

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

BOARD MEETING

11.15.2013

12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

Attendees

Christmas Covell, Dan Knoepfler, Michael O'Connell, Linda Paxton, Kecia Rongen, Maureen Saylor, Paul Spizman, Jennifer Wheeler, Dan Yanisch

Absent

Gerry Hover, Brian Judd, Marshall Kirkpatrick

Agenda

- Committee Reports
 - Program Committee
 - Membership Committee
 - Policy Committee
 - Budget Committee
- Other issues

Business Items

Program Committee (JW, MS, MO, BJ, LP) –

The upcoming Spring Conference will take place at Suncadia Lodge (Cle Elum, WA) from February 28 through March 2, 2014. Speakers will include:

- James Cantor -- presenting research on brain functioning and sex offending behavior
- Andrew Harris -- talking about risk assessment and research on static and dynamic risk factors
- Attorney Robert Smith -- discussing the latest HIPAA and Electronic Protected Health Care Information requirements

Future WATSA meetings:

- January 17, 2014: will feature Rick Minnich talking about polygraphy, at Northwest Treatment Associates, in Seattle
- No meeting in February because of upcoming conference
- March 21, 2014: will feature Lisa Johnson (of the King County Prosecutor's Office), and other JRA prosecutors to discuss their impressions as consumers of sex offense specific and how better to collaborate with providers. Location to be determined.
- April 18, 2014: will feature Andrea Piper Wentland of the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Victims. Location to be determined.
- May 16, 2014: (tentatively) will feature the new Department of Corrections SOTP Clinical Director. Location to be determined.
- June 20, 2014: Program to be determined. Location will be in Wenatchee

Membership Committee (CC, KR, JH, PS, JW) --

- Discussion of the upcoming election and process of presidential succession. Jennifer Wheeler attended the ATSA Conference and meetings for the presidents of the various state chapters. It is clear that ATSA wants the chapters to use their model of "President Elect" instead of "Vice-President." Dr. Wheeler's term as president is due to expire in

January, and no one has expressed interest in running for that position. Also with terms expiring in January are Covell, Hover, Judd, Kirkpatrick, and Pinedo.

- Discussion was held considering reducing the frequency of WATSA Board meetings and General meetings. Some possibilities included quarterly, or every other month meetings. Also recommended that the Board meetings be allotted more time because we often don't get to cover all topics that need discussion. We could start those meetings earlier, or make sure that people arrive on time and ready to get started. More discussion will be needed.
- Discussion about fixing the location of each meeting on an annual basis. For instance, always having the June meeting in Wenatchee has been a positive for scheduling purposes. Other reliable locations have been Northwest Treatment Associates and the Steilacoom Town Hall. This idea should be discussed with the general membership for additional ideas and input.
- Discussion of ways to boost WATSA membership. Some people find it prohibitive that you must first be an ATSA member, as that entails two membership fees. It was noted that for those who are not direct researchers or treatment providers, ATSA does have an "Affiliate Member" category for attorneys, CCO's, Victim Advocates, etc. This is a very reasonable \$35 per year fee, and then the person can become a WATSA member as well. ATSA is very willing to send brochures and banners to the local chapters' conferences, etc., to explain and recruit.

Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee (MO, MS, KR, DY, JH)

Provided a brief review of what the working committee is doing regarding modification of SSOSA. It has been a remarkably uncontentious process so far. A report will be going to the legislation in the next session.

The efforts are to:

- clarify who is eligible for SSOSA (not just for family members)
- look for SSOSA-like sentence for child porn or other offenders based on level of risk
- revitalize the SOTP Advisory Committee
- address elimination of lifetime supervision requirements for non-revoked SSOSA completers

Also discussed the need to start contacting legislators in regards to the "underlying credential" issue. Only certain kinds of licensed professionals can be certified as SOTPs. We need to rewrite the RCW and draft legislation for changes. We will be grandfathering those who are presently certified. We are looking for people with connections and who are interested in contacting legislative staff.

Budget Committee (MS, MK, PS)

We generated a small profit (approximately \$170) from the Fall Retreat last month, even though we did not fill all the rooms. This year there were more official attendees. Only one reserved a place and then failed to show.

Right now there is a solid account balance of approximately \$18K. We have spent approximately \$1000 more this year than we have taken in.

Other Issues

No time for further discussion

Agenda items for future meetings