

**WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR
THE TREATMENT OF SEXUAL ABUSERS
BOARD MEETING: STEILACOOM LIBRARY, STEILACOOM
2.21.2020
11:00 A.M. –12:45 P.M.**

Attendees

H. Coryell; L. Trifiletti (by phone); M. O’Connell; R. Beattey (by phone); M. Saylor; D. Yanisch;
J. Palander

Absent

P. Hannon; P. Grant; M. Kokko; C. McNally; M. Reese

Agenda

1. The 2020 WATSA Board elections had a great turnout with approximated two thirds of membership voting. The Board would like to welcome back Holly Coryell as President and Dan Yanisch as a general board member. We would also like to welcome appointees Megan Reese and Jedd Palander.
2. In regard to improving the election process, the election will ideally be sent out with plenty of time for members to respond. The board discussed what qualifications and expectations are for current and joining board members and it would be helpful to communicate that in the nomination process. The by-laws state that board members need to be WATSA members for at least one year.
3. Efforts are being made to improve communication between WATSA and SCC leadership.
4. The Board continued discussion of how we would like to utilize Andrea Piper-Wentland’s lobbying services. A Google document was circulated among Board members to prioritize WATSA’s needs. D. Yanisch has volunteered to be the point person on this matter. The Board voted and unanimously approved a six month trial run of services. Ms. Piper-Wentland will be asked to draft a contract which will be reviewed by the Board and Board’s attorney before being enacted.
5. The DOC issued a revision to their “Contact with Minors and Family Reunification” policy on 2/20/20. It appears that there have been significant changes to the policy. The Board discussed how it may be useful to collaborate with DOC regarding these policies before they are enacted. It was suggested we facilitate a formal meeting with DOC leadership to discuss how WATSA and DOC may be able to collaborate on policy decisions. The Board continued discussion of the recently enacted DOC Information Sharing Guidelines and ongoing struggles obtaining treatment-relevant documents.
6. The Board received an email from a citizen asking about having a registered person on the Board. The response was that WATSA has collaborated with registrants in the past and would like to foster relationships with advocacy groups going forward.
7. The retreat is scheduled for May 1-2nd. In past years Mountain View Lodge has received complaints from guests about overhearing discussions and phone calls of retreat guests. If you attend, please make an effort to keep work-related conversations private. As such, MVL has asked that we rent out the entire hotel. This would cost \$4875. There is the potential to open some unfilled rooms to the public. The Board suggested MVL let potential guests know about the retreat before they book. The Board voted unanimously to accept MVL’s terms.
8. Bob Schilling will not be able to attend the conference due to health problems. The Board plans to send a get-well gift.

DOC Update: None.

Eastern Washington Update: None.

Meetings

April 17th – Telehealth via Zoom

May 1-2nd – Annual Roger Wolfe Memorial Retreat

Business Items

Program Committee– We plan to request the “attrition clause” be instated in regard to the room block at Suncadia. 10% of the rooms will be released to the public. We have approximately 90 registrants and there is a strong possibility we will at least break even. We will need conference volunteers to help with registration and board members to act as greeters at the registration table. We received some requests from registrants who are interested in ride sharing and/ or sharing hotel rooms. We will send out an email gauging interest and connect people who would like to participate.

In regard to the 2021 conference, we plan to have a joint venture with the Oregon chapter. We will need to start by coming up with a theme and a venue. Some possible locations include Skamania Lodge or the Hood River Inn.

Additional upcoming training opportunities: The SOTIPS/ ROSAC/ VASOR-2 training will be rescheduled for Fall 2020.

Membership Committee – N/A

Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee – There has been a change in DOC policy that allows clients to remain at the Greenville School until the age of 25 years old. Previously the cutoff was 21 years old. After they turn 25 years old, they would be transferred. There have been changes made to the sentencing grids to reflect this change.

SB 6180 regarding juvenile sex offender relief from registration after completing SSODA just passed and is moving on to the House.

Financial Update – Things are looking very good compared to the past. The Board asked for a profit and loss sheet following each event. The current balance is \$72,088.40.

Agenda items for future meetings

1. RSO study provided by Brad Meryhew
2. Chaperone training
3. SOTIPS training rescheduled
4. Board member qualifications and expectations/ clarify when election should be sent out