

UAAA INTERSTATE COMPACT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Dale G. Higer, Chair

Conference Call Meeting: May 7, 2014

Committee members present: Tony Agnone, Jerry Bassett, John Carroll, Crady deGolian, Dale G. Higer and Terry Morrow

Committee discussion: Crady deGolian explained what interstate compacts can do and how they are setup. Most compacts deal with public safety issues, maintain data bases of persons covered by the compact, can provide licensing and registration provisions and can have dispute resolution and mediation provisions. Crady said the challenge for an interstate compact is getting states to join. A large number of states have very few agents and may have little interest in an interstate compact. The SEC states, on the other hand, may be very interested.

The committee then discussed financing of a compact. A question to consider in the future is to determine whether each state would pay the same amount for the compact. Fees can be set up proportionally, such as has been done for the military children compact (\$1/kid). Jerry Bassett suggested another way to fund the compact would be to charge twenty-five cents per ticket on all athletic events covered by the UAAA. Crady said that he could imagine a multipronged funding mechanism that might include a ticket surcharge, agent fees, and the like. Crady said many are funded by user fees.

The committee believes that a central registry would be very helpful in getting more agents to register and would simplify the registration process at a lower cost to agents. Tony Agnone said that initially there would be between 750-900 agents if you only count football, but if you include all sports, it would be 1300 agents and if the changes the Drafting Committee is proposing become effective the number could increase to 3000. Leslie Reynolds suggested that Crady attempt to model the potential costs of an interstate compact. Some compacts have little to no cost; other compacts have staff and support. The committee asked Crady to proceed with the modeling on the estimated registration numbers to see what registration fee would be required to run a compact for the UAAA in time for the November Drafting Committee meeting.

The committee recommended that a study committee be created to study whether an interstate compact should be created for a central registry that member states could use for registration and enforcement under the UAAA. The alternative would be for the Drafting Committee to draft interstate compact language that would be bracketed so that states could create the compact as part of amending the UAAA. Dale and Jerry will raise the interstate compact in the issues memo to be presented to the annual meeting to get input from the ULC membership. Leslie said she would prepare a report detailing what each state charges for registration under the UAA.