

# INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

## *Midwest Region Meeting*



October 4, 2022

Meeting Minutes

3:00 p.m. ET

*DoubleTree Hotel, 870 Williston Rd., South Burlington, VT 05403*

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### **Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:**

1. Charles Frieberg (SD), Commissioner, Region Representative
2. Tomiko Frierson (IL), Commissioner
3. Kellianne Torres (IA), Designee
4. Michael Tymkew (MI), Commissioner
5. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Commissioner
6. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee
7. Nate Lawson (OH), Commissioner
8. Casey Gerber (WI), Commissioner
9. April Simmons (IN), Designee

### **Commissioners/Designees not in Attendance:**

1. Mary Kay Hudson (IN), Commissioner, Alternate Representative
2. Hope Cooper (KS), Commissioner
3. Jacey Rader (NE), Commissioner
4. Lisa Bjergaard (ND), Commissioner

### **Compact Staff in Attendance:**

1. Rebecca Hillestead (MN)
2. Nataly Sevilla (IN)

### **Guest in Attendance:**

None

### **National Office Staff in Attendance:**

1. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager

### **Call to Order**

Representative Frieberg called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. EST.

### **Roll Call**

Joe Johnson, ICJ National Office, called the roll and a quorum was established.

### **Agenda**

**T. Hudrlik (MN) made a motion to approve the agenda. K. Torres (IA) seconded. The motion pass unanimously.**

### **Minutes**

**N. Lawson (OH) made a motion to approve the July 6, 2022 meeting minutes. K. Torres (IA) seconded. The motion pass unanimously.**

## Discussion

### ICJ Dues Update

- N. Lawson (OH), Finance Committee member, opened the discussion by providing background information regarding the dues and the dues update process. N. Lawson (OH) highlighted all the direct and indirect benefits that all state compact offices receive or have access to, based on their dues. These include; training and technical Assistance, resource development and maintenance, legal analysis and support, national electronic information system (UNITY), commission meetings, and all the extensive National Office support that goes on operationally behind the scenes.
- N. Lawson reviewed the dues tier structure, its formation, and its relationship to the Commission's budget. N. Lawson spoke to inflation, operational costs and the current expense savings strategies that have been implemented.
- N. Lawson highlighted the process and discussion of the dues increase, as it pertained to the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee.
- T. Hudrlik (MN) asked about the dues tiers notification and several attendees responded. General discussion ensued about the 35% dues increase and the minimal changes to individual states and the few tier level adjustments up or down.
- N. Lawson reviewed the alternative progressive increase approach that was discussed to apprise the Midwest Region of the parameters that were considered in the decision-making process. General discussion ensued around Option B and the long-term investment fund.
- N. Lawson moderated general discussion pertaining to the vote that would occur the following day during the General Session, the consideration of alternatives, and proposal to alternate between on-site and virtual meetings for future annual business meetings.
- Representative Frieberg (SD) asked for additional questions. Hearing none, he brought the ICJ Dues Update discussion to a close.

### New Best Practices

- C. Frieberg (SD) reviewed the two recently published best practices.
  - The "*ICJ Transfer of Supervision: Communication Guidelines for Local Authorities with Juveniles/Family Members*" best practice was developed by the South Region. This best practice guide provides detailed examples of how [ICJ Rule 2-104](#) should be implemented in the field.
  - The "*Direct Entry of Data into UNITY Data Fields*" best practice, developed by the Technology Committee, provides detailed examples of the advantages of direct entry and tips and tricks for saving PDF forms, coping/pasting, and editing the submitting officer's name.
- K. Torres (IA), Information Technology Committee Chair, highlighted the rationale for the development of and the importance for the "*Direct Entry of Data into UNITY Data Fields.*"
- J. Wald (ND) augmented several highlights that K. Torres articulated.

### State Updates / Concerns

- C. Frieberg (SD) called for any state updates or concerns.
  
- Ohio
  - N. Lawson (OH), spoke to his advancement and the finalization for the appointment of Sasau Lane as the new OH Commissioner.
  
- C. Frieberg (SD) welcomed M. Tymkew (MI) as the new MI Commissioner.
- Michigan
  - M. Tymkew (MI) spoke about the MI state council and solicited ideas for recruiting and formation best practices. General discussion ensued pertaining to individual state practices and creative ideas on how to approach recruiting and formation of state councils.
  
- Wisconsin
  - C. Gerber (WI) spoke to the shortage of juvenile detention beds in Wisconsin. C. Gerber opened the question to the other states to see if they were seeing or experiencing similar findings. A dynamic discussion ensued highlighting the changing dynamics across the country and the various state practices and options and that are occurring.
  
- General Discussion
  - Discussion transitioned to an increase in requisitions that is being observed and occurring in their states.
  - C. Frieberg (SD) called for any additional state updates. Hearing none, Representative Frieberg brought the discussion to a close.

### Review Elections Process and Candidates

- Representative Frieberg (SD) reviewed the new election process and presented the current candidates for the offices of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer.

### **Vote for Midwest Regional Representative**

C. Frieberg (SD) recused himself from moderation of the election, because he was a nominee for the Midwest Region Representative, and turned the moderation over to N. Lawson (OH). N. Lawson asked for other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, N. Lawson stated C. Frieberg (SD) was elected as Midwest Region Representative by acclamation.

### **Old Business**

C. Frieberg (SD) called for any old business. There was no old business.

### **New Business**

C. Frieberg (SD) called for any new business. There was no new business.

### **Adjourn**

Representative C. Frieberg adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 4:10 p.m. EST.