

Interstate Commission for Juveniles

2020 Annual Business Meeting

October 21, 2020

2:00 PM ET

General Session Minutes



Call to Order

The 2020 Annual Business Meeting of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles was called to order by Commission Chair Jacey Rader (NE) at 2:00 p.m. ET, October 21, 2020. Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was convened using web conferencing technology.

Roll Call

Executive Director MaryLee Underwood advised members that they should indicate their presence using the SpotMe platform. All fifty-two (52) Commission members were in attendance; thus, quorum was established. Seven (7) ex officio members also attended.

Voting Members in Attendance:

1. Alabama	Patrick J. Pendergast, Designee
2. Alaska	Shannon Dilley, Commissioner
3. Arizona	Howard Wykes, Designee
4. Arkansas	Judy Miller, Designee
5. California	Michael Farmer, Designee
6. Colorado	Summer Foxworth, Commissioner
7. Connecticut	Tasha Hunt, Commissioner
8. Delaware	Christine Norris, Designee
9. District of Columbia	Jefferson Regis, Commissioner
10. Florida	Agnes Denson, Commissioner
11. Georgia	Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner
12. Hawaii	Kristin Davidson, Commissioner
13. Idaho	Anne Connor, Designee
14. Illinois	Tomiko Frierson, Commissioner
15. Indiana	Mary Kay Hudson, Commissioner
16. Iowa	Kellianne Torres, Designee
17. Kansas	Jeff Cowger, Commissioner
18. Kentucky	Amy Welch, Commissioner
19. Louisiana	Angela Bridgewater, Commissioner
20. Maine	A. Roy Curtis, Designee
21. Maryland	Sherry Jones, Commissioner
22. Massachusetts	Rebecca Moore, Designee
23. Michigan	Roy Yaple, Commissioner
24. Minnesota	Tracy Hudrlik, Commissioner
25. Mississippi	Maxine Baggett, Designee
26. Missouri	Julie Hawkins, Commissioner
27. Montana	Cathy Gordon, Commissioner
28. Nebraska	Jacey Rader, Commissioner
29. Nevada	David Laity, Commissioner

30. New Hampshire	Caitlyn Bickford, Commissioner
31. New Jersey	Edwin Lee, Jr., Designee
32. New Mexico	Dale Dodd, Commissioner
33. New York	Francesco Bianco, Jr., Designee
34. North Carolina	Traci Marchand, Commissioner
35. North Dakota	Lisa Bjergaard, Commissioner
36. Ohio	Nathan Lawson, Commissioner
37. Oklahoma	Robert Hendryx, Designee
38. Oregon	Nina Belli, Designee
39. Pennsylvania	Wendy Lautsbaugh, Commissioner
40. Rhode Island	JoAnn Niksa, Designee
41. South Carolina	Felicia Dauway, Designee
42. South Dakota	Charles Frieberg, Commissioner
43. Tennessee	Corrie Copeland, Commissioner
44. Texas	Daryl Liedecke, Commissioner
45. Utah	Neira Siaperas, Commissioner
46. Vermont	Trissie Casanova, Designee
47. Virgin Islands	Eavey Monique James, Commissioner
48. Virginia	Natalie Dalton, Commissioner
49. Washington	Jedd Pelander, Commissioner
50. West Virginia	Stephanie Bond, Commissioner
51. Wisconsin	Casey Gerber, Commissioner
52. Wyoming	Maureen Clifton, Commissioner

Ex Officio Members in Attendance:

1. Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC) – Carla Fults
2. Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) – Dawn Marie Rubio
3. Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) – Ashley Lippert
4. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) – Judge Dan Michael
5. National Juvenile Detention Association (NJDA) – Steven Jett
6. National Runaway Safeline (NRS) – Susan Frankel
7. Victims Representative – Trudy Gregorie

ICJ National Office and Legal Counsel in Attendance:

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| 1. MaryLee Underwood | Executive Director |
| 2. Emma Goode | Administrative and Training Coordinator |
| 3. Jennifer Adkins | Operations and Policy Specialist |
| 4. Joe Johnson | Systems Project Manager |
| 5. Leslie Anderson | Logistics and Administrative Coordinator |
| 6. Richard L. Masters | Legal Counsel |

Compact Office Staff in Attendance:

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| 1. Alaska | Ellen Hackenmueller |
| 2. Alaska | Nichel Saceda-Hurt |
| 3. Alabama | Chanda Leshoure |
| 4. Alabama | Kaki Sanford |
| 5. Arkansas | Debra Devine-Holcomb |

6.	Connecticut	David Chapman
7.	Connecticut	Nordia Napier
8.	Delaware	Francis "Mike" Casey
9.	Florida	Terrance Clayton
10.	Florida	Demetris Pigford
11.	Florida	Brodean Shepard
12.	Georgia	Tracy Cassell
13.	Hawaii	Shirleen Cadiz
14.	Idaho	Jen Baer
15.	Idaho	Monty Prow
16.	Indiana	April Simmons
17.	Indiana	Turran Blazier
18.	Indiana	Nita Wright
19.	Kentucky	Anna Butler
20.	Massachusetts	Robert Lemieux
21.	Minnesota	Rebecca Hillestead
22.	Minnesota	Jessica Raptis
23.	Nebraska	Abbie Christian
24.	Nevada	Gladys Olivares
25.	New Jersey	Shyra Bland
26.	New York	Kelly Palmateer
27.	North Carolina	Stephen Horton
28.	North Dakota	Jessica Wald
29.	Ohio	Andrew Janning
30.	South Carolina	Mason Harrington
31.	South Carolina	Tiffany Howard
32.	South Dakota	Kathy Christenson
33.	South Dakota	Cheryl Frost
34.	Tennessee	Jacqueline Moore
35.	Utah	Raymundo Gallardo
36.	Vermont	Barbara Joyal
37.	Virgin Islands	Vaugh Walwyn
38.	Washington	Dawn Bailey
39.	West Virginia	Lynn Fielder
40.	Wisconsin	Joy Swantz
41.	Wyoming	Brandon Schimelpfenig

Guests in Attendance:

1. Leslie Archibald
2. Stephania Cueva
3. Hope Cooper
4. Jason Crisco
5. Janel Daniel
6. Hasan Davis
7. Robert Forrest
8. Candi Heller
9. Angel Jones
10. Estebania Lastra-McIntyre
11. John Pacheco
12. Michael Nutt

13. Courtney Rondeau
14. Barno Saturday
15. Patrick Smith
16. Melissa Smith
17. Raymond Tashjian
18. Jada Worth

Opening Remarks

- Commission Chair Jacey Rader (NE) welcomed everyone to the 2020 Annual Business Meeting of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles. Due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was transitioned to a virtual format and the agenda was adjusted accordingly.
- Chair Rader noted that seven (7) states appointed new ICJ Commissioners since the last Annual Business Meeting:
 1. Alaska - Shannon Dilley
 2. California - Heather Bowlds
 3. Hawaii - Kristen Davidson
 4. Mississippi - Robert Anderson
 5. Oklahoma - Rachel Holt
 6. New Jersey - Jennifer LeBaron
 7. Tennessee - Corrie Copeland

Agenda

M. Clifton (WY) made a motion to approve the agenda. N. Belli (OR) seconded. The motion passed by a majority vote.

Minutes

- **S. Foxworth (CO) made a motion to approve the September 11, 2019 Annual Business Meeting minutes. D. Dodd (NM) seconded. The motion passed by a majority vote.**
- **F. Bianco, Jr. (NY) made a motion to approve the Commission's Special Meeting held virtually on April 23, 2020. E. M. James (VI) seconded. The motion passed by a majority vote.**

Keynote Address

- Commission Chair Rader (NE) introduced Hasan Davis, the keynote speaker. Mr. Davis is an attorney, former Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Juvenile Justice, and nationally-recognized youth advocate who provides support to youth-serving organizations throughout the US. In 2020, Davis worked with the Commission to launch its inaugural cohort of the Leadership Exchange Series, working with 20 ICJ personnel throughout the nation to develop leadership skills with a focus on racial equity.
- Mr. Davis presented a keynote address entitled "A Way from No Way." Beginning with a powerful account of his own experiences, Mr. Davis encouraged members to work diligently to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline. He presented data regarding the overrepresentation of youth in the juvenile justice system based on race, poverty, disability, and educational failure. He also presented data regarding the cost effectiveness of increasing investment in other family and youth-oriented programming to decrease the need for juvenile justice funding. He encouraged members work to

maintain optimism and hope for juveniles and the systems that serve juveniles. His evidence-based message of hope was both educational and inspirational.

{15-minute break}

Committee Reports by Commission Chair Jacey Rader (NE)

Executive Committee

- The ICJ Executive Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Commission whenever the full Commission is not in session. The Executive Committee worked diligently to ensure that the safety and well-being of juveniles and the community was a top priority, especially as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded.
- The year 2020 was marked by unprecedented innovation and adaptation:
 - Implementing new rules adopted in 2019;
 - Developing new resources to meet emergent needs;
 - Intensive work to develop UNITY, the new national data management system;
 - Launching a new learning management system for on demand training; and
 - Providing proactive innovative responses to a global pandemic.
- The collaboration and commitment of all committees during the year was exceptional.
- Due to the virtual format, Chair Rader also reported work completed by several committees.

Compliance Committee

- Commission Chair Rader acknowledged the Compliance Committee members, chaired by Natalie Dalton (VA).
- The key tasks of the Compliance Committee include:
 - Monitoring compliance of member states with the terms of the Compact, ICJ Rules, and compliance policies;
 - Developing enforcement procedures for the Commission's consideration; and
 - Assessing issues brought forward for review.
- The Compliance Committee carefully monitored Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) established as a result of 2019 Performance Measurement Assessment. Sixteen (16) of 17 states required to submit CAPs have completed the required actions. The Committee continues to monitor progress on the plan that is still in progress.
- The Compliance Committee also monitored compliance with State Council requirements, as reflected in the "2019 State Councils for Interstate Juvenile Supervision Report" (including in the Docket Book). The Committee planned a technical assistance response for states not meeting the requirements. However, plans were postponed due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- With input from the regions, the Compliance Committee recommended revision of the ICJ Sanctions Guidelines Policy (ICJ Administrative Policy 02-2017). The revised policy was designed to provide clarity, as well as objective guidelines for future sanctions.
- The Compliance Committee determined that the ICJ Performance Measurement Assessment (PMA) would not be conducted in 2021. Instead, the focus will be on how to adjust the PMA as the Commission transitions from JIDS to UNITY.

Information Technology Committee

- Commission Chair Rader acknowledged all members of the Information Technology

Committee and former Technology Committee Chair, Tony De Jesus (CA) who recently transferred to another position in California.

- The key tasks of the ICJ Information Technology Committee include:
 - Developing information technology resources to facilitate the tracking of juveniles and the administration of Commission activities;
 - Updating forms, with input from Rules and Executive Committees; and
 - Providing oversight for the Commission's website, data system, and other technology related business.
- In 2020, the Information Technology Committee recommended updates to the ICJ forms to incorporate changes to the Rules adopted at the 2019 Annual Business Meeting (ABM).
- In response to a recommendation made by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) representative Stacey Sanders during the 2019 ABM, the Committee drafted a standardized ICJ Identification Form. Ms. Sanders will help educate TSA personnel about ICJ and the use of an alternate ICJ form for juveniles (18 and over) traveling without a Real ID. The collaborative effort will continue in 2021.
- The committee approved an update of the JIDS hosting server as a proactive approach to any potential security risks. The recommendation was cost effective and migration was successful without impact to the end users.
- Four UNITY Work Teams operated under the Technology Committee umbrella. These teams were especially busy in 2020, as the Commission prepared to transition from JIDS to UNITY. Commission Chair Rader acknowledged all members of the UNITY Teams described below:
 - Business Analysis Team focused on developing a system architecture that aligns with the Commission's Rules and business processes.
 - Reporting Team was tasked with data visualization through compliance and system reports.
 - Training Team worked to develop a robust training program which will be delivered through a new web-based On Demand training platform, ICJ.TalentLMS.com.
 - Testing Team will ensure that all processes & system tasks work as designed.
- As the Commission prepares to transition from UNITY, Commission Chair highlighted multiple areas of development:
 - User Experience & Data Visualization Prioritized: UNITY will be more intuitive and user friendly with integration data visualization dashboards.
 - Revision of Forms: ICJ forms were revised to increase clarity and consistency. Changes will be effective when UNITY goes live.
 - Proposed Rule Amendments: The Technology Committee proposed rule amendments to address inconsistencies discovered during their review. Proposals will be presented to the Commission, along with other proposed amendments to the ICJ Rules, at the 2021 ABM.
 - Access to Historical Data Policy: A new ICJ Administrative Policy (ICJ Administrative Policy 01-2020) was implemented to address access to the JIDS historical data. State ICJ offices will have view-only access to JIDS data for five (5) years.
 - UNITY Coordinators Leading State Roll-out Efforts: Each state has appointed a UNITY Coordinator to lead in-state efforts to ensure a successful transition.

Training, Education & Public Relations Committee Report

- Commission Chair Rader acknowledged all members of the Training, Education &

Public Relations Committee. The Training Committee Chair Agnes Denson (FL) stepped down during the year and Vice Chair Summer Foxworth (CO) assumed the role for the remainder of the year.

- Key tasks of the Training, Education & Public Relations Committee include:
 - Developing educational resources;
 - Developing training materials; and
 - Approving and delivering trainings.
- The Training Committee conducted an ICJ Training & Resources Survey regarding the usefulness of the current training resource. Based on the survey, the Committee determined the Commission is generally satisfied with current resources and focused on making updates. The Summary of Results is included in the Docket Book.
- The Training Committee and National Office conducted a thorough review of all training materials and resources, and made updates to reflect amendments to the ICJ Rules effective March 1, 2020. Updated resources included: ICJ On Demand Course, *ICJ Bench Book for Judges and Other Court Personnel*, Best Practices, Legal Advisory Opinion, and more.
- Two new quick reference resources were developed and published: *Introduction to Interstate Compact for Juveniles* and *Quick Reference Guide for ICJ Cases*.
- Commission Chair Rader acknowledged the trainers who led the online, instructor-led ICJ Rules Trainings throughout the year.
- Training occurred via various channels for hundreds of individuals nationwide:
 - 800 learners completed instructor-led sessions;
 - 2,700 learners completed On Demand courses;
 - 1,000 learners participated in intra-state training; and
 - 200 individuals were engaged at state and national conferences.
- The ICJ Mentoring Program was expanded to offer leadership development opportunities to state ICJ office personnel at all levels, rather than just Commissioners.
- As part of the UNITY development project, the Commission explored ways to improve the On Demand Training and subsequently transitioned to a new Learning Management System: ICJ.TalentLMS. The new Learning Management System provides an enhanced user experience, as well as effective tools for testing and tracking learners' progress.
- In addition, UNITY Training Team Members worked to develop a new series of topic-specific courses that combines the information about ICJ Rules, practitioners' experiences, and operation of the new data management system (UNITY). The new courses will be introduced after UNITY goes live to expand the library of courses.

Ad Hoc Committee on Juvenile/Adult Issues

- Commission Chair Rader acknowledged all members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Juvenile/Adult Issues, led by Ad Hoc Committee Chair Julie Hawkins (MO).
- The ad hoc committee was formed by the Executive Committee to examine the intersection between adult and juvenile courts regarding due process in the context of returns in cases where an individual may be considered a juvenile in some circumstances and an adult in others.
- The Ad Hoc Committee on Juvenile/Adult Issues produced the following recommendations and actions:
 - Revision of Advisory Opinion 04-2018;
 - Revisions to clarify the online "Age Matrix";
 - New resource: "Best Practice: Bail/Bond for Adult Charges in the Holding State with Juvenile Warrant in the Demanding State";
 - Proposed amendments to the ICJ Rules to be presented at the 2021 ABM;

- The “Understanding Extraditions” training for ICJ personnel, which was presented on Tuesday during the ABM and is available on the Commission’s website.

Executive Committee Report (continued)

- Commission Chair Rader praised the dedication and diligent work of the Executive Committee in 2020 and thanked members for giving freely of their time and expertise.
- The Executive Committee worked to implement the Commission’s 2020-2022 Strategic Plan throughout the year. Even in the midst of a pandemic, the Commission made great progress in advancing its four strategic priorities:
 1. Improve data system for better outcomes
 2. Promote member engagement and leadership development
 3. Address gaps in rules and resources
 4. Leverage relationships to promote awareness and improve outcomes
- Commission Chair Rader reported significant advances in member engagement and leadership development. She expressed gratitude to the following members agreed to serve as committee vice chairs and alternate regional representatives:
 - Jefferson Regis (DC) ~ Compliance Committee Vice Chair
 - Felicia Dauway (SC) ~ Finance Committee Vice Chair
 - Summer Foxworth (CO) ~ Training, Education & Public Relations Committee Vice Chair
 - Mary Kay Hudson ~ Midwest Region, Alternate Representative
 - Nina Belli (OR) ~ West Region, Alternate Representative
- **Leadership Development and Racial Justice**
 Commission Chair Rader reported that two new initiatives related to leadership development, diversity, and racial equity were added in the wake of growing concern about racial injustice.
 - Initiatives were developed to ensure the Commission is proactive in efforts ensure racial equity in how juveniles are served and how the Commission operates. Initiatives were not developed in response to any reports or allegations related to Commission operations. Instead, these initiatives represent the Commission’s commitment to demonstrating leadership as a national juvenile justice agency.
 - To promote racial justice and leadership development, the Commission launched its first ever Leadership Exchange Series, with a focus on racial equity. This is a series of monthly-meetings led by Hasan Davis, who served as the keynote speaker for the 2020 Annual Business Meeting.
 - The Executive Committee also established an Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice, which will be convened in the upcoming year. The Ad Hoc Committee will review ICJ policies, procedures, and resources, and make recommendations for improvement.
- **Proactive Responses to National Emergency**
 From the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Executive Committee focused on effective collaboration to ensure successful transfers and returns of juveniles nationwide. Primary responses included:
 - The Executive Committee amended the Commission’s Emergency Guidelines Policy (ICJ Administrative Policy 05-2009).

- For the first time ever, the Commission enacted a new rule using the emergency rule promulgation process. New ICJ Rule 2-108: Emergency Suspension of Enforcement outlines how the Commission may respond upon a declaration of a national emergency.
 - To promote collaboration and communication, ICJ Officers led weekly “*Monday Meet-Up*” webinars. Additionally, a web-based “State Restrictions” tracker was established to enable states to access up-to-date information regarding state-specific restrictions.
 - Lastly, the 2020 ICJ Annual Business Meeting and all other face-to-face meetings were moved to virtual platforms.
- **S. Foxworth (CO) made a motion to accept the ICJ 2020 Executive Committee Report as presented. D. Dodd (NM) seconded. The motion passed.**

Commission Chair Acknowledgement

- Vice Chair J. Pelander (WA) recognized Commission Chair Jacey Rader for her leadership and dedication throughout the year.
- Chair Rader expressed her appreciation for the recognition and acknowledged the commitment of Vice-Chair J. Pelander (WA) and Treasurer N. Lawson (OH).

Finance Committee

- Treasurer N. Lawson (OH) acknowledged the members of the Finance Committee and presented the Finance Committee report. The ICJ Finance Committee met quarterly for the purpose of monitoring expenditures and adjustments, including ICJ policies including the long-term investment plan.
- Treasurer Lawson, updated that due to COVID, essentially all face-to-face meetings were cancelled and funds reallocated to the UNITY development project. The reallocation was positive for the Commission, as it resulted in a significant reduction in the amount transferred from the cash reserves for the year.
- Treasurer Lawson reported that sound fiscal management allowed the Commission to end fiscal year (FY) 2020 in a strong fiscal position as summarized below:
 - All FY 2020 dues were received, for a total of \$978,000.
 - Expenditures totaled \$1,138,676 (\$270,000 to UNITY).
- Regarding the long-term investment fund, the year-end balance is stable. With the Executive Committee approval, Finance Committee consulted with Vanguard Institutional Investor Group, Nonprofit Solutions to provide financial direction regarding long-term single-fund investment options. Funds were subsequently transferred to Vanguard LifeStrategy Funds, which ensures investment in a combination of four (4) Vanguard mutual funds representing different combinations of stocks and bonds. Moving forward, funds from the investments will be used to complete the UNITY development project.
- The FY 2020 audit was completed by an independent auditor. The Audit Report was “unqualified,” meaning that it was a “good, clean audit” with no significant findings or recommendations.
- The Finance Committee approved a modification to the FY 2021 Budget to reflect the savings from the in-person Annual Business Meeting. The modification allowed a reduction in the amount anticipated to transfer from the investment funds for UNITY development.
- Treasurer Lawson presented a proposed a FY 2022 Budget, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committees. The budget projects \$987,000 in revenue and \$977,500 in expenses. The total expenses include the completion of the UNITY development without the transfer of long-term investment funds.

- **T. Hudrlik (MN) made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget as presented. J. Pelander (WA) seconded. The motion passed by a majority vote.**
- **T. Casanova (VT) made a motion to approve the Finance Committee Report as presented. F. Bianco, Jr. (NY) seconded. The motion passed by a majority vote.**

Rules Committee

- Rules Committee Chair T. Hudrlik (MN) acknowledged the members of the ICJ Rules Committee.
- Rules Committee Chair Hudrlik reported that the focus of the committee in 2020 was a systematic review of all ICJ Rules to ensure that they are consistent and up to date. Proposed rule amendments submitted by other committees were also reviewed. The rule proposal process is outline in the updated *ICJ Rules Proposal Guide*.
- The 2021 proposals are due to the Rules Committee by March 31, 2021 and will be voted upon during the 2021 ABM.

Emergency Rule 2-108

- Due to the pandemic, the Rules Committee recommended a new rule to provide a mechanism for the Emergency Suspension of Enforcement of Commission Rules based upon a declaration of a national emergency by the President of the United States or declaration of emergency by one or more governors of member states in extreme emergencies.
- The Commission held a special meeting on April 23, 2020. By majority vote, the Commission approved the new ICJ Rule 2-108: Emergency Suspension of Enforcement.
- The Executive Committee immediately enacted the rule and suspended enforcement of ICJ Rules Sections 400, 500, 600, 700, and 800, due the COVID-19 emergency. The final step of the emergency rule promulgation process is to reaffirm the adoption of Rule 2-108.
- **T. Hudrlik (MN) made a motion to reaffirm the adoption of Rule 2-108: Emergency Suspension of Enforcement, which was approved by the Commission on April 23, 2020. D. Dodd (NM) seconded. The motion passed.**
- **C. Frieberg (SD) made a motion to approve the Rules Committee Report as presented. J. Niksa (RI) seconded. The motion passed.**

Legal Counsel Report

- R. Masters, Legal Counsel, referenced the Legal Report of the Docket Book, which details the legal guidance provided to the Commission during the year. He highlighted the revised Legal Advisory Opinion #4-2019 and the new Legal Advisory Opinion #1-2020, regarding the ICJ Form IA/VI.
- **D. Dodd (NM) made a motion to approve the Legal Counsel Report as presented. F. Dauway (SC) seconded. The motion passed.**

Old Business

- There was no old business to report.

New Business

- There was no new business to report.

Call to the Public

- Chair Rader opened the floor for any public comments. There were none.

Staff Recognitions

- Commission Chair Rader recognized the ICJ Compact office staff listed below who were nominated by their peers during the past year for going above and beyond the general call of duty.
 - Mike Casey – Deputy Compact Administrator, Delaware
 - Melanie Grimes – Commissioner, Delaware
 - Christine Norris – Deputy Compact Administrator, Delaware
 - Kellianne Torres – Deputy Compact Administrator, Iowa
 - John Stevenson – Director for the Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services, Delaware

2020 Leadership Award Presented to Julie Hawkins

- The ICJ Leadership Award is presented each year to one person who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to the Commission through their extraordinary service during the year.
- Commission Chair Rader presented the 2020 ICJ Leadership Award to Commissioner Julie Hawkins (MO).
- Commissioner Hawkins is a valuable asset to the Commission, with her wealth of knowledge and experience. She has served as an active member on numerous committees, including the Compliance and Rules Committees. In 2020, she demonstrated exceptional leadership as the Chair of the Juvenile/Adult Ad Hoc Committee. She also previously served as the Chair of the Rules Committee.

2021 Officer Elections

- Commission Chair Rader introduced Judge Dan Michael, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) President.
- Judge Michael announced the regional representatives elected by their respective regions to serve as ICJ Regional Representative for a two-year term (2021-2022).
Regional Representatives

- East Region Representative: Becki Moore (MA)
- Midwest Region Representative: Chuck Frieberg (SD)
- South Region Representative: Daryl Liedecke (TX)
- West Region Representative: Michael Farmer (CA)

- Judge Michael facilitated the ICJ 2021 Officer Election.

TREASURER

- Judge Michel presented Nate Lawson (OH) as the nominee for Treasurer and opened the floor for additional nominees.
- There were none.
- Judge Michael closed the floor for nominations and announced Nate Lawson (OH) as the ICJ Treasurer, elected by acclamation.

VICE CHAIR

- Judge Michel presented Jedd Pelander (WA) as the nominee for Vice Chair and opened the floor for additional nominees.
- J. Miller (AR) nominated Dale Dodd (NM).
- Hearing no further nominations, Judge Michael closed the floor for nominations.
- Members cast their ballots online using the Spot Me application.
- Director Underwood announced Jedd Pelander (WA) as Vice Chair, elected by a majority vote.

PRESIDENT

- Judge Michel presented Jacey Rader (NE) as the nominee for Commission Chair and opened the floor for additional nominees.
- There were none.
- Judge Michael closed the floor for nominations and announced Jacey Rader (NE) as the ICJ Chair, elected by acclamation.
- Judge Michael noted that the newly elected officers were undertaking important responsibilities, and encouraged them to rely heavily on the Commission's rules, policies, and bylaws as they carry out their duties. He advised that the Oath of Office would be administered in writing this year, due to the virtual format.

Closing Remarks

- Chair Rader announced that the 2021 Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for October 4-6, 2021 in Billings, Montana.
- Chair Rader expressed her sincere appreciation to the Commission for their hard work, long hours, and commitment in 2020, and that she looks forward serving as the Commission Chair in 2021.
- Lastly, Chair Rader recognized the many facets of administration conducted throughout the year by the ICJ National Office Staff that support and contribute to the success of the Commission.

Adjourn

M. Clifton (WY) made a motion to adjourn. Chair Rader adjourned the 2020 ICJ Annual Business Meeting at 4:55 p.m. EST by acclamation.