



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

West Region Meeting MINUTES

October 1, 2025 · 10:00 am AST
Teleconference

Members in Attendance:

1. Mac Pevey (WA)
2. Dori Littler (AZ)
3. Antonio DeJesus (CA)
4. Andrew Zavaras (CO)
5. Saifoloi Aganon (HI)
6. Brian Underwood (ID)
7. Mike Barthel (MT)
8. Deon McDaniel (NV)
9. Jahmaal Gregory (NM)
10. Jeremiah Stromberg (OR)
11. Jessica Cook (UT)
12. Jeremy Vukich (WY)

Members not in Attendance:

1. Taryn Link (AK), Chair

Guests:

1. Matthew Poyzer (AZ)
2. Shane Anderson (CA)
3. Megan Zimmerman (CO)
4. Crissy Schaudt (CO)
5. Michelle Foust (CO)
6. Stacy Hayes (CO)
7. Joshua Hanchett (ID)
8. Adam Gutierrez (HI)
9. Michael Knott (HI)
10. Punavaioleola Auva'a (HI)
11. Robert Bott (HI)
12. Martha Aragon (NM)
13. Nicole Rosales (NV)
14. Mark Patterson (OR)
15. Tanja Gilmore (WA)
16. Patricia Odell (WY)
17. Virginia Moody (UT)

Staff:

1. Mindy Spring, Operations Manager

Call to Order

In Chair T. Link's absence, Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) called the meeting to order at 10:00 am AST, twelve out of thirteen members were present; a quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A motion by Commissioner A. Zavaras (CO) seconded by Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) to approve the meeting's agenda was adopted.

A motion by Commissioner M. Pevey (WA), seconded by Designee J. Cook (UT) to approve the meeting's minutes from May 1, 2025, was adopted.

Discussion

2025 Proposals to Amend ICAOS Rules: Commissioner D. McDaniel (NV) provided a rules committee update.

Commissioner B. Underwood (ID) initiated discussion on proposal to Rule 4.106 questioning the need for annual progress reports. Discussions centered on:

- The current ability to request progress reports
- How often states do progress reports for their own supervised individuals
- Lack of regular progress reports to keep courts informed when violations occur that don't meet the threshold for retaking
- How states determine when an 'event' should be reported rather than timeframe based
- Lack of progress reports for escalating non-compliance as well as simply ensuring the sending state is regularly informed of the supervised individual's progress
- Commissioner A. DeJesus (CA) noted cases in California can get automatically discharged when non-compliance isn't reported by the receiving state; DCA T. Gilmore (WA) noted Washington also experiences lack of reporting notable information
- General training issues with field officers providing good progress reports

Designee J. Cook (UT) initiated discussion on proposal to Rule 5.108. Discussions centered on:

- Confusion on how the new timeframe requirement applies when Arizona submits pending charges as 'behavior requiring retaking.'
- Commissioner A. DeJesus (CA) expressed concerns of the wording regarding 'supervised individual's request' in new section (b) and states' ability to meet 30-day timeframe.
- DCA M. Zimmerman (CO) noted ICAOS Legal Counsel addressed the 'supervised individual' wording issue in the later sessions of the breakout discussions in which California was not in attendance.
- DCA C. Schultz (CO) suggested a revision to replace 'supervised individual' with 'court' to better clarify.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) indicated several legal counsels in Arizona have expressed 'issues' with the proposal to re-write Rule 3.103. She also noted concerns she heard from unnamed member states that the rule is not federal law.

DCA S. Alderson (CA) initiated discussion on the absconder rule package. Discussions centered on:

- Rule 4.109-1 (b) ‘after’ versus ‘within’ 30 days; Conflicts with CA processes and public safety concerns waiting for warrants to submit documentation.
- DCA M. Patterson disagrees with the language in (b) addresses Retaken/Retransferred concerns as noted in the justification.
- DCA T. Gilmore (WA) inquired what states’ processes are and what their courts would likely do when someone absconds for a short period (10-15 days.) Responses varied amongst states and most indicated it depends on the case details.
- Ability to work out cases with the other state when someone truly didn’t abscond. For example, when a supervised individual checks themselves into rehabilitation without notifying their supervising officer.
- Reopening ICOTS cases to resume supervision, to capture and document probable cause, track the retaking process or communicate on new pending charges in accordance with ICAOS Advisory Opinion 1-2019.
- DCA M. Poyzer (AZ) expressed concerns with the ‘generic database’ language.
- DCA M. Aragon (NM) noted challenges of holding absconders from other states in New Mexico.
- Commissioner D. Litler (AZ) expressed concerns when absconders (never supervised in Arizona) are found to have relocated to Arizona, court disposes of the violation releasing warrant and requests reporting instructions under Rule 3.103.

DCA M. Patterson (OR) initiated discussion on proposal for Rule 2.110. Discussions centered on:

- Whether the proposed language expands eligibility for Compact transfer.
- Will backlogs of absconders (never transferred) would be subject to the Compact?
- Intent of the rule versus new language; Intent is not to change eligibility but rather ensures swift communication/cooperation without disrupting a supervised individual’s stability.

Risk, Needs, Responsivity Workgroup Update: Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) asked RNR Framework pilot states, Nevada and Utah, to share their role in piloting the new violation framework that kicks off October 6, 2025. He also requested the states provide regular updates at upcoming West Region Meetings.

- Commissioner D. McDaniel (NV) noted the tool parallels what Nevada already does.
- DCA N. Rosales (NV) requested states report any poorly documented OVR issues directly to her.
- DCA J. Cook (UT) will work with Utah’s field during the pilot to ensure ‘Jail dunk’ is made available to compact individuals prior to requiring retake.
- National Office Staff, M. Spring, gave a technical overview of the automated tool that pre-populates to the provided form to be uploaded into the ICOTS record either on a Progress Report, OVR or OVR addendum. A handful of cases were put through the tool ahead of the pilot with initial feedback being the tool is easy to use and understand.
- Commissioner D. Litler (AZ) inquired whether the tool captures or considers pre-trial and criminal history. Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR), who serves on the RNR Workgroup,

noted this is encompassed in supervision level and history of violations. However, the pilot should confirm through feedback during use of the tool.

- Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) inquired about circumstances in which an ‘unknown’ answer would be captured by the tool. DCA N. Rosales (NV) stated she expects ‘unknown’ may be selected when a PSI is not available.

INSITE design update: DCA J. Cook and National Office Staff M. Spring provided an update on some of the new features for INSITE such as in system notifications, new ‘home’ screen, etc., and encouraged attendees to stop by the INSITE table. Any additional ideas would be considered as enhancements after launch.

Advisory Opinion Disclaimer: Commission Chair M. Pevey (WA) explained the new Advisory Opinion disclaimer recommended by the Training Committee, recently approved by the Executive Committee. The disclaimer explains how advisory opinions can be requested and their impact as not just ‘advice’ but guidance that should be followed by member states.

Old/New Business

Region Chair Election: Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) explained the region chair election process noting Commissioner T. Link (AK) is interested in remaining the West Region Chair.

Commissioner J. Vukich (WY) nominated T. Link (AK) to serve for the 2025-2027 term. With no other nominations received, Commissioner T. Link (AK) was elected as West Region Chair.

State Updates: HI: Commissioner S. Aganon (HI) noted they have several new interstate office staff and thanked parole DCA M. Knott (HI) for assisting in the transition.

NM: DCA M Aragon stated New Mexico has issues with absconders found in New Mexico when their local jail apprehends and contacts her for assistance. She expressed frustrations with lack of response and unwillingness to assist by sending/sentencing state. A frequent issue is after confirming the individual is interstate compact, warrants are being quashed when moving to interstate holds. Since their office does not have access to NCIC, the lack of coordination and communication is quite burdensome.

AZ: Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) suggested convening a tribal forum for states in the west region. Reservations constantly change tribal laws; common ‘banishments’ are creating challenges with incoming cases. Commissioner Littler noted she recently attended a tribal council near Phoenix.

NV: Commissioner D. McDaniel (NV) and DCA N. Rosales (NV) noted they were recently approved to have a central compact office, resulting in reorganization, new ISC positions, open caseloads and tribal challenges with incoming cases as noted by AZ. Their office recently experienced a cyber-attack causing inability to print/scan, although ICOTS remained accessible. They expressed appreciation to other states providing direction on convening state councils and noted they are in process of receiving guidance from DA’s regarding lifetime supervision for sex offenders.

WA: Commission Chair M. Pevey (WA) noted Washington recently appointed a new secretary, is experiencing department cuts, budget/revenue cuts and may see resentencing and releases from incarceration. Their office is currently working on establishing a new position.

WY: Commissioner J. Vukich (WY) announced the retirement of a long-time employee of the compact office and awaiting to fill the position. He recognized DCA P. Odell and her efforts at addressing new agent challenges.

MT: Commissioner M. Barthel (MT) was recently appointed Commissioner. Legislators approved funding for body cams for officers that can time transcribe 50 languages in real time; however, it does not translate seven (7) languages spoken on various Native American reservations. Montana has not held a state council meeting since 2018 and is currently experiencing restructuring and is acquiring new staff.

CA: Commissioner A. De Jesus (CA) introduced new DCA S. Alderson (CA) and noted their department has new director and undersecretary. He mentioned a tragic event involving an officer resulting in policy changes and reform as well as experiencing staff leaving positions due to stress. He expressed appreciation working with other states in the west region.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by motion from Commissioner M. Pevey (WA).

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am AST.