



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

East Region Meeting *Minutes*

June 14, 2016
10:00 a.m. EDT

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Patricia Welcome (VI) East Region Representative
2. Maria Genca (CT) Designee
3. Melanie Grimes (DE) Commissioner
4. Damian Seymour (DE) Designee
5. David Barrett (ME) Commissioner
6. Becki Moore (MA) Designee
7. Thomas O'Connor (NH) Designee
8. Kevin Brown (NJ) Commissioner
9. Edwin Lee, Jr. (NJ) Designee
10. Jason McCrea (PA) Commissioner
11. JoAnn Niksa (RI) Designee

Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Lorraine Bartlett (NH) Commissioner
2. Sheila Poole (NY) Commissioner
3. Kevin McKenna (RI) Commissioner
4. Cindy Walcott (VT) Commissioner

Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Paul Ottati (NY)

Guest in Attendance:

None

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Shawn Robinson, Administrative and Training Coordinator
3. Emma Goode, Administrative and Logistics Coordinator
4. Jenny Adkins, Project Manager

Call to Order

Representative Welcome called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. EDT.

Roll Call

A. Lippert called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

J. McCrea (PA) made a motion to approve the agenda. T. O'Connor (NH) seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes

- **J. McCrea (PA) made a motion to approve the May 10, 2016 meeting minutes. J. Niksa (RI) seconded. The motion passed.**

Discussion

East Region Representative Election

- Representative Welcome reported that the ICJ East Region Representative election is held every two years during the annual business meeting and reaffirmed that she will not seek re-election for the next two-year term (2017-2018). Representative Welcome updated that she will not attend the 2016 Annual Business Meeting in Boston; consequently she will not be present to Chair the East Region Meeting and present the East Region Report. For a smoother transition, Representative Welcome called this special meeting to elect the next East Region Representative to be effective immediately.
- Representative Welcome briefed on the responsibilities of the East Region Representative and opened the floor for nominations.
 - Patricia Welcome (VI) nominated Kevin Brown (NJ). Commissioner Brown declined the nomination.
 - JoAnn Niksa (RI) nominated Maria Genca (CT). Designee Genca accepted the nomination.
- Representative Welcome closed the floor for nominations.
- **D. Seymour (DE) made the motion to elect Maria Genca (CT) as the East Region Representative. P. Welcome (VI) seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.**
- Representative Welcome thanked the region members and the national office for their support over the years and turned the meeting over to newly elected Representative Genca.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

- Representative Genca opened the floor for old or new business.
- J. McCrae (PA) shared recent runaway incidents where there was no court order and the youth refused to fly. He suggested this issue be discussed at the next region meeting. Connecticut and Rhode Island shared similar experiences and resolutions. Delaware referenced an enforcement act to assist when parents lack financial support and agreed to share the information with Pennsylvania.
- K. Brown (NJ) updated on requests for human trafficking information from New Jersey and will forward the information to the national office for distribution.
- M. Grimes (DE) invited regional members to attend a Human Trafficking Conference at Dover Downs in Dover, Delaware November 17, 2016.

Adjourn

- The next East Region meeting is August 23 at the 2016 Annual Business Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.
- **P. Welcome (VI) made a motion to adjourn. J. Niksa (RI) seconded. Representative Genca adjourned the meeting without objection 10:32 a.m. EDT.**