

WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF SEXUAL ABUSERS

BOARD MEETING
09.18.2015
11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Attendees

M. O'Connell; L. Paxton; L. Trifiletti; J. Landon; M. Saylor; P. Spizman; J. Wheeler

Absent

J. Colson; H. Coryell; B. Judd; D. Knoepfler; M. Pinedo; K. Rongen

Agenda

1. MOC to represent WATSA at ATSA
2. D. Knoepfler to attend CPTS on behalf of WATSA
3. Lock in retreat dates for June 2016 (June 3-5 or June 10-12)
4. Location of November and January monthly meetings? Meeting topic/ discussion leader for January meeting?
5. WATSA and juveniles
6. Job postings on website

Business Items

1. M. O'Connell will represent WATSA at the upcoming ATSA meeting.
2. This item will have to be revisited when D. Knoepfler is present, however the Board voted: elected Board members will informally be required to attend 5 of 8 board meetings. This will be enacted in January 2016 following the elections. An exception will be made for appointed positions.
3. The 2016 retreat will take place June 3-5th 2016 at Mountain View Lodge.
4. The November meeting will review highlights from the ATSA conference and location TBD (New Holly or KCSARC?). There will not be a December meeting. The January 2016 meeting will include elections and a report from the SOPB. M. O'Connell, H. Coryell, and Brad Meryhew to present.
5. WATSA is interested in drafting a "friend of the court brief" commenting on the leveling of juveniles. There is a King County lawsuit regarding a juvenile who was leveled as a II using an outdated screening tool. Looking for volunteers to participate in writing this.
6. WATSA will allow relevant jobs to be posted to the website.

Program Committee–

*All information is tentative

2016 Conference:

Friday: Maaik Helmus to speak on the rudimentary statistics behind risk assessment instruments

Saturday: Natalie Wilcox

Sunday: J. Wheeler and Christmas Covell to speak on ethics topic

2017 Conference: Internet theme

Friday: psychoeducational talk on pornography and impact on young boys and how to educate parents

Saturday: Delmonico and Griffin

Sunday: Matt McDaniel to speak on monitoring software

2018 Conference:
Saturday: Michael Seto to speak on CPORT?

Additional upcoming training opportunities: N/A
Eastern WA chapter issues: N/A

Membership Committee – No update

Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee –

WCSAP was thrilled to attend the signing of House Bill 1068 into law this morning by Governor Jay Inslee. This bill, addressing rape kits, was a top priority bill for WCSAP this session. The new law mandates law enforcement to forward rape kits to the crime lab within 30 days. It also forms a taskforce to review and make recommendations regarding other needs related to rape kits. This success is a huge step toward rape kit reform in Washington State. We extend sincere gratitude to Representative Tina Orwall for sponsoring this important legislation and for her ongoing consultation with the coalition and stakeholders. As a result of this bill, sexual assault kits will now move from law enforcement custody to the crime lab for testing in a timely manner. The bill is not retroactive, meaning, from this day forward in Washington, victims of sexual assault who give consent to the release of kit evidence collected during their rape exam can now be assured that their kit will be forwarded for testing. The state is working to secure federal funding to help pay for testing of untested rape kits still in custody of law enforcement that were received prior to the passage of this bill.

SOPB update: M. O’Connell

The SOPB has been working on a position paper in response to the Donna Zinc push to make public all information related to sex offenders. WASPC and the SOPB agree that it is not a benefit to public safety to make all information public. Individuals in the community should have the right to request specific information about specific persons and there should be a process for doing so.

A sub-committee has been formed to create a process for sex offender leveling in the state. Currently law enforcement makes the leveling determination, however there is not a standard procedure. It has been suggested there be a central committee to make the leveling decision based on a risk assessment process. Might be useful to have DOC and End of Sentence Review Board representatives participate in the leveling process. Push back is likely from police departments as they may not want to give up this authority.

Budget Committee

Total assets: \$30,275.55
Net income: \$6,471.90

Other Issues: N/A

Agenda items for future meetings

1. Discussion of beginning an endowment with the profit that has been made- possibility of having a graduate student present their research at the next conference.