Educational Opportunity for Military Children  
Interim Operations Committee  
August 20, 2009

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  

Absent:  
1) Joey Strickland (AZ) Commissioner – Vice Chair  
2) Mark Needham (KY) Commissioner  

Roll Call – Crady deGolian, CSG  
- Crady deGolian called the roll. Four of six Committee members were present, ensuring there was a quorum.  

Approval of Agenda – Cheryl Walker, Chair  
- Brad Neuenswander motioned to approve the agenda and Spessard Boatright seconded. The agenda was approved.  

Approval of Minutes: Cheryl Walker, Chair  
- Brad Neuenswander motioned to approve the minutes from June 30, 2009 and Spessard Boatright seconded.  
  - The minutes were approved and will be updated accordingly on the web site.  

Committee Reports:  
Interim Operations Committee – Cheryl Walker, Chair  
- Chair Walker noted that the MOU has been signed and executed. She has received a counter signed copy from CSG.  
- Chair Walker next asked if the Committee was still comfortable with trying to have an Executive Director on board on or around January 1.  
  - Cheryl does not think the Commission is ready to hire an Executive Director yet, but she thought the Commission might be ready to hire somebody following the Second Annual Meeting.  
    - The Committee agreed with this suggestion.  

Rules Committee – David Phillips, Chair  
- Chair Phillips noted that the first draft of the rules has been circulated to the full Commission.  
  - Once the comment period closes, David is planning for the Rules Committee to reconvene to discuss suggested changes from the Commission.  
    - David would like the Rules Committee to meet early in September.  
- David did raise a question about the public comment period. He was hoping the CSG could provide some clarification about how that process will work.
John Mountjoy noted that in the case of the Adult Compact, CSG received a series of specific comments from the various Commissioners.

**CSG/NCIC Report – Crady deGolian, CSG**

- Crady deGolian noted that the Commission has now received dues from eight of the member states.
  - That includes seven of the original 11 states.
  - In total the Commission has collected almost $76,000.00 in dues.
  - Treasurer Neuenswander added that he is ready to send out a reminder concerning dues to the new member states.
    - Spessard Boattright also thought a reminder would also be good for the original member states that have not paid.
  - John Mountjoy also suggested that it may be beneficial for CSG to send out another general dues reminder. CSG followed a similar policy for the Juvenile Compact.
    - If states continue to be delinquent in submitting payment, it would then be appropriate to send out a more forceful reminder.
      - The Committee agrees with this recommendation and Crady deGolian will send out another reminder soon.
- Crady deGolian also briefly discussed the non-compacting states.
  - Ohio joined the compact last month, bringing the number of member states to 25.
  - Legislation has passed the General Assembly in California and is expected to pass the Senate as well.
    - CSG’s contacts in California remain optimistic that the bill will pass and be signed this session.

**Legal Counsel Report – Rick Masters, CSG**

- Rick Masters first discussed the Dues Policy he circulated to the Committee in advance of the call.
  - He noted that the policy mirrors dues enforcement policies used by both the Adult and Juvenile Compact.
  - The policy is designed to provide clarity for the member states and to provide the Interim Operations Committee guidance on how to proceed in collecting dues.
  - Rick recommended deferring this business item until the next call.
    - The Committee agreed with this suggestion.
- Rick Masters also discussed an issue raised by Mark Needham pertaining to DODEA schools.
  - Rick has received verification from DOD that DODEA schools have a policy allowing them to follow the spirit of the compact.
    - Although DODEA schools are not members of the compact, they typically adhere to it.

**Old Business**

- Crady deGolian noted that CSG is in the process of finalizing the hotel contract for the Second Annual Meeting.
  - Crady expects the contract to be finalized in the new few days.
• The Committee next discussed the agenda for the Second Annual Meeting that Crady deGolian circulated.
  o The Committee asked that the Executive Committee meeting on Monday, November 16 be moved to 9:00am.
    ▪ Crady deGolian agreed to make this change.
• The group next discussed the logo that CSG graphic’s team developed.
  o After some discussion, the Committee asked that this issue to be deferred until next month.
  o Crady deGolian will have CSG’s graphics team develop a couple of additional options for the Committee to consider.
• John Mountjoy discussed his proposal regarding temporary staff support from CSG.
  o John noted that the MOU the Commission entered into covers everything except additional staff support from CSG.
  o John also noted that these estimates were caps and that CSG staff time would not exceed them.
    ▪ Brad Neuenswander motioned to approve the proposal John developed and David Phillips seconded.
      ▪ The motion carried.
• Chair Walker noted that she has had a request from the National Military Family Association to serve as an Ex-Officio member.
  o Cheryl thought this request raised a much larger question concerning who should be invited to serve as Ex-Officio members.
  o Rick Masters also noted that the Interim Operations Committee will need to decide which Ex-Officio members will receive a travel stipend to attend the annual meeting.
    ▪ Chair Walker asked that this issue be table until the next meeting.
    ▪ She requested that each of the Committee members consider who they would like to invite to serve as an Ex-Officio member and to also consider who should have their travel covered to attend the meeting.

New Business – Cheryl Walker, Chair
• The Committee scheduled the next meeting for Monday, September 21 at 3:00 PM eastern time.
  o Hearing no additional old or new business, Chair Walker adjourned the call.