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Military Interstate Compact Celebrates Military Families at Annual Business Meeting

The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission convened its Annual Business Meeting on Oct. 23-24 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Hosted by the National Federation of State High School Associations, event attendees included over 60 attendees, which included member state representatives, ex-officio members, and special guests.

Developed in 2006 by the U.S. Department of Defense and The Council of State Governments, the Compact is a contractual agreement adopted by the 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, and through a [memorandum of understanding](#), the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity Schools (DODEA) worldwide. The Compact eases educational challenges that military-connected students encounter when they move interstate between public school districts and DODEA schools. Areas covered by the Compact include enrollment, placement and attendance, and graduation.

A highlight of the meeting was a Zoom panel of representatives from Bloom, a program of the National Military Family Association, moderated by ex-officio representative Eileen Huck. Four representatives from Bloom shared their educational experiences, including the importance of increasing awareness of the Compact to ensure military-connected students are supported. The panelists left the Commission inspired to continue spreading awareness of the Compact.

Business items included reports and briefs from standing committees, ex-officio representatives, and a Military Impacted School District Perspectives panel. The Commission approved a dues increase for the second time since the Commission was founded in 2008. In addition, the Education Commission of the States was approved as an ex-officio member, and a panel highlighted state best practices in implementing the Compact.

The Commission has elected new leadership for the Executive Committee. **Daron Korte (MN)** will serve as Chair, and **Mary Gable (MD)** as Vice Chair for their first term. **Greg Lynch (WA)** was re-elected as Treasurer for a third term. Leadership also includes **Ernise Singleton (LA)** as Past Chair and **Dianna Ganote**, a non-voting member representing the Department of Defense, Military Community and Family Policy, Office of Children and Youth.

Chair Korte announced the following appointments:

Reappointed:

- *Communications & Outreach Committee Chair – Chad Delbridge (WY)*
- *Compliance Committee Chair – Steven Bullard (KY)*

New Appointments:

- *Rules Committee Chair – Ben Rasmussen (UT)*
- *Training Committee Chair – Tremekia Priester (SC)*

“The Commission’s commitment to supporting educational transitions for military and uniform-connected students remains unwavering,” said Chair Korte. “I was very inspired by the stories shared by four military-connected teenagers from Bloom who spoke candidly about the educational challenges they experienced growing up in military families. Many of them changed schools more than five times during their childhood — yet they persevered. As we move forward with our next strategic plan, our focus is on raising awareness of the Compact and ensuring military students and public schools have the tools and resources they need to thrive.”

To learn more about the Compact rules, training and advocacy efforts, and support for uniform-connected students, visit mic3.net or mic3training.net.



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