Call to Order – Keith Scott, CSG

- Chair Walker raised the question about this being a meeting of the entire committee to discuss the rules versus just a meeting of the rules committee.
  - Keith made a change to the agenda and is going to discuss this in more detail. He asked that we call the roll first and then move into the agenda changes.
  - There were 7 of 11 members present, meaning there is a quorum.

Approval of Agenda – Keith Scott, CSG

- Cheryl Walker next proposed to open the floor to discussion about the agenda before approving it.
  - Keith Scott noted that we agreed in Phoenix to conduct quarterly calls and this was affirmed at the first interim operations committee call.
    - Eventually there will be a need for the rules committee to hold stand alone calls moving forward.
  - Rick Masters suggested we follow the agenda Keith provided and make one amendment to allow David Phillips, chair of the rules committee, to lead a discussion about the rules.
    - Keith did note we will need to decide if this meeting will also constitute our quarterly call.
      - Rick and Cheryl both thought this was a good idea.
    - Keith also wanted to discuss the dues notice during the CSG/NCIC report.
    - Susan Haberstroh moved to accept the amended agenda and David Phillips seconded.
      - Amended agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes – Cheryl Walker, Chair

- Next Cheryl moved to approve minutes. She asked the committee to approve both the minutes from the commission meeting and the first interim operations committee call held on 11/20/09
Rick Masters pointed out that only the minutes from the interim operations committee call could be approved today. The minutes from the commission meeting in Phoenix cannot be approved until the entire commission reconvenes, most likely at the next annual meeting.

- Rick suggested we approve the minutes from the last interim operations committee call through unanimous consent.
- The minutes were approved

**Rules Committee Report – David Phillips, Chair, Rules Committee**

- Chair Phillips double checked that everyone had an opportunity to review the minutes from the first rules committee meeting held following the meeting in Phoenix.
  - He asked that those minutes be approved without objection.
    - Minutes were approved.
- David next pointed out that everyone should have received a draft rules template document.
  - He tried to sort everything out based on what the compact calls for.
  - Hoped this would be beneficial to State Councils as they begin their work.
    - The draft also contained an introduction highlighting the rolls and responsibility of the commission.
- It is David’s hope that the state councils have already met or are planning to meet shortly to begin their discussions about rule making.
- David has not written any specific rules because he did not think that was appropriate at this point.
  - Instead he has provided a general framework of how he thought the rules should be sorted out.
  - Cheryl Walker suggested we take a few minutes to at least discuss the progress and thoughts about rules.
    - Rick Masters instead suggested sending any suggestions directly to David once everybody has had an opportunity to review the template.
      - David also requested that the group provide any state council updates.
    - Rick instead thought it would be best to circulate those materials to Crady deGolian at CSG to help with record keeping.
- Cheryl suggested we begin establishing some time lines for these materials.
  - She would like to have rules in place before the start of the new school year if possible.
    - Rick suggested that best way to approach this might be a sub-committee of the rules committee to begin the drafting process.
  - With that in mind Cheryl suggested we go ahead and set a timeline to get everything to Crady in hopes of encouraging people to act more quickly.
    - She proposed to the group having a state council and rules update to Crady by the third week of March.
      - Group suggested March 31 instead, which was ultimately agreed upon
    - Each member state present next provided a brief update about the progress of their state council.
The following states have already held a state council meeting:
  o CO, CT, DE, and KS.
The following states have not met yet;
  o AZ, FL, KY, MI, MO, NC (first meeting scheduled for 3/23/09), and OK.

Cheryl thought that part of the problem the rules committee may run into is that the group is still somewhat unsure what issues might arise.
  o Rules are going to have to remain flexible enough to address issues as they come up.
  o Cheryl did point out that all military children need to be treated in the same manner, even if they are from a non-member state.
    ▪ Thought this needed to be considered in the rule making process.
    ▪ Keith Scott agreed with Cheryl, but he also pointed out that rules need to apply specifically to the compact and its member’s

David brought back up the issue of establishing a sub-committee.
  o Rick thought this was the most efficient means of putting pen to paper.
    ▪ His thought process was for the small group to draft the rules and for full committee to have an opportunity to review them once they are drafted.
    o Rick suggested no more than 3 or 4 people on the sub-committee
      o David volunteered to serve on the sub-committee and asked for additional volunteers
      o Cheryl Walker, Susan Haberstroh, and Spessard Boatright also agreed to participate.
  o Rick next suggested the following time line for the rules sub-committee.
    ▪ The first meeting could occur prior to the agreed upon March 31 deadline. At the first meeting “boiler plate” language could be borrowed from existing compacts, reviewed, modified if necessary, and agreed upon.
    ▪ Another meeting of the drafting sub-committee could occur following the March 31 deadline so that the concerns of each member state could be considered and addressed.
      ▪ Cheryl suggested the group follow some kind of general template to make data easier to follow and analyze.
        o Tom Bell agreed with this
    ▪ Perhaps a survey of some sort could be developed to narrow focus.
      o Rick noted we need to be careful how we engage in the rules process – it is helpful to provide guidance even if it does not come in the form of rules.

Rick agreed to try and make the existing template more specific and to also provide guidance to the commissioners and state councils about the rule making process.

David proposed setting up a meeting of the sub-committee to address the boiler plate language in the next month.
  o Rick agreed with this suggestion.
    ▪ Sub-committee settled on Thursday, March 19 at 11:00 AM EST for the sub-committee to meet.
    ▪ Rick will provide some kind of starting point for the group to review and respond to in advance of the call.
David next asked Crady deGolian of CSG what kind of time frame was reasonable to analyze the template of state suggestions so the drafting team could have something to work from at the second meeting.
  - Crady agreed to provide analysis to the sub-committee by Friday, April 3.
  - Group agreed to meet April 9 at 11:00 am EST to discuss the final survey results.
    - Will then determine the frequency of meetings based on how much progress is made.

Rick did point out that it may be difficult for the group to have the rules in place by the start of the school year as Cheryl originally suggested because the entire commission will need to be convened to adopt them.
  - Can do this over the phone, but that is often times difficult.
  - Rick’s original assumption was that we would adopt the rules at the next annual meeting.
    - Cheryl agreed to play things by ear to determine what is doable.

Regional Reports – Keith Scott, CSG

- Keith did not have anything substantive, but did want to make a couple of comments.
  - Though there are not regional representatives at this point, there will be moving forward and those representatives will be responsible for making reports, including state council updates.

CSG/NCIC Report – Keith Scott, CSG

- Keith notified the group that we will provide two copies of the dues notice to each member state.
  - The first copy will mailed in the middle of March and the second one will be sent by the middle of May with the goal of having annual dues from each member state paid by the end of June.
    - Spessard Boatright and Susan Haberstroh notified Keith that they did not receive any kind of notice.
  - Keith asked the group to determine who the invoice should go to and notify CSG.
    - Crady deGolian will send an e-mail reminder following the call.

Keith next addressed the Secretariat agreement that the commission agreed to enter into with CSG.
  - Rick Masters suggested changing the tax status outlined in the MOU to provide the commission individual tax status as governmental agency.
    - Doing so will entitle the commission to tax breaks such as tax exempt status.
      - Rick suggested the committee authorize him to negotiate this change with CSG, which he did not think would be a problem
      - The group agreed to this suggestion.

Keith next provided an overview of The Connections newsletter, which NCIC publishes semi-annually.
  - He noted that the commissioners will be added to the distribution list.

Next Keith mentioned the status of non-member states.
  - Currently there are 22 states in play.
• 18 have introduced and another 4 have at least passed out of committee in one chamber.
  • In addition CA has introduced a spot bill that is not included in the 22.
  • ME has pre-filed the bill, though it is still a little unclear what is happening there.
• The executive director hiring process is the final thing Keith wanted to address.
  o Executive committee needs to form a search team of about 3 to 4 members.
  o Group then needs to decide if the search will be conducted internally or be a more wide reaching search.
  o Next step would be to narrow down the list of applicants to 3 or 4 candidates and conduct interviews in Lexington.
  o Could also consider using a personality test if need be, which CSG has done in the past.
    ▪ Cheryl Walker noted that at this point there are a lot of unknowns – how are we going to begin the hiring process?
    ▪ Rick noted that while it may be a while until we actually act, it is a good idea to establish the protocol.
    ▪ Cheryl and Susan Haberstroh both asked how long CSG would continue managing and running things.
      • That will likely be up and through the second annual meeting.
      • With that in mind Cheryl suggested we defer the hiring process until later in the summer.

Legal Counsel Report – Rick Masters, CSG
• Rick Masters already covered the MOU and did not have anything additional.

Old and New Business
• Group decided to defer establishing a date for the next call. Thought it was easiest to do that via e-mail.
• There was no additional old or new business to consider.