**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 21, 2021**

PRESENTJohn “Don” Kaminar Arkansas Commissioner Chair

Laura Anastasio Connecticut Commissioner Vice Chair

Craig Neuenswander Kansas Commissioner Treasure & Finance

Rosemarie Kraeger Rhode Island Commissioner Past Chair

Ernise Singleton Louisiana Commissioner Training

Brian Henry Missouri Commissioner Comm & Outreach

Mary Gable Maryland Commissioner Rules

EXCUSED Chuck Clymer DoD Representative Ex-Officio

Daron Korte Minnesota Commissioner Compliance

STAFF Cherise Imai Executive Director Secretary

Lindsey Dablow Training & Operations Assoc.

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. Chair Don Kaminar (AR) called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM ET on Thursday, October 21, 2021.

**ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL**

2. Roll call was taken by Cherise Imai, Executive Director (ED). A quorum was established.

**ITEM 3 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. Lindsey Dablow, Training and Operations Associate, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

4. Commissioner Mary Gable (MD) motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Rosemarie Kraeger (RI). Motion carried.

**ITEM 5 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2021**

5. Commissioner Gable motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kraeger. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6 – REPORTS**

6. **Chair** –Chair Kaminar thanked members and staff for their leadership, support, and good work for the Commission overall. The team support and effort has been invaluable in support for military families and kids.

7. **Vice Chair –** Committee Vice Chair, Commissioner Laura Anastasio (CT) reported the Ex Officio group met recently. She provided an update on the standing committee activities and the EXCOM’s work. Members felt the meetings should continue and were valuable.

8. **Executive Director –** ED Imai reported the Council of State Governments (CSG) recently released a new policy regarding mandated COVID-19 vaccinations for all staff. As a federal contractor, CSG developed the policy to align with requirements. ED Imai reported all staff have been vaccinated and submitted their documentation to Human Resources. She also noted the return to the office date remains 15 January.

9. ED Imai reported virtual training was conducted for the Coast Guard EFMP, North Carolina ECAC; Waynesville School District staff; Maxwell-Gunter staff; and is scheduled for NSA Bethesda. A recent webinar was conducted on Special Needs and IDEA which was well received by attendees. She thanked the Navy Pilot Program, STOMP and ECAC for their continued partnership and support. National support and reports were provided for California, New Mexico, Colorado, and Missouri state council meetings.

10. **Finance** – Treasurer Craig Neuenswander noted there are three states outstanding for Fiscal Year 2021 dues for a total of $16,406, and the National Office has been in contact with these states regarding payment. Regarding Fiscal Year 2022, 39 of 59 states have paid to date or 53% of states. The committee reviewed the balance sheet, revenues/expenditures, and investment statement.

11. **FY2023 Dues and Budget** – Treasurer Neuenswander presented the proposed dues and budget for approval. He noted the number of students in the Navy and Air Force increased this past year, which may be due to the impact of the pandemic and families electing to remain stateside or a reduced number of assignments abroad. Commissioner Brian Henry (MO) motioned to approve the FY 2023 Dues and Budget proposals, seconded by Vice Chair Anastasio. Motion carried.

12.  **Communication and Outreach Committee –** Commissioner Henry reported the committee has not met this month however he shared the updated toolkits which will be presented to the Commission next month. The resources will also be widely shared.

13. **Compliance –** ED Imai reported on behalf ofCommissioner Daron Korte (MN). The committee reviewed the status of state council meetings and end-of-year reporting. She noted staff continues to follow-up with states that are outstanding. The Compliance committee determined sanctions would not be made against states that were not complaint, and the chair would follow up with the outstanding states to remind them of their obligation.

14. **Rules –** Commissioner Gable reported the committee cancelled their October meeting because there were no items on the agenda. The committee reviewed the presentation for the Annual Business Meeting via email.

15. **Training –** Commissioner Singleton stated the committee met on September 28. They approved the voiceover consultant for the new graduation video. The committee also discussed a learning management system, as well as serve compatibility capability. This item will be a focus area in the upcoming year.

16. **Leadership Nomination –** Commissioner Kraeger reported the committee’s work was complete and they are prepared for the Annual Business Meeting. She presented a legal memorandum that was requested by a committee member on the ability for an Ex-Officio member to address an electoral candidate during the electoral process. Which in conclusion, the member can take part in the questioning, however the member cannot cast a vote.

17. **DOD Liaison –** ED Imai reported on behalf of Mr. Chuck Clymer. She stated we received notification the DOD is realigning the MILREPS in states. A handful of states will change service leads to align with current mission and structure. She added more information will follow pending the final report.

**ITEM 7 – OLD BUSINESS**

18. **MIC3 Research/Jenny Cogbill –** Ms. Cogbill stated she is working on her doctorate at Vanderbilt University and is focused on leadership in organizations. She said her capstone looks at promising practices specific to the implementation of the Compact. She filmed a short video on the study and a survey will be released post-Annual Business Meeting. She will also conduct small er focus groups over the next year. As a military spouse, school counselor, and professional development trainer, she appreciates the work of the Commission.

19. **2021 Annual Business Meeting** – ED Imai reviewed the final agenda with the committee. Docket Books are being printed and were mailed out last week. The digital Docket Book is posted on the event page. The final presentation slide decks are in the process of being confirmed and will be posted post-event. Lastly, zoom links will be sent out a couple of days prior to the meeting.

20. **Response to Suggestions by Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss (WI**) – ED Imai reported Chair Kaminar emailed Commissioner Weiss the feedback to her email, and it was sufficient.

21. **NGR report Request from Don Berry of Arkansas** – ED Imai reported Chair Kaminar responded to the request, and informed Mr. Berry the report will be published on the website and accessible to the public once it has been finalized.

**ITEM 8 – NEW BUSINESS**

22. **Operations Audit** – Consultant Brien Riggs briefed his final report which will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting. Members expressed appreciation for the brief which identified opportunities for improvement and to ensure we are meeting the mission.

23. **Awards** – ED Imai reported community awards were bestowed on Greg Myers (NM); Erasmo Reyes (AR); and Joe Driskoll (MO). She reported Hal Stearns the Commissioner from Montana was replaced by Mr. Ray Shaw. As such, Commissioner Stearns will not attend the upcoming Annual Business Meeting. She asked the EXCOM to approve a Service Award which will be presented at a later date.

24. Commissioner Gable motioned to approve a state service award for Hal Stearns, seconded by Commissioner Singleton. Motion carried.

25. Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA) Training Agreement – ED Imai reported the training agreement was renewed with the organization and they hope to conduct in-person training this year. She noted one condition was agreed upon, the agreement would not include an end date, although either party could terminate the agreement if desired.

**ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT**

27. With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Henry motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gable. Chair Kaminar adjourned the meeting at 2:03 PM ET.