group to come up with some questions for the new Commission Chair and CSG since both Donna Bonner and Keith Scott are scheduled on the agenda tomorrow.

The group came up with the following questions:

- Since the new Commission has extended an invitation to AJCA to have an ex-officio membership on the Commission, whose responsibility is it to pay for travel expenses for the ex-officio member to participate in the Commission meetings. Bob Champion suggested that it would be a nice gesture from the Commission to pay even just half of the travel expenses.
- Is there any chance that the Commission will extend the Transition Rule beyond December 2009? The Commission's Transition Rule is set to expire on December 15, 2009. The AJCA Transition Rule has no expiration date.
- Since non-signatory states will be governed by the AJCA Rules and Regulations, what role will Memoranda of Understanding have between ICJ and AJCA states after December 15?
- Whose responsibility is it to continue to work with the remaining non-signatory states to get them to pass the interstate compact legislation? In Las Vegas last December, CSG said that they are available to help get new states on board.
- There was also a concern raised that if CSG does come to your state to do some politicking, who should they be contacting first? One member stated that when CSG came to his state, he was completely bypassed and that a courtesy phone call would have been appreciated.
- Bob Champion brought up the issue of ICJ offices in states who contracts with other agencies outside of the ICJ office to provide ICJ services (such as Michigan has done with Traveler's Aid). Is this something the new Commission plans to deal with so that there is an effort to standardize the delivery of services in each new compacting state?
- Members brought up the continuing issue of mandatory acceptance by the receiving state of juveniles who will be living with a parent or legal guardian in homes where the

environment is not suitable for juvenile placement. Ms. Behe stated that this is an ongoing issue and should be referred to the Rules Committee. She advised that she does not sign off on those placements indicating that she does not recommend the placement, but if the sending state still wants to send the juvenile, it is their decision and their responsibility.

- Bob Champion suggested asking Ms. Bonner if the new ICJ plans to develop a website of their own with an up to date roster of state offices.
- Wayne Carmack would like to ask the new ICJ if they are addressing any federal laws during the rulemaking process that may impact the states such as the Adam Walsh Act? Amanda Behe, who sits on the Rules Committee, stated that they are taking these new laws into consideration. Since this question was answered by Ms. Behe, the group decided not to include this question in the session with Donna Bonner tomorrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was then adjourned until tomorrow morning.