

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

BOARD MEETING

9.21.2018

10:30 A.M. –12:00 P.M.

Attendees

L. Paxton; L. Trifiletti; M. O’Connell; M. Saylor

Absent

P. Spizman; D. Yanisch; H. Coryell; P. Hannon; J. Williamson

Agenda

1. Edward Webster from the Alaska DOC reached out to H. Coryell about talking with the Board regarding starting a formal ATSA chapter in Alaska. He called into the Board meeting and indicated there are 15 providers across the state but they don’t have set meetings or a teleconference. He stated currently DOC offers trainings twice per year at the University of Alaska where they usually invite prominent people in the field. The Board made a number of suggestions including attending WATSA events, particularly the annual conference in March.
2. M. Saylor indicated 2020 will be the last conference she plans and will need a replacement. She is willing to help that person get acclimated to the position.
3. There was discussion about the need for ongoing conversations about how we can protect victim identifying information in psychosexual evaluations and reports. Also, these reports are being including in the court file which is available to the public.
4. M. O’Connell was in contact with a DOC supervisor in Eastern WA regarding setting up a training. They are working on finalizing a date.
5. H. Coryell submitted the paperwork to Paypal to put her name on and take D. Knoepfler’s off.
6. A WATSA member brought it to the Board’s attention there is an individual in Cowlitz County who has made a public records request for the names of all Level I SOs in the county. His intention is likely to make this available online. The member asked if the Board had any suggestions about how to protect clients in this event. The Board indicated it seems there is little that can be done given the fact that this passed through the supreme court.
7. ATSA circulated a manual for how to maintain an ATSA chapter. The Board was asked to review this ahead of the meeting. A job description is needed for each position, chair, and committee.

Monthly Meetings

October 2018- ATSA conference, no WATSA meeting/ no Board meeting

- Possible program committee meeting

November 2018- ATSA recap & discussion about evaluations/ progress notes being accessible to the public – location TBD

December 2018- no meeting

Business Items

Program Committee–

The annual conference will be March 1-3rd 2019 at Suncadia. M. Saylor and L. Paxton plan to visit Suncadia in the next week and meet with their event coordinator. M. Saylor plans to follow up with Skamania Lodge about moving the conference there in 2020. The idea was suggested to do a joint conference with ORATSA, possibly every other year. She will reach out to Bill Davis. M. Saylor is in the process of getting contracts out to the conference speakers. The conference brochure will be released in November. The Board decided the conference fee should be \$50 less for WATSA/ ORATSA members than non-members.

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

Membership Committee – N/A

Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee – N/A

Financial Update – The current balance in \$35,982.52.

Other Issues: N/A

Agenda items for future meetings

1. Andrea Walker's dissertation and recruiting new SOTPs
2. DOH update
3. GIFR update