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**MIC3 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING HELD IN COLORADO SPRINGS**

*John 'Don' Kaminar*  
Chair (AR)



*Laura Anastasio*  
Vice Chair (CT)



*Craig Neuenswander*  
Treasurer (KS)



*Rosemarie Kraeger*  
Past Chair (RI)

The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, or MIC3, held its Annual Business Meeting Oct. 23-24, 2019 at the Antlers in Colorado Springs, Colorado. More than 120 guests attended the convening, including ex officio members organizations, state and district school personnel and military school liaison officers from various branches of service.

Highlights included presentations by the U.S. Department of Defense State Liaison Office, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Officers Association and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, as well as an evening reception at the U.S. Air Force Academy hosted by the Military Impacted Schools Association.

As part of the meeting, MIC3 elected executive officers. Arkansas Commissioner John "Don" Kaminar and Connecticut Commissioner Laura Anastasio were re-elected for a second term as chair and vice chair. Kansas Commissioner Craig Neuenswander was elected as treasurer, replacing Florida Commissioner Bob Buehn, who stepped down after six years of service. Rhode Island Commissioner Rosemarie Kraeger will continue to serve as past chair.

The following commissioners were reappointed by Chair Kaminar to the Executive Committee:

- Communication and Outreach Committee – Brian Henry, Missouri Commissioner
- Compliance Committee Chair – Daron Korte, Minnesota Commissioner
- Rules Committee Chair – Mary Gable, Maryland Commissioner
- Training Committee Chair – Ernise Singleton, Louisiana Commissioner

"I'm honored and humbled to have been elected to lead the commission for a second year," said Don Kaminar, Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission chair. "The leadership team looks forward to working with member states to implement the new 2020-22 Strategic Plan in support of military children and families."

In addition, MIC3 presented a State of Service Award to Commissioner Bob Buehn as he steps down from the Treasurer position after six years of service. A special proclamation was awarded to former Commissioner Cheryl Serrano who stepped down in December for her 13 years of dedicated service as the representative of Colorado. The Commission renamed the *MIC3 Executive Award* to the *Cheryl Serrano Leadership Award* in her honor as the first chair of the commission, and to recognize future leaders for their service.

MIC3 allows for uniform treatment of military children as they transfer between states in the areas of enrollment; placement and attendance; eligibility; and graduation. It was developed by The Council of State Governments National Center for Interstate Compacts, the U.S. Department of Defense, national associations, federal and state officials, state departments of education, school administrators and military families.

Looking forward, the 2020 Annual Business Meeting will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas. For more information, visit: [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net).

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