**Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association**

# Policy and Legislation Committee

# MINUTES

**October 6, 2017**

Attendees: Patrick Quinn; Lara Fors, Laura Stafford, Jennifer Karle, Robbie Endris, Beverly Murphy, Melissa Rossow, Terry O'Halloran

1) The Minutes of September 8, 2017 meeting were approved.

2) 2018 Conference Planning – The Committee has already submitted 17 workshop topics to the Conference Planning Chairperson. An additional idea was recommended and will be submitted… New Jersey emancipation/termination law. Committee members urged to submit any additional workshop ideas to Chairperson Quinn who will provide to Planning Committee.

3) Same Sex Marriage/Child Support Issues – The committee did not address this agenda item but will preserve for the next meeting.

4) Review of New Federal Regulations/Developing Questions for OCSE – The Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion about the Board of Directors request to utilize the "new federal regulations" analysis prepared by the P & L Committee in 2016/2017. Specifically, the Board had requested that P & L Committee conduct a review of the new federal regulations outlined in the document prepared by the P & L Committee in order to develop questions/points of clarification to be submitted to OCSE.

Committee members pointed out that many questions and points of clarification have been made by OCSE and others at various workshops, conference, etc. since the regulations were approved and published. It would appear that many "issues" have already been clarified by OCSE. Furthermore, it was pointed out that some "questions" may best be left to a PIQ or ATT response. Therefore, it would appear that any further efforts may be superfluous and unnecessary at this point in time. The P & L Committee will recommend to the Board that this "analysis' is no longer necessary.

5) Next meeting: November 17, 2017 at 12:15 P.M. E.T.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patrick W. Quinn, Chairperson

**Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association**

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**September 8, 2017**

Attendees: Patrick Quinn; Carla West, Lara Fors, Laura Stafford, Jennifer Karle, Loretta Everett, Robbie Endris, Beverly Murphy

1) The Minutes of August 4, 2017 meeting were approved.

2) P & L Committee Strategic Plan – The Committee reviewed the draft Strategic Plan prepared at the August meeting in preparation for the five (5) year review which will begin by the Board of Directors at the mid-year meeting with the goal to finalize the plan at the annual meeting in 2018. The Committee will submit general ideas about modifications and/or additions to the plan to the Board at the September mid-year meeting. The Committee reviewed the plan in detail and had many suggestions. A final draft strategic plan was approved by the committee and will be submitted to the board.

3) 2018 Conference Workshop Topics – the individual committee members submitted a number of suggestions which were discussed by the committee. There will be sixteen individual topic suggestions submitted to the Program Planning Committee.

4) Same Sex Marriage/Child Support Issues – The committee did not address this agenda item but will preserve for the next meeting.

5) Review of New Federal Regulations/Developing Questions for OCSE – Committee did not have time to discuss this at meeting. Will pick this up as priority after the mid-year meeting.

Next meeting: October 6, 2017 at 12:15 P.M. E.T.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patrick W. Quinn, Chairperson

**Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association**

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# MINUTES

**August 4, 2017**

Attendees: Patrick Quinn; Carla West, Lara Fors, Laura Stafford, Terry O'Halloran, Tommy Howard, Jennifer Karle, Mellissa Rossow

1) The Minutes of July 14, 2017 meeting were approved.

2) The committee discussed the appointment of Scott Lekan as the new OCSE Commissioner. No one present at the meeting knew Mr. Lekan. It is hoped that members of the committee attending NCSEA may meet him and/or hear him speak. No word yet of any new policies or initiatives of the new Commissioner.

3) P & L Committee Strategic Plan – The Committee reviewed the Strategic Plan in detail in preparation for the five (5) year review which will begin by the Board of Directors at the mid-year meeting with the goal to finalize the plan at the annual meeting in 2018. The Committee plan is to submit general ideas about modifications to and/or additions to the plan to the Board at the September mid-year meeting. The Committee reviewed the plan in detail and had many suggestions.

**ACTION PLAN:**

1. Lara volunteered to prepare "talking points" for presentation to the Board by the Committee.
2. Patrick Quinn will prepare a draft mid-year report regarding the current strategic plan to submit to the Committee for review and approval at the next meeting.

4) 2018 Conference – Plenary and Workshop Topics – The Committee did not have enough time to discuss suggestions.

**ACTION PLAN:** Individual committee members to submit ideas to chairperson for discussion at our next meeting.

5) Review of new federal regulations – The Committee was unable to address/discuss individual homework assignments; deferred to September meeting.

**ACTION PLAN:** The final Rule "assignments" for preparation and report are as follows:

| | Committee Member | Pages | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1) | Melissa Rossow -------------------- | 1-4 | (includes section 302.33) |
| 2) | Robbie Endris ----------------------- | 5-8 | (includes section 302.56) |
| 3) | Beverly Murphy -------------------- | 8-11 | (includes section 303.3) |
| 4) | Jennifer Karle ----------------------- | 11-13 | (includes section 303.6) |
| 5) | Lara Fors ---------------------------- | 13-15 | (includes section 303.8) |
| 6) | Loretta Everett ---------------------- | 15-17 | (includes section 303.11 a & b.11 |
| 7) | Margo Bean ------------------------ | 18-20 | (includes section 303.11 b.12-d) |
| 8) | Nick Palos -------------------------- | 21-23 | (includes section 303.100) |
| 9) | Terry O'Halloran ------------------- | 23-27 | (includes all of section 304.20) |
| 10) | Patrick Quinn ---------------------- | 37-30 | (includes all of section 305.36) |
| 11) | Tommy Howard ------------------- | 30-34 | (ending at 301.13b on page 34) |
| 12) | Carla West ------------------------- | 34-36 | (ending at 305.50) |
| 13) | Laura Stafford --------------------- | 37-40 | (ending at 304.25) |
| 14) | Patrick Quinn ---------------------- | 41-46 | |

Next meeting: September 1, 2017; 12:15 P.M. E.T.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patrick W. Quinn, Chair

**Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association**

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# MINUTES

**July 14, 2017**

Attendees: Patrick Quinn; Beverly Murphy, Carla West, Lara Fors, Laura Stafford, Loretta Everett, Margot Bean, Terry O'Halloran, Tommy Howard

1) The committee discussed possible topics and discussion points for the Committee for the 2017-18 year.

   A. Lara Fors suggested reaching out to the Tribal Organizations to provide possible members for the committee. They are in ERICSA's region and are affected by regulations, policies and statutes. There are many tribal organization attendees at the annual conference.

   **Action Item:** Patrick will contact Lisa Skenandore for some ideas and possible members.

   B. There was discussion about how to receive information, or even better, "notification" of new pending legislation which affects child support short of paying for a notification service. Congress.gov was suggested as a good site for this.

   **Action Item:** Lara Fors volunteered to "explore" this sight and others (if any exist) and report back to the Committee.

2) Future of IV-D in the new federal administration

   It is anticipated that a new OCSE Commissioner will be named within the month.

3) Analyzing the new Regulations for the purpose of developing questions and/or subject areas needing clarification.

It was reported by Chairperson Quinn that the ERISCA Board of Directors had requested that the Committee utilize the "Summary of the New Regulations" prepared by the 2016-17 Policy & Legislation Committee to determine if there were any items that were in need of further clarification and/or specific questions needing answered. The questions/requests for clarification can be submitted to the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) for possible answers/clarification.

The Committee discussed and agreed that we would divide up the various resolutions among all of the committee members for analysis. Each committee member would then report back to the full committee on any areas that need clarifications. Committee members from last year will keep their same areas with non-covered areas being reassigned to new committee members. It was determined that the committee members should review:

1) ERICSA's "Summary of Changes" document; 2) Jim Fleming's "strike out" version of the final rule. It contains the previous rule, the NPRM, and the Final Rule. (Page numbers from this version are utilized for assigning the portions to the committee members). 3) Comments to the Rule and OCSE responses to assist in preparing their respective reports to the committee.

**Action Item:** The final Rule "assignments" for preparation and report are as follows:

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11) Tommy Howard ----------------------------- 30. – 34. (ending at 301.13b on p. 34)
12) Carla West ------------------------------------ 34. – 36. (ending at 305.50)
13) Laura Stafford --------------------------------- 37- 40. (ending at 304.25)
14) Patrick Quinn ------------------------------------ 41. – 46.

4) It was decided that the first Friday of the month at 12:15 P.M. E.T. would be the "regular" monthly meeting. The next meeting will be on Friday, August 4th. Adjustments can and will be made when necessary

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patrick W. Quinn, Chair