

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Midwest Region



October 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes
3:30 p.m. ET
Via Zoom

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Charles Frieberg (SD), Representative
2. Tomiko Frierson (IL), Commissioner
3. Mary Kay Hudson (IN), Commissioner
4. Kellianne Torres (IA), Designee
5. Hope Cooper (KS), Commissioner
6. Roy Yaple (MI), Commissioner
7. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Commissioner
8. Jacey Rader (NE), Commissioner
9. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee
10. Nate Lawson (OH), Commissioner
11. Casey Gerber (WI), Commissioner

Commissioners/Designees not in Attendance:

1. Lisa Bjergaard (ND), Commissioner

Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Molly Dearing (IL)
2. Sydney McClendon (IL)
3. Holly Kassube (IL)
4. Nita Wright (IN)
5. Ian Doyle (IN)
6. Liz Wilson (KS)
7. Matt Billinger (KS)
8. Amanda Kohlbeck (MN)
9. Rebecca Hillestead (MN)
10. Jessica Raptis (MN)
11. Abbie Christian (NE)
12. Andrew Janning (OH)
13. Cheryl Frost (SD)
14. Kathy Christenson (SD)
15. Joy Swantz (WI)

Guest in Attendance:

1. Melissa Smith (IL)

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policy Specialist
2. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist

Call to Order

Representative Frieberg called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

J. Adkins called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

T. Hudrlik (MN) made a motion to approve the agenda. N. Lawson (OH) seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes

J. Rader (NE) made a motion to approve the July 27, 2021 minutes as presented. N. Lawson (OH) seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion

Committee Updates

- Representative Frieberg gave a brief update from the September 16, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.
- The 2021 ICJ Annual Report was approved, proclamations of appreciation were issued for Jeff Cowger (KS) and Traci Marchand (NC), and the new ICJ Nomination and Election process was discussed.
- There are currently three people in the running who submit materials through the new early nomination process. Two candidates for Commission Chair: Tasha Hunt (CT) and Nina Belli (OR) and two candidates for Commission Vice-Chair: (Nina Belli (OR) and Charles Frieberg (SD).
- Representative Frieberg also shared that the annual audit was clean and the Commission is in good standing financially.
- Representative Frieberg mentioned that as of September 16, 2021, there were 116 registrants for the 2021 Annual Business Meeting, including all 52 voting members.
- Representative Frieberg thanked the Midwest Region members who were a large part of the teams that helped develop and test UNITY. He's very impressed with how UNITY works, and is glad we took the leap and that we're up and running.
- There were no additional committee updates.
- Representative Frieberg shared that committee signups for the upcoming year were available on the SpotMe page and encouraged members to sign up for committees that interest them.

Leadership Exchange Series

- Representative Frieberg shared that the Executive Committee authorized the Leadership Exchange Series to continue for another year. Representative Frieberg acknowledged the current Leadership Exchange Series participants, Jacey Rader (NE), Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Nate Lawson (OH), and himself. He encouraged others to ask questions and sign up for the next cohort.

Nominations and Elections Process

- Representative Frieberg shared that the Executive Committee voted to have members nominated ahead of the Annual Business Meeting, so that individuals seeking office could provide materials in advance. This will help voting members have prior knowledge of the candidates. Prior to this change, members would vote at Region Meetings and sometimes not know who the individual running for office was.

2021 Rule Proposals

- Representative Frieberg noted that most Midwest members were at the proposed Rule Amendments training session yesterday [Monday, October 4, 2021]. Representative Frieberg stated that Rules Committee Chair T. Hudrlik (MN) and the Rules Committee members did a great job of explaining the proposals and answering questions.

State Updates/Concerns

- There were none.
- Representative Frieberg stated that he takes it that everything's going well and everyone is still dealing with COVID and the new normal.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

- J. Rader (NE) commended Representative Frieberg on his leadership for Midwest and all that he has done for the region.
- Representative Frieberg mentioned that he was running for Commission Vice-Chair. M.K. Hudson (IN) shared her support for him. N. Wright (IN) also expressed her support in the chat.

Adjourn

J. Wald (ND) made a motion to adjourn. N. Lawson (OH) seconded.
Representative Frieberg adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 3:49 p.m. ET.