



**MINUTES OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION FOR MILITARY CHILDREN  
HELD IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 14-16 NOVEMBER 2010**

PRESENT	Cheryl Serrano	Colorado	Chairperson Vice Chair Treasurer
	Kathleen Berg	Hawaii	
	Brad Neuenswander	Kansas	
	Mike Reed	Alabama	
	Larry LeDoux	Alaska	
	Patricia Terry	California	
	Laura Anastasio	Connecticut	
	Susan Haberstroh	Delaware	
	Spessard Boatright	Florida	
	Sam McGowen	Illinois	
	Carol Greta	Iowa	
	Mark Needham	Kentucky	
	Rodney Painting	Louisiana	
	Shelley Reed	Maine	
	Mary Gable	Maryland	
	Thomas Bell	Michigan	
	Timothy Callicutt	New Mexico	
	David Phillips	North Carolina	
	Tom Rutan	Ohio	
	Pam Deering	Oklahoma	
	Rosemarie Kraeger	Rhode Island	
	Loren Scheer	South Dakota	
	Mark Bounds	South Carolina	
	Terry Smith	Texas	
	Anne Wescott	Virginia	
	Greg Lynch	Washington	
	Shelley Weiss	Wisconsin	
	Rick Masters	General Counsel	
	BG (R) Norman Arflack	Executive Director	Secretary
IN ATTENDANCE	Cherise Imai	Military Impacted Schools Association	
	David Splitek	Military Child Education Coalition	
	Candace Wheeler	National Military Families Association	
	Kathy Facon	DoDEA	
	Mark K. Takai	National Conference of State Legislature	
APOLOGIES	Art Harding	Arizona	

ITEM	ACTION
<p><b>ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p>1. The meeting was called to order and the roll was taken was taken by General Arflack. 27 of 35 states were present.</p> <p>2. Cheryl Serrano opened by asking for all Commissioners and Ex-Officio members to give a short brief of their position and duties.</p> <p>3. Following the introductions Cheryl Serrano gave a brief opening address</p>	

and an overview of the Agenda. A motion to approve the agenda followed and was approved by unanimous consent.

## **ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

4. Kay Meyer from the National PTA commented that the National PTA had recently passed a resolution in favor of advocating for and gaining passage of the Compact in all 50 States. She encouraged everyone to reach out to the State PTA offices as they have a strong network which could be utilized as a valuable communication resource.

5. Kay Meyer also commented that DoDEA is not eligible for State membership and therefore not a member of the Compact. She encouraged States to voluntarily extend these provisions to students transferring back from overseas.

6. Candace Wheeler asked that member states give a certain degree of flexibility and understanding when dealing with students from non-member states. She then went to ask the members to identify any other organizations who could be given ex-officio status, for example the Coastguard.

7. Mark Takai raised an issue from his military members in Hawaii that in the Compact language, Article 2 definitions that it is amended to 3 months prior and 3 months on return due to various issues which arise 3 months prior to deployment. He also requested that under Article 3, Applicability, that on the date on the retirement the military person is entitled to 6 months post retirement for assistance in their final move and that this should be extended to include their children as well.

## **ITEM 2 – ROLE OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION**

8. General Arflack and Rick Masters gave a presentation on the Role of the Interstate Commission.

## **ITEM 3 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

9. General Arflack briefed on the role of the National Office and gave an overview of each Committee reminding all Commissioners they were required to sign up to be a member of at least one Committee. *A copy of the presentation is available on the website?*

10. Rick Masters briefed on the Legal matters concerning the Compact. *A copy of the presentation is available on the website?*

## **ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

11. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the 2009 National Conference which was passed by unanimous consent.

## ITEM 5 – STRATEGIC PLAN

12. General Arflack talked on the organization of the Commission since his arrival and how it has evolved since. He gave his view on how he saw the future developing for the Compact.

## ITEM 6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. **Compliance Committee.** Mike Reed gave a short brief on the compliance committee and commented that 95% of the cases have been dealt with by the National Office and the few that have not have been resolved by talking direct with the State Commissioner and local Superintendent.

14. **Rules Committee.** David Phillips talked about the Rules Committee and whilst he had no major issues as most of their work had been completed, asked that they discuss in the breakout sessions some of the processes for bringing forward changes, not only to the rules but to the bylaws and how to bring the proposed changes forward. He intimated that they had one proposed change to the bylaws regarding the Executive Committee.

15. **Training Committee.** Pam Deering opened up by explaining the responsibilities of the training committee and what they had hoped to accomplish during the previous 12 months. The following are the main points from the training committee:

**Website.** Nathan Dickerson gave some background on the conception of the website and briefly explained the content, layout and meaning each of the tabs. Richard Pryor expanded on the interactive map emphasizing the importance that the contact details within each State are constantly updated. There will be a template sent out in due course asking for information from those newer States in order to update the map.

He also discussed the use of Facebook which is being used to spread the message of the Compact and highlights information from other States and organizations which may also be of interest to the users.

**Presentations.** John Matthews gave a detailed brief on the various presentations and advertising pieces that he had been involved in compiling. Cheryl Serrano gave a date of 2 weeks from the end of the meeting for any amendments or feedback to be submitted to the National office and any received to be subsequently reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to going to print.

The following points were raised from the floor during this part of the meeting:

Balanced distribution of the various presentation material to ensure what was being disseminated and how, and that this was reflected across all States.

Use of the Presentation and if changes would be offered up to all Commissioners prior to the final version being agreed.



20. Brad also re-iterated that the revenue is determined as \$1 per military child that is assigned in your State in the figures received by DOD.

21. The proposed FY12 budget was briefed and it was stated that there would be projected revenue of \$558,000.00 based on current membership with total expenditures of \$459,000.00.

22. Mark Needham made a motion that the FY12 budget was approved, seconded by Mike Reed, approved by unanimous consent.

#### **ITEM 8 – PRESENTATION BY SCOTT PEARSON**

23. Scott Pearson from the U. S. Department of Education gave a presentation on their support for the Interstate Compact.

#### **ITEM 9 – BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

24. A motion was made to make an amendment to by-law Article 7, Section 1 that the immediate past Chair is added to the subsequent Executive Committee. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

#### **ITEM 10 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

25. Kathleen Berg made a motion to make **Mark Needham**, the commissioner from Kentucky the new Chair. With no other nominations a vote was taken and passed by unanimous consent.

26. Mark Needham made a motion that **Kathleen Berg** remain as the Vice Chair. With no other nominations a vote was taken and passed by unanimous consent.

27. Brad Neuenswander made a motion that **Pam Deering** become the new Treasurer. With no other nominations a vote was taken and passed by unanimous consent.

#### **ITEM 11 – GENERAL SESSION**

28. **State Councils.** A panel from Kentucky, Hawaii and Virginia briefed on how they formed their respective State Councils. *Audio commentary of each States presentation is available if required.*

29. Rick Masters confirmed that voting rights on the State Councils were given locally but that Ex-Officio members by practice did not vote, and that any DoD members were not entitled to vote.

30. The panel confirmed that an appointment to the State Council was a formal process that went through the Governors office or in Hawaii's case by the Board of Education.

Richard Pryor

31. **State Council - Official Military Representative.** Tom Hinton briefed that the military representative on the State Council is to be officially appointed by the DoD. This decision has been approved by the Secretary of Defense. Cheryl Serrano suggested that the Executive Committee look at the issue and decide if they wish to take it further or let individual States follow the dispute resolution process should they wish to do so.

**ITEM 12 – REGIONAL REPORTS**


32. The following agenda points were discussed at the regional breakout sessions:

- a. Dues - Including a ceiling or floor, assigned or reside, timelines.
- b. National Office – how best to serve the Commission.
- c. Ideas on spreading the word to the civilian community.
- d. Future Conferences.


33. A synopsis of what was briefed by representatives from each of the 4 regions is as follows:

**DUES**


***East***

 No objection to a ceiling or a floor but felt that the smaller states would struggle to justify to the local legislature a high amount for the floor. As a minimum enough to cover the annual meeting. Where the child is educated was the consensus of opinion regarding assigned v reside. Implementation of timelines in line with the Commission guidelines.

***South***


 Approach to delinquent states has been quite soft to this point. Should be consistent as to how we treat these states. Send delinquent States a letter through the Compliance committee and General Counsel. A floor to cover costs of annual meeting as a minimum. No definitive answer for assigned or reside – group split.

***Mid-West***

 Language already in place to address delinquency and understand dues may not be reaching the right person. Compliance committee followed by General Counsel as laid out in Compact. Floor and ceiling to remain as is. Maybe a re-look in 2 years. Recommendation that the new States joining have dues based on where they reside and by 2014 all States move across to reside.


Executive Committee

**West**

 Continue process for nonpayment of dues currently in place. Commissioners for non-paying States to provide a contact where possible to send the dues notice. Reside was the consensus but no timelines. Minimum floor of \$3000.00 which would cover at least the cost of the annual meeting.

**ASSISTANCE FROM NATIONAL OFFICE**


**East**

 Helpful if they made more effort to work with SLOs in individual states.


**South**

 Being able to search for MIC3 website on Google. Involvement with Military families associations, advertising in some of the military periodicals. Importance of advisory opinions prominence on website.

**Mid-West**

 Commissioners only blog page on the website which would be password protected. Possibility of creating webinars for targeted audiences run by the national office. Gather data on graduation, testing issues etc from each state for use within the commission.


**West**

 Data collection would be expensive and costs would fall to individual states. State Council report issues to national office and the national office analyze and report commonalities. National office to help keep states apprised of any legislation or initiatives that affect military children. Facilitate more connections with SLOs/PTAs . Tapping into professional organizations and training aimed at specific audiences. Possibility that councils adopt a sub-committee specifically for training and the production of a video for distribution. At national level to produce a one-pager for parent registration packages.


**FUTURE CONFERENCES**

It was felt by all regions that November was the best month to host the annual meeting.


**East**

 Santa Fe/Charleston/Lexington were options for future meetings. Time for committees to meet face to face. Provide a webinar for members of new member states to give them the history and background prior to the actual meeting. Best practices portion was very helpful and maybe some more speakers.


**South**

 Lexington/Louisville, South Carolina, Kansa City, Dallas, Chicago. More speakers and maybe even a garrison commander, student panel, video presentations posted on website, increased use of training sessions. Meeting kept to a day and a half. Vouchers/common core and special education maybe included.

**Mid-West**

 Lexington/Louisville. New members to arrive early to give them a history in the morning prior to the actual meeting beginning at lunchtime. Discussion groups. Creating blog. Programs to educate state councils ie. Our community salutes (communitysalutes.org)

**West**

 Kentucky next year, following meetings should be in a centrally located State. 2 day conference which would include introductory briefings for new member states. Workshops to include sub group committee meeting/ counselors. Visit an impacted school district.

**ITEM 13 – NEW BUSINESS**

34. Cheryl Serrano made a motion that they refer collection of delinquent dues to the compliance committee with the expectation that legal counsel will contact appropriate legal counsel in the delinquent state prior to sending official notification of the states delinquency. Motion was passed by unanimous consent.

35. Brad Neuenswander made a motion that the both the Rules and Executive Committee study the dues formula and if they believe if it is valid. Using the data collected they would bring a recommendation to the 2011 conference for any changes. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

**ITEM 14 – NEXT MEETING**

36. Brad Neuenswander made a motion that the 2011 meeting be held in Kentucky in November. Passed by unanimous consent. A tentative date of 13-15 November was given with details to be confirmed at a later date.



**ITEM 15 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

37. Having no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned.



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Remaining Attendees