

**EASTERN REGIONAL INTERSTATE CHILD SUPPORT ASSOCIATION
INTERGOVERNMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

March 4, 2016

MINUTES

Attendees: Patrick Quinn, Wendy Lynch, Carla Szalewicz, Tommy Howard

- 1) The committee approved the February 5, 2016 minutes as written.
- 2) The committee continued to review the "new look" of the Intergovernmental tools section of the ERICSA website. In advance of the meeting, Carla Szalewicz had presented a number of issues and "final" questions via email. The committee discussed these proposals and concluded as follows:
 - a). The introductory statement will conclude with... "The Committee welcomes your feedback regarding the information on this site. Please contact ERICSA to make additions or corrections to this information." This will enable us to remove this statement from some of the articles that begin or end with this statement.
 - b). The "age of majority" and "statute of limitations" tables will remain separate.
 - c). The "explanation" under the links will be made more consistent in language.
 - d). Some of the links to the European Judicial Network have changed and Carla S. will discuss with Rob and update as needed.
 - e). Carla S. accomplished the following:
 - Reordered documents as previously approved, deleted the ones we wanted deleted
 - Added case law documents for 13, 14, 15
 - Addition of intro statement (already completed)
 - Updated links per Rob's email regarding international child support info
 - Add NJ blurb on emancipation
 - Update emancipation chart with NJ info
 - Add UIFSA changes document (need better wording)

Next steps:

- A). Carla S. will finalize changes to website and send to committee for "final" approval.
 - B). Once approved, the changes will be submitted by Pat Quinn to Technology Committee for approval.
 - C). Once approved, Carla S. will work with Corrina to finalize website
- 3) The committee reviewed and approved for posting on website the "Implementing UIFSA 2008 Smart Guide" – prepared by Indiana (submitted by Tommy for consideration).
 - 4) The updated list of states that accept direct IWO's unemployment and worker's compensation is deferred until Boolie is able to join the meeting.
 - 5) System impact analysis attendant to UIFSA 2008 – No additional "issues" or concerns were identified this month. The committee members will continue to look for/identify such items.
 - 6) Rob had previously updated the committee on passage of UIFSA in the remaining states where it is not yet passed.
 - Per NJ: "I was told it passed last week. I haven't heard of the Governor signing it yet, but doubt that this will be a problem."
 - Per MA: "Our UIFSA bill is pending in our Legislature, and provides for an effective date of March 31, 2016. It has passed the House, and we expect the Senate to take it up any day now, possibly as early as this afternoon. We are confident the bill will be enacted in time to meet our March 31 deadline for compliance with the federal mandate."
 - 7) Pat Q. brought up the issue of the "new" procedure in UIFSA 2008 which permits an obligor to contest an IWO in his/her state of residence or work. Previously, the obligor had to contest in the state of issuance. It remains unclear as to what the actual basis of the context may be. The committee will keep a look out for problems in this regard.
 - 8) Next meeting: Friday, April 1, 2016 @ 12:15 pm E.T.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick W. Quinn, Chair