

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

BOARD MEETING

9.15.17

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Attendees

M. O'Connell; M. Pinedo; H. Coryell; J. Williamson; P. Spizman; F. Wolfe; L. Trifiletti

Absent

J. Colson; J. Landon; L. Paxton; M. Saylor

Agenda

- 1) The Board discussed how to get WATSA members from Eastern Washington more involved in the monthly meetings. It would be ideal to have two Eastern Washington representatives on the Board. At a minimum the Board members will be asked to attend the conference, the retreat, and at least one other meeting. This will be revisited during the January elections. In the interim, there is the opportunity for any individuals from Eastern Washington to phone into meetings. Please follow up with Lisa if you are interested (Trifiletti.lisa@gmail.com)
- 2) There has been discussion between treatment providers and the prosecutor's office in regard to abbreviated psychosexual evaluations in specific cases such as Craig's List stings where the offense is not hands on and it is the first offense. The evaluator would reserve the right to upgrade to a full evaluation if relevant information was discovered. The Board discussed how this may look in practice. The topic needs further attention and would be a good retreat topic. Concerns were raised that the motivation of the prosecutor's office may be financial in that full evaluations are expensive. In addition, there is a sentiment among some treatment providers that these evaluation are not ethical.
- 3) There will be a call for nominations email coming out for the January 2018 election. Three Board positions are opening, including the Eastern Washington Representative.
- 4) The DOC representative Board position was discussed. Paul will reach out to Jeff Landon to gauge his interest in another term in the position.
- 5) Bob Schilling's presentation at the January WATSA meeting will need a bigger venue than normal. Holly to reserve Steilacoom Town Hall. Michael to make an announcement at the SOPB meeting on 9/22.
- 6) The 2018 conference schedule is set.
 - a. Angela Eke 2/23, 1-5pm on CPORT and Correlates of Sexual Interest Scale (CASICO)
 - b. Franca Cortoni 2/24, all day on female sex offenders
 - c. Richard Packard 2/25, 9-noon on a neuropsychology topic
- 7) The Board discussed a juvenile SO theme for the 2019 conference with James Worling to present on the PROFESSOR.
- 8) Seattle University will be sending a survey by mail to all registrants in the state. This is a legitimate research study. Please encourage your clients to respond. There will be a separate email regarding this in the near future.
- 9) WATSA was contacted by Ted Dale, the current Program Manager for the Sex Offender Treatment Provider Program at the Department of Health. He extended an invitation to WATSA Board members to attend the Department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division Meeting on September 25, 2017. We will be collecting feedback, concerns, and questions from WATSA members to present at the meeting.

- 10) The Board discussed outreach and ways to get more people interested in this field. Giving presentations at graduate programs may be one way. Antioch invited Myrna to speak at their program.
- 11) ATSA is making a push to focus on prevention (<http://www.atsa.com/prevention>). In the wake of the developing Ed Murray case Dan Knoepfler gave an interview on KUOW. If WATSA would like to be more involved in spreading the message it would require outreach and speaking engagements. It would be useful to have a speaker's bureau of people who are interested in being contacted for interviews by the media.

Monthly meetings

October 2017 - no meeting/ ATSA conference.

November 2017 - ATSA recap. Michael and Holly to facilitate. Location TBD.
Dan to follow up with New Holly

December 2017 - no meeting

January 2018 - Bob Schilling at Steilacoom Town Hall

February 2018 - Spring conference.

March 2018 - Jay to discuss mindfulness and meditation practices at Jay's office in Bellevue

April 2018 - topic TBD but related to working with diverse cultural groups. Dan will look into having a representative from the Lumi tribe

May 2018 – Retreat (either May 4-6 or June 8-10)

Business Items

Program Committee– No update

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

Membership Committee – No update

Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee –

The SOPB is working on a new project this year. They have been asked to review/ outline the best correctional practices for working with SOs. Michael O'Connell has been asking his clients to give feedback about their positive and negative experiences working with DOC. Please consider asking your clients and forwarding any feedback to Michael at moconnel@mindspring.com. This is an opportunity to possibly effect change at DOC so please consider providing feedback.

Budget Committee

Total assets: \$35,875.40

Net income: -\$1,702.28

Other Issues: N/A

Agenda items for future meetings