

Educational Opportunity for Military Children
Interim Operations Committee
6/30/09

In Attendance:

- 1) Cheryl Walker (CO) Commissioner -- Chair
- 2) Brad Neuenswander (KS) Commissioner -- Treasurer
- 3) David Phillips (NC) Commissioner – Rules Committee Chair
- 4) Spessard Boatright (FL) Commissioner
- 5) Mark Needham (KY) Commissioner
- 6) Rick Masters, CSG
- 7) Keith Scott, CSG
- 8) Crady deGolian, CSG

Absent:

- 1) Joey Strickland (AZ) Commissioner – Vice Chair

Approval of Agenda

- Chair Walker requested the agenda be approved by unanimous consent.
 - The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

- Chair Walker asked if everybody had an opportunity to review the minutes from the last call.
 - The minutes were approved by unanimous consent and will be updated accordingly on the Web site.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Cheryl Walker

- Chair Walker notified the Committee that the MOU was nearly finalized.
 - Rick Masters informed the Committee that in his opinion the Commission was ready to sign and execute the MOU.
 - Keith added that the MOU is on the agenda already under Rick’s report. Chair Walker agreed to defer this discussion until then.
- Chair Walker also discussed extending the Commission’s relationship with CSG.
 - The Committee will need to reach an agreement with CSG to continue existing services.

Rules Committee – David Phillips

- David Phillips noted that the rules committee has made good progress and has nearly finished a working draft.
 - There are several items that still need additional clarification. Once those items are addressed, Chair Phillips thought the Rules Committee would be ready to circulate a draft to the full Commission for review and comments.

CSG/NCIC Report – Crady deGolian and Keith Scott, CSG

- Keith Scott has had several conversations with John Mountjoy and Wade Littrell about extending the Commission’s relationship with CSG.
 - Keith is working with John Mountjoy to develop a budget that he is planning to forward to the Committee sometime this week.
 - Keith suggested tabling this discussion until the Committee has had an opportunity to review the written proposal.
- Next, the Committee members present on the call provided an update on state council development in their respective states
 - Chair Walker noted the Colorado council is likely to be very small.
 - A handful of appointments have been made in Colorado, but there are several others that still need to be finalized.
 - Spessard Boatright noted that the Florida council has met officially one time. Another full council meeting is scheduled for next week
 - David Phillips notified everyone that the North Carolina council has also met once.
 - During the first meeting the council reviewed the Compact language and discussed the rules process.
 - David noted that the council has not set a date for their next meeting, but they are planning to meet at least semi-annually.
 - Brad Neuenswander noted that the Kansas council has met twice over the phone and once more in person.
 - The purpose of the first in person meeting was to familiarize the members with the workings of the Commission
 - Keith asked if there was any assistance CSG could provide to the group.
 - Cheryl requested that each Committee member submit an update about their state council. She would like to see who has been appointed in other states. She thought that would be helpful to her in Colorado.
- Crady deGolian next provided a dues status update to the Committee.
 - So far the Committee has only received about \$5000.00 in total dues.
 - With the addition of the new member states the Commission is owed about \$420,000.00
 - Crady did let the Committee know that an invoice has been sent out to all the original member states. Additionally, the new member states have been invoiced as they have joined the compact.
 - Keith Scott suggested following-up with each of the original member states to try and determine how the payment of dues was coming.
 - Brad Neuenswander agreed to do this.
- Crady deGolian next provided an update on non-compacting states.
 - There are now 23 total members of the compact.
 - The bill remains in play in several other states including New Jersey, California, and Louisiana.
- Chair Walker next noted that she expected the number of inquiries about the compact to begin increasing. She thought it would be appropriate to develop a system to track and answer inquiries.
 - Cheryl thought this information should be funneled through CSG.

- Brad Neuenswander noted that in Kansas the State Liaison is handling compact related questions.
 - Cheryl thought it would be very helpful to establish a system to assist new member states as questions arise.

Legal Counsel Report – Rick Masters, CSG

- Rick Masters noted that all the changes that were requested during the call with Wade Littrell have been made. Rick recommended that the Commission sign the MOU.
 - Brad Neuenswander motioned to approve the MOU and Mark Needham seconded.
 - The motion carried.

Old Business – Crady deGolian and Keith Scott, CSG

Second Annual Meeting Location

- Gladys Parks confirmed that the Commission will be able to hold their second meeting following CSG's Annual meeting. The meeting will take place at LaQuinta Resort and Spa just outside of Palm Springs. The dates for the meeting will be November 16-18.
 - Gladys Parks is hoping to formalize these details in the next couple of days.
- Keith Scott noted that the travel arrangements and logistics would be handled the same way they were for the first Commission meeting in Phoenix.

Logo

- Keith Scott next discussed potential logos, which he submitted to the Committee for review in advance of the call.
 - Both Brad Neuenswander and Mark Needham liked a combination of the third and forth proposals.
- Keith agreed to work with CSG's graphics design team to incorporate the changes recommended on the call. He will then resubmit the potential logos for the Committee's consideration in advance of the next call.
 - The Committee agreed to this.

New Business

- Keith Scott asked Rick Masters to discuss with the group his ongoing roll as the Commission's legal counsel.
 - Rick noted that it is probably appropriate for the Commission to budget for legal counsel.
 - Rick would be available to provide advice/assistance to the Commission and its various Committee's should they prefer.
 - Rick estimated that he would work on the Commission's behalf about 25-30 hours a month.
 - This is subject to change based on differing unknown factors
 - DOD is still covering development efforts for non-member states. Because of this Rick would not be billing these hours to the Commission.
 - Cheryl thought this was very reasonable and necessary. She asked that the Commissioners on the call share their thoughts with her via e-mail.
 - The Committee agreed.

- Rick agreed to send an engagement agreement to Cheryl by e-mail. He also agreed to answer any additional questions should they arise.
- Chair Walker next asked the Committee to schedule the next conference call.
 - The group settled on Monday July 27 at 3:00 PM EDT.
- Hearing no additional old or new business, Chair Walker adjourned the call.