

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, May 14, 2020

PRESENT	Daron Korte Teresa Ferenczhalmy Davina French Shelley Joan Weiss	Minnesota Commissioner New Mexico Commissioner North Dakota Commissioner Wisconsin Commissioner	Chair
STAFF	Lindsey Dablow Cherise Imai	Training and Operations Associate Executive Director	Secretary
EXCUSED	Bruce DuPlanty Misty Nissen Terry Ryals	Arizona Commissioner Iowa Commissioner Alaska Commissioner	
GUEST	Don Berry	Arkansas Veterans Coalition	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM EDT by Committee Chair and Minnesota Commissioner Daron Korte. Roll call was conducted by Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow, and a quorum was established.

ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES

2. Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss (WI) motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davina French (ND). Motion carried.

1. Commissioner Teresa Ferenczhalmy (NM) motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Motion carried.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

2. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Chair Korte discussed COVID-19 and its impact on states and education systems. He updated the Committee on the Stop Movement Order issued by the Secretary of Defense which was extended to June 30, 2020. The Chair stated all Standing Committees of the Commission continue to execute the Strategic Plan and move forward to complete the tactics. Chair Korte completed the report explaining trainings continue through the National Office.

3. Commissioner Weiss asked the Chair to consult the EXCOM regarding insurance the Commission may or may not have in place that would allow the Commission to recoup all or some of the expenses associated with canceling the in-person Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in October. She also requested the EXCOM consider surveying the Commission to ascertain their desire to travel should the ABM be held in-person. How likely are Commissioners to travel given the unknown progression and circumstances of COVID-19?

4. Commissioner Korte asked Ms. Dablow for an update regarding ABM logistics. Ms. Dablow stated the Little Rock Marriott furloughed the event staff so planning for the Fall conference has not progressed. The conference site is willing to move the event to another time without monetary penalty but are not accepting cancellations without penalty at this time. The options for both an in-person and virtual ABM will be presented to the EXCOM when they meet later this month so they may determine how to move forward.

ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS

5. **State Council Meetings** – Chair Korte reviewed the state council meeting document with the Members noting most states are compliant except those who have commissioner vacancies. The Chair noted that states continue to hold virtual meetings which is expected given the current situation. Commissioner Weiss stated Vermont and Pennsylvania are not compliant and asked how enforceable is the policy? Chair Korte stated Vermont has held a meeting in the past year but understands the Commissioner's concern. The Chair acknowledged how recently the State Coordination Policy was adopted so the focus has been on compliance not enforcement. He discussed the levels of escalation provided for by the policy and pointed out that those states who have not held a meeting are still at Level One. The National Office is working with those states to establish their councils and schedule their first meeting.

6. Commissioner Weiss asked if the policy regulating state council meetings had a purpose or if it is another task the Commissioner is being asked to do? Chair Korte stated this was discussed two years ago when the policy was passed, and the conclusion was state council meetings are provided for in the Model Compact Language and aid Commissioners in implementing the Compact in their state. In most cases once a Commissioner is contacted the council has met and the Commissioner forgot to report it. Commissioner Weiss suggested, and Commissioner Ferenczhalmy supported, the Chair record a brief video to explain the policy and importance of state councils. Chair Korte agreed to discuss developing a video with the Chairs of the Communication and Outreach, and Training Committee. [OPEN ITEM]

9. **Commissioner Vacancies** – Chair Korte informed the Committee that the COVID-19 situation has stalled communications with Governors regarding Commissioner appointments. The Chair yielded the floor to staff. Ms. Dablow reiterated the Chair's comments regarding a delay due to the virus but reported appointments for California and Pennsylvania are pending. The deadline for Michigan to respond to the first notice has passed so the National Office will issue a second notice and update the Committee at the next meeting. Chair Korte reported he has communicated with Indiana and the Governor's Office is aware of the vacancies. The Chair will follow up with Indiana in June. Chair Korte stated that DoD Representative Chuck Clymer has been working towards a Commissioner appointment in Mississippi but as of the Compliance Meeting does not have an update from him. Chair Korte will speak with Mr. Clymer prior to the EXCOM meeting on May 21, 2020 to gather information for the Committee. [OPEN ITEM]

7. **Feedback from the EXCOM on Assisting States with Compact Compliance and Data Collection** – Chair Korte reminded Members that at the March Compliance Committee meeting he was asked to get feedback from the EXCOM on two questions. First, how the National Office communicates with the member states regarding compliance issues. Chair Korte reviewed the feedback from the EXCOM. The general response of the EXCOM Members were that the current practices outlined in the Compliance minutes from March 10, 2020 were sufficient and worked well.

Chair Korte noted communication from the National Office where Compliance issues are concerned seems to be going well but there is always opportunity for improvement. The Chair opened the floor to questions.

8. Commissioner Weiss asked what assessment methods were in place to determine that the methods being used were sufficient? She also asked if changes are being made to the MIC3.net website. Ms. Dablow replied the Mid-year Survey would be going out this year to Commissioners and a couple questions asked for feedback concerning communication. The organization continues to collect Google Analytics feedback which the EXCOM reviews on a monthly basis. Ms. Dablow reported the use of Constant Contact by the Commission which has a feature that provides feedback on open and click rate allowing staff to stay connected to individuals who have not opened emails in a while. Finally, she informed the Members that MIC3.net is moving to a new platform because Muse is no longer supported by Adobe. Progress has been slowed due to the loss of the Communications Associate and the current work from home order issued by Kentucky's Governor. However, the process continues and the National Office hopes to complete the migration in time to test it before the ABM in October. Commissioner Weiss thanked Ms. Dablow and suggested sharing some of the website analytics in the Commission's monthly newsletter.

9. Chair Korte addressed the second question submitted to the EXCOM for feedback. The Compliance Committee, regarding data collection as outlined in Article IX of the Compact Model Language and Chapter 200 of the Rules, asked what the reporting system is or should be and whether or not, if it isn't enforceable, should the Commission consider recommending member states change the language in their Compact statute. The Chair noted the EXCOM did not support asking member states to compel a statute change. Chair Korte supported the EXCOM's opinion because Minnesota, as well as other states, have divided governments and it is difficult to get consensus on any issue. He also noted the feedback expressed concern about the ability of states to implement these data collection strategies, especially in states without active duty bases.

10. Chair Korte recognized Mr. Don Berry with Arkansas Veterans Coalition who expressed interest in speaking to the Committee on this topic. Mr. Berry understood the difficulty associated with data collection. He stated Arkansas has been a member of the Compact for 12 years and the state has not been counting Permanent Change of Stations (PCS) which, as he understands, is the whole basis for the Compact. Mr. Berry questioned what the value is to the entities that are having to generate the records. He stated it was not the Commission that benefits from that information or the state but the school districts. He suggested the Commission gain compliance on data collection by selling its benefit to each state education institutes. Stating the districts have to understand the value on data collection. He went on to state the Compact cannot assess its success without knowing how many kids are moving between states, and the processes in place in those school districts.

11. The Chair recognized Commissioner French who underlined the current COVID-19 situation and the activation of National Guard and Reserve units for Homeland Defense during this time. Commissioner French proposed developing an exception policy to address those families being displaced due to a family member's activation and she asked Chair Korte to refer the request to EXCOM.

12. Commissioner Weiss stated success of the Compact in Wisconsin is based on how smooth and seamless the transition goes not on the number of transitions each year. She emphasized the voluntary reporting mechanism of ESSA related to military-connected students and the confidential

nature of that data which would not be available to the Commission. Commissioner Weiss stated data collection is close to impossible in those states without an active duty base. She continued that even in those states with active duty bases the parent may not enroll their children in the school primarily attended by children of active duty military members. She requested a conclusion on the topic of data collection.

13. Chair Korte agreed to address the EXCOM and get a conclusion for Commissioner Weiss. He stated there was no support for changing the compact statute but amending the Compact Rule was something that could be achieved. However, data could be valuable to the Commission which is why this topic warrants further conversation and the Commission needs to be aware of the limitations like those Commissioner Weiss highlighted. [OPEN ITEM]

ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

14. There being no new business the Chair moved to Other Business and Announcements.

ITEM 6 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. **Items for the Executive Committee** – Chair Korte asked for items or comments for the EXCOM but there were no additional comments from the Committee. The Chair asked Members to email him if they had questions after the meeting.

16. **Questions for Mid-Year Survey - Feedback** – Chair Korte asked the Members to email him or the National Office any questions they had for the survey.

17. **Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic** – Ms. Dablow asked the Members to share best practices or information from within their states regarding the state's response to the pandemic, especially focusing on education. The National Office is collecting that information for a broader discussion in the future.

16. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th.

ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT

17. With no further business to conduct, Chair Korte adjourned the meeting at 2:01 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lindsey Dablow
Training and Operations Associate