



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Finance Committee Meeting *Minutes*

January 24, 2012
11:00 a.m. EST

Committee Members in Attendance:

1. Lisa Bjergaard (ND) Chair
2. Philip Cox (OR) Treasurer
3. Alicia Ehlers (ID) Designee
4. Gerry Prine (IA) Designee
5. Paul Gibson (KY) Commissioner
6. Letta Porter-Jones (VA) Designee
7. Pat Welcome (VI) Commissioner
8. Shelley Hagan (WI) Commissioner

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

1. Sharon Harrigfeld (ID) Commissioner
2. Thomas Southard (IA) Commissioner
3. Mark Gooch (VA) Commissioner
4. Chris Newlin (NCAC) Ex-Officio

Guests in Attendance:

None

ICJ Staff in Attendance:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
 2. Jack Branum, MIS Project Manager
 3. Emma Goode, Administrative and Logistics Coordinator
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Call to Order

Chair Bjergaard called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. EST.

Roll Call

A. Lippert called the roll. Eight of the twelve members were present. Eight of the eight *voting* members were present, establishing a quorum.

Agenda

A. Lippert noted a new item would be presented under new business. **P. Gibson (KY) made the motion to approve agenda as amended. G. Prine (IA) seconded. The motion passed.**

Minutes

S. Hagan (WI) made the motion to approve the December 6, 2011 meeting minutes, P. Gibson (KY) seconded. The motion passed to approve the minutes as presented.

Discussion

Budget Update

- A. Lippert updated the actual expenditures for the fiscal year 2012 budget through December 31, 2011 highlighting the following:
 - Line Item #5 Dues Assessment. The Virgin Islands' payment was received in January. To date, all fiscal year 2012 dues are paid.
 - Line Item #42 Annual Meeting. The 20 percent savings for the 2011 Annual Business Meeting is attributed to hotel concessions as result of not meeting all contractual obligations, vendor refunds, and member cancellations.
 - Line Item #51. A new budget line item for the national data system. The Finance Committee reviewed and questioned the numbers presented. A. Lippert reviewed the breakdown in InStream's proposal noting the higher amount in 2012 included the system development and hosting; 2013 included hosting only. The InStream contract will be considered for approval by the Executive Committee later in the week.

Dues Structure

- A. Lippert presented the current dues structure and three possible scenarios noting that the scenarios maintain the current dues formula and self-reported numbers from each state:
 - Scenario #1 proposed a dues structure with the 2010 census and self-reported data numbers. The results revealed three states move up one tier; six states move down one tier, and one state would move down two tiers.
 - Scenario #2 reflected the aforementioned states in the new tier levels as noted above. The financial impact is a \$42,000 decrease in revenue.
 - Scenario #3 proposed removing the two non-members states (Georgia and Puerto Rico) which affects the total number of juvenile transactions.
- The Finance Committee thoroughly reviewed the scenarios presented and their impact on the Commission's budget. Consideration was given to the fact that the national data system will soon be implemented and reporting will be expedited, accurate, and consistent. The Committee reached a consensus to defer further consideration of the dues formula until the implementation of the national system.
- P. Welcome (VI) requested consideration to the current imbalance for the Virgin Islands because of their extremely low volume of transfers.
- Chair Bjergaard provided a brief history on the initial development of the budget and dues structure patterned after ICAOS. At the request of the Chair, A. Lippert updated that ICAOS revised their dues tier structure to address the low volume members.
- The Finance Committee discussed at length the fairness and financial impact to the fiscal year 2013 budget. After careful consideration they agreed to propose a resolution for member states with less than a .001 ratio. The recommended resolution addresses the low volume ratio, does not alter the dues formula, and minimizes the budget impact.
- **P. Cox (OR) made a motion to recommend that the Executive Committee endorse creating a new tier for Compact members with a dues ratio that is in the ten-thousandths percent (.0001), setting the fee of that tier at \$6,000 annually and**

making it retroactively effective for the fiscal year 2013. G. Prine (IA) seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

- A. Lippert presented a recommendation on behalf of the Training Committee to consider sending both the Commissioner and DCA from each state to the annual business meetings. A. Lippert advised on the costs associated with paying for an additional member from each state to attend the annual meeting.
- The Committee discussed the recommendation and reached a consensus that the current budget could not accommodate the additional expense and that states would not agree to a dues increase to cover the costs. P. Cox (OR) suggested that states who feel strongly about sending another staff member would prefer to incur the expense rather than a dues increase.
- A. Lippert will report back to the Training Committee that the Finance Committee rejected the recommendation.

Adjourn

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2012 @ 11:00 a.m. EST. **Chair Bjergaard adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 12:15 p.m. EST.**