EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 7, 2019

PRESENT
John “Don” Kaminar Arkansas Commissioner Chair
Laura Anastasio Connecticut Commissioner Vice Chair
Bob Buehn Florida Commissioner Treasurer
Rosemarie Kraeger Rhode Island Commissioner Past Chair
Mary Gable Maryland Commissioner Rules
Brian Henry Missouri Commissioner Comm & Outreach
Daron Korte Minnesota Commissioner Compliance
Ernise Singleton Louisiana Commissioner Training
Cherise Imai Executive Director Secretary
Richard Pryor Communications Associate
Lindsey Dablow Training and Operations Associate

EXCUSED Kathy Facon DoD Military Representative/DODEA Ex-Officio

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER
1. Chair Don Kaminar (AR) called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM EST. Roll call was conducted by Training and Operations Associate, Lindsey Dablow.

ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES
2. The agenda was motioned for approval by Commissioner Brian Henry (MO) and seconded by Commissioner Ernise Singleton (LA). Motion carried. The minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting with amendments were motioned for approval by Commissioner Mary Gable (MD) seconded by Commissioner Laura Anastasio (CT). Motion carried.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS
3. Communications and Outreach – Communications Chair, Commissioner Brian Henry (MO), stated the team met on February 6th. Discussion centered primarily on the definition of an “MIC3 partner”. They agreed MIC3 desires to partner with other groups, however the focus should be centered around the MIC3 mission; the partnering organization does not need to be made an ex-officio member of MIC3; and we need to avoid advocacy groups or any area that falls under the domain of education organizations. A follow-up meeting is scheduled in March to discuss Purple Up! and the strategic plan.

4. Compliance – Utah Language for National Guard and Reserves – Compliance Chair, Commissioner Daron Korte (MN) stated at the last meeting, there was a request by the Utah Commissioner that the EXCOM provide a resolution to Utah stating we do not have any concerns or would be in support of the proposed language that would move the provision in their statute to extend the compact rules to national guard and reserve dependents beyond Title 10. A letter from Chair Kaminar was sent to Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT) this week which outlined the email
between General Counsel Rick Masters and Brian Garrett in October 2018 and stated the Commission would not object to the language utilization to resolve the Compact statute. (OPEN)

5. **Utah State Council** – Commissioner Korte also reported Utah recently introduced a bill to eliminate the Compact’s State Council, and other oversight groups cited in Utah statute. Commissioner Rasmussen, through the Utah State Board of Education (UTBOE), inserted an amendment which moved the oversight of the State Council under UTBOE.

6. **Finance** – Treasurer and Finance Chair, Commissioner Bob Buehn (FL) reported the status of the budget, expenditures, and investments. FY2019 dues are 99% collected with Alabama outstanding.

7. **Rules** – Rules Chair, Commissioner Mary Gable (MD) reported the committee met on February 19th. A call is planned with the national office to discuss the case submissions and next steps regarding the promulgation guide. The guide draft is under review, and revisions are due to the national office by March 15th. She will present the final drafts for EXCOM review at the April meeting.

8. **Training** – Training Chair, Commissioner Ernise Singleton (LA) stated the team reviewed and adopted the committee’s mission statement. They discussed: ideas for the Commissioner Mentoring Program and are submitting language to the national office for compilation; reviewing the case received by the Commission to develop case studies for training at the 2019 Annual Business Meeting (ABM); and will start developing the Webinar Series after the EXCOM meeting in April.

9. **Leadership Development** – Committee Chair Rosemarie Kraeger (RI) reported the first meeting was on March 4th. Several members are new, and they reviewed last year’s timeline, discussion, and outcomes. In November, the previous committee debriefed and identified areas to address: improve the survey of interest timeline; develop an FAQ; develop campaigning parameters; determine of the committee will be a permanent committee; address terms and succession planning; and develop a new timeline for the election leading up to the ABM. Confidentiality was also discussed, and was agreed this relates to the nomination, not the work or the process of the elections itself.

**ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS**

10. **What is Decided by the EXCOM vs. the Full Commission** – Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai stated this item was pending from the November Retreat. She stated Article VII of the bylaws indicate the Executive Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Commission in between meetings, and Article X indicates bylaws adoption and amendment are via majority vote by the Commission. Contracts, memorandums of agreement and understandings are approved by the Executive Committee, and she provided documented examples of this process. Commissioner Korte said this clarification was helpful and thanked ED Imai for the clarification.

11. **National Guard & Reserves: Southern Border Deployment** – ED Imai stated this item was also pending from the November Retreat. She contacted former MIC3 Executive Director, General Stephen Hogan, currently the Kentucky Adjutant General for information. He responded that not a single family should be displaced on either Title 10 or 32 as this is a temporary duty station and not a permanent one. She is scheduling a call with General Hogan to discuss possible strategies to address the continued misperception by the guard and reserve that they are excluded from the Compact (as seen in the case of Utah) Addressing the issue first is more beneficial than being reactionary. (OPEN) Commissioner Korte stated this item was brought up by North Dakota Commissioner, Davina French, and he would relate the information back to her.
12. **Revised Commissioner Language and Definition** – Commissioner Korte reviewed the draft document and definitions. While the Committee agreed the definitions did not conflict with the Compact, it was just not clearly defined. They recognized the need to develop a policy by April (at latest), as the LDC is planning for the elections and nominations for the Fall. They agreed to table the item for additional discussion and possible vote at the next meeting. *(OPEN)*

13. **Ex-Officio Role on the Commission** – Commissioners Anastasio and Korte stated the bylaws are not clear on the role of ex-officio and to what degree they can participate in the organization. The information paper outlines the bylaws and the Commission Code of Conduct discussed at the November Retreat. Research on other organizations and the role of non-voting members was not insightful as the roles vary. Members agreed this topic needs to be explored further and considered carefully in the role they have on the Commission. While they have good things to offer and there may be unintended consequences. The Committee asked Commissioner Anastasio to request copies of the “code of conducts” for each ex-officio organization. *(OPEN)*

14. The Committee asked why some ex-officio cannot sign our Code of Conduct. The USDOD Representative stated they are not allowed to sign the form due to their federal regulations, and the federal form supersedes the MIC3 form. ED Imai added although it was not required, the Military Child Education Coalition and National Federation of High Schools representatives submitted Code of Conduct forms last year. The Committee suggested rotating the ex-officio seat on the EXCOM. ED Imai replied statute specifies the ex-officio seat for the DOD Representative, and other ex-officio have broached the subject previously. The discussion was tabled for the next meeting. *(OPEN)*

**ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS** – none

**ITEM 6 – GENERAL COUNSEL – INDIANA LITIGATION** – The item is tabled for the next meeting

**ITEM 7 – OTHER BUSINESS**

15. **LuPiba-Anastasio Case** – Commissioner Anastasio recused herself from the meeting and left the call. The Committee asked for a mediation cost update. ED Imai said the billing for Rick Masters is pending clarification, and once this is received, a final cost will be provided to the Committee.

16. **Purple Up/Month of the Military Child** – Chair Kaminar asked members to bring a MIC3/purple shirt to the April meeting for a photo. ED Imai reported the links to Purple Up! are available on the website. Communications Associate Richard Pryor asked members to sign up for social media for notification on events and activities sponsored by states.

17. **Webinar by Sara Appel (MHEC) on Post-Secondary Applications** – ED Imai reported the webinar is now available on our website.

18. **Newsletters, Chair Messages, ED Updates** – ED Imai reported the Chair Message and Newsletter publications will be monthly, and the ED Update would be published as necessary. It was suggested the header for the Chair Message be reworded to reflect the level of importance.

**ITEM 8 – ADJOURNMENT**
19. With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Henry motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gable. Motion carried. Chair Kaminar adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted by,
Cherise Imai
Secretary/Executive Director