



# AJCA Newsletter

*Serving Youth Nationwide*

**Spring 2004**

## ***From the President***

*-Ronald J. Leffler, IN Parole  
AJCA President*

Greetings to all of you who touch the lives of children in this great country. All of you deserve a warm congratulations for the work that you do. Many of the children and families that we serve never get an opportunity to say thank you, so I will take this opportunity to say thank you in their behalf. The rewards that we receive are personal in nature and usually come from co-workers or other professionals with whom we come into contact.

The work that we do every day is important to many people. It is our job to help maneuver families and children through the massive juvenile justice system. Many times we make decisions and do our work without much thought about who is affected by it. Our ability to do the job that we have within the Interstate Compact on Juveniles is very important and should be very satisfying for us.

During the 2004 Mid-Winter Meeting in Las Vegas, the Association developed a Strategic Plan for the Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators. Since that time, the Executive Board has been working to refine the Strategic Plan and will be presenting the plan at the Annual Meeting in Olympia, Washington. In the minutes of the Mid-Winter Workshop, you will get the draft information that was developed. Since then, we have refined it and put specific timeframes and have assigned people responsible for its implementation. I would encourage you to attend the Annual Meeting so that you can have input into the direction that the Association is moving.

I would encourage individuals to consider becoming involved with the Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators. This involvement can be through serving on a committee, as a regional representative, a board member or an officer. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting. Everyone needs to be involved. An added bonus of work within the Association is developing many lifelong relationships.

The new Interstate Compact for Juveniles continues to move through the legislative process. An update will be provided in this Newsletter. Many questions exist about the process and what will happen when 35 states have adopted the new Compact. We have no guidelines as to how the new compact will function. Our only guide is what happened in the adult compact.

Best wishes to all of you and keep up the good work. All of you are valuable and appreciated more than you realize. Thank you again for all the great work that you do.



## ***16 States to Go! Update on the New Compact***

*- Donna Bonner, TX  
AJCA Vice President*

As of May 18, 2004, 19 states have passed the new Compact legislation, three states have one chamber passage, and five states have introduced the legislation.

Congratulations to the states that have passed the new Compact. They are: (in order of date enacted into law) North Dakota (3-13-03); New Mexico (3-19-03); Montana (4-1-03); Arizona (4-30-03); Washington (5-9-03); Connecticut (6-18-03); Maine (6-25-03); Delaware (7-8-03); Rhode Island (7-10-03); Michigan (7-11-03); Louisiana (7-3-03); South Dakota (2-13-04); Wyoming (3-5-04); Idaho (3-19-04); Kansas (3-29-04); West Virginia (4-6-04); Oklahoma (4-21-04); Alabama (4-22-04) and Colorado (4-26-04).

The new Compact will take effect and become binding upon legislative enactment by 35 states. The initial effective date is the later of July 1, 2004 or the date on which the legislation enacting the Compact in the 35th state takes effect.



## ***William L. Frederick Award***

*-Ronald J. Leffler, IN Parole*

The Frederick Award Committee will be requesting nominations for this award in the near future. Nominees should meet the following criteria:

1. Use and encourage the philosophy, practices, and procedures of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles.
2. Manifest a high degree of interest pertaining to the youth we serve.
3. Actively support the Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators by attendance at meetings, accepting responsibility in holding offices, and faithfully carrying out all designed duties.
4. Have over two years of devoted service to the administration of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles, to youth and to youth corrections.
5. Employ helpful and cooperative attitudes in Interstate Compact on Juveniles transactions by prompt attention to requests, display a business and professional manner at all times, and is willing to go beyond the call of duty to enhance interstate relationships.
6. Displays willingness to refer requests for service not handled by their agency to appropriate agency as an act of courtesy and to expedite requests.
7. Develops and shares innovative procedures and policies for improved service of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles.



## ***A Note From the Treasurer***

*-Cindy Pittman, GA  
AJCA Treasurer*

Dues notices were sent out in February of this year and were due upon receipt. Please ensure that your state's dues have been paid. Remember that in order to vote on matters before the Association at the Annual Meeting, your dues must be current and paid. If there is any doubt about the status of your dues, please contact Cindy Pittman at 404-508-6556.

The registration fee for the Annual Meeting can be paid in advance by your state. Please use the registration form provided by the host state as your registration invoice. No formal invoice will be sent out by the Association for registration. Please ensure that the fee is paid in advance so that there is no confusion regarding the status of the payment of your registration when you arrive in Olympia.

Remember, per the AJCA Bylaws, in order to vote at the business meeting in Olympia, your dues must be paid in full prior to the beginning of the Annual Meeting. This year we will be voting on a number of important issues that will affect you, which includes Rules and Regulations, Forms, AJCA Manual, and the AJCA 2005 dues and budget. Don't wait until the last minute to make sure you are paid up!



## ***Nominations***

*-Maxine Baggett, MS  
Summer Foxworth, CO*

Another year has come to bring aboard new faces and change in leadership which will lead the path toward the transition to the new Interstate Compact for Juveniles. All four officer position will become vacant as will five positions on the Executive Board. The four officers' positions are currently held by the following individuals:

President	Ron Leffler, IN Parole
Vice President	Donna Bonner, TX
Secretary	Pam Helbling, ND
Treasurer	Cindy Pittman, GA

The five positions that are currently held by Executive Board members are:

Judy Miller	Arkansas
Karen King-Jones	Kentucky
Maxine Baggett	Mississippi
Brent Buerck	Missouri
Judy Stephens	North Carolina

Each regional representative is being asked to make contact with the states in their respective regions to seek nominations of anyone who desires to serve on the Executive Board or in the officer positions. Listed below are the names of the representatives for each region:

Ryan Pinto	NW and West Coast
Pam Helbling	Midwest and North
Summer Foxworth	Midwest/Central
Cynthia Yim	Mideast Coast
Margo Bryce	Northeast
Karen King-Jones	Southeastern

Expect to receive a telephone call or email. Do not hesitate to commit to a challenging experience.

Please forward your vitae to Maxine Baggett, Mississippi Interstate Compact, 750 North State Street,

Jackson, Mississippi 39202. The deadline to submit nominations is June 30, 2004. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor in August at the Annual Meeting. Please bring your vita and enough copies to be distributed before voting takes place.



## ***Mid-Winter Workshop in Las Vegas***

*-Kristine Prince, AJCA Secretariat*

Thirty members from twenty seven states attended the AJCA 2004 Mid-Winter Workshop in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 28th through April 1, 2004. Molli Davis and Linda Bowmer of the Nevada ICJ office did a great job of hosting the conference and making all of the site arrangements at the Gold Coast Hotel.

A rare opportunity for AJCA members to attend sessions of the National Juvenile Justice Conference on Tuesday of that week was an added feature of the Mid-Winter Workshop agenda. Members were given polo shirts with the AJCA logo as registration gifts for the Mid-Winter Workshop and were asked to wear those shirts on Tuesday so that they would be recognizable to others attending the Juvenile Justice Conference.

On Wednesday, Mary Leffler from the state of Indiana facilitated a strategic planning session for AJCA members. All those in attendance were given the opportunity to participate and provide input. By the end of the day, a preliminary draft of a new AJCA Strategic Plan was completed.

On Thursday, Jody Taylor (ID, Retired) was given an AJCA Lifetime Membership award. Ms. Taylor retired in January of this year as the Compact Administrator in Idaho. During her tenure with the ICJ office, she served as both an Executive Board member and as an AJCA officer. Ms. Taylor was instrumental in getting the new AJCA web site in place and in revising and reformatting AJCA forms. Ms. Taylor never hesitated to accept any assignment and was the recipient of the William L. Frederick Award in 2003.

Because Jody and her husband, George, were in the Las Vegas area at the time, the Board was able to present the award to her in person at the meeting.



## ***Mark Your Calendars Now!***

*- Kristine Prince, AJCA Secretariat*

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators will be held August 3-7, 2004 in Olympia, Washington, at the Phoenix Inn. The host state, Washington, will be sending out information and a registration form along with a tentative agenda shortly.

Please mark those dates on your calendar now as this promises to be a very productive meeting in a beautiful and scenic area of the country.



## ***New Faces***

*- Kristine Prince, AJCA Secretariat*

Please welcome the following new individuals who have accepted assignments in their state's ICJ offices during the past year:

Bill Hurr	Alaska
Alicia Ehlers	Idaho
Nancy Wikle	Montana
Rita Krusemark	NE Parole
Judy Riddle	NE Probation
Harry Gilmore	Oregon
Warren Hurlbut	Rhode Island
Randall Wagner	West Virginia
Dyana Beckim	Maine

We welcome back Ryan Pinto to the Washington ICJ office to replace Spike Millman who has taken a temporary assignment in another agency in Washington. The Board also appointed Ryan to assume Mr. Millman's term on the Board until August 2005. Ryan has also agreed to fulfill the duties of the host state for the 2004 Annual Meeting.



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