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Name of Agency or Office: Indiana Commission for Higher Education

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Name of Recipient: Ross Miller

INDIANA STATE
ETHICS COMMISSION

Title of Recipient: Director of State Authorization and Reciprocity

Brief Description of Item Solicited, Accepted, or Received and approximate value of item:

The National Council of State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA), a nonprofit corporation, has a State Portal Entity (SPE) member and at least one Regional Steering Committee (RSC) member in each state. Indiana is a SARA participating state, approved by the regional compact Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC). MHEC is 12-state compact that develops and supports institutions and state governments with best practices, collaborative efforts, and cost-sharing opportunities. SARA streamlines the process for institutions to offer distance education to residents of SRA states. In his role at the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (Commission), Mr. Miller serves as Indiana's member for both the SPE and RSC.

Mr. Miller attended MHEC's 2025 M-SARA Annual Meeting in Rosemont, Illinois with MHEC support for travel, lodging, and meals. The purpose of this annual meeting is to allow SPE and RSC members to learn about changes to policy, accreditation, and financial trends. Topics include any issues with SARA participating institutions and best practices. This might involve institutions domiciled in other states enrolling Indiana residents in distance education. At this meeting, presenters included Karen Solomon, Ed.D., VP and Chief Transformation Officer, Higher Learning Commission; Cheryl Dowd, State Authorization Network (SAN) & WCET Policy Innovations. Topics included federal updates regarding distance education and state authorization, higher learning education litigation, and enhancements to the institutional applications, etc. **The approximate value of this sponsorship for the recipient is \$900 (\$442 for airfare, \$192 for hotel, and \$222 for meals).**

Date of Receipt: June 24 – 25.

Name of Donor: Midwestern Higher Education Compact

Donor's Address: 105 Fifth Avenue South, Ste 450, Minneapolis, MN 55401

Nature of Business Relationship with Agency: Indiana is a statutory member of the regional, multistate compact under the MHEC statute: <https://iga.in.gov/laws/2025/ic/titles/21#21-28-3>. MHEC state dues are an annual line item in the state biennial budget.

State Why Acceptance is in the Public Interest:

The MHEC M-SARA Annual Meeting allows SPE and RCS members from each state to exchange expertise, share ideas and experiences, and collaboratively pursue efforts that help further distance education, including for Indiana residents. Kept abreast of the latest federal developments and national best practices, Mr. Miller's attendance at the 2025 annual meeting informs his work serving Hoosier students and institutions.

Matthew Butler, PhD

Ethics Officer

Senior Associate Commissioner and Chief Academic Officer

Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Date