

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

BOARD MEETING

2.15.2019

10:00 A.M. –12:00 P.M.

Attendees

H. Coryell; L. Trifiletti; M. O'Connell; D. Yanisch; J. Williamson; P. Grant; R. Beattey; P. Hannon

Absent

M. Saylor

Agenda

1. The transition between Linda Paxton, outgoing treasurer and Pasha Grant, incoming treasurer is in progress. A board vote was taken to remove Jennifer Wheeler (past president) and Linda Paxton (outgoing treasurer) from the WATSA Key Bank account and add Pasha Grant (incoming treasurer). This change would be effective 2/16/19. The Board unanimously voted to pass this motion. WATSA's Articles of Amendment and Bylaws will be revised to reflect these changes.
2. Conference: We have signed contracts from all presenters and are still waiting for a W9 from one of the presenters. The plan is to save these and all relevant documents on the administrative side of the website. The room block at Suncadia is filled. Board members are allowed one dinner guest at the Saturday night speaker's dinner. There will be a hospitality suite both Friday and Saturday night.
3. WATSA has been involved in conversations with the Department of Health regarding more inclusive criteria for supervised experience for the SOTP certification. This is in an effort to get more people licensed as SOTPs. The current certification criterion has a limited range of experience that can be counted. H. Coryell has been in conversations with Ted Dale at Department of Health regarding this and looking into other state's certification requirements.
4. As of 2/1/19 the Special Commitment Center (SCC) was transferred from the purview of the Rehabilitation Administration to the Behavioral Health Administration. Shawn Talbot is the acting CEO until a new CEO is hired. He will transition into the role of Deputy Assistant Secretary. Shawn Murphey is the Assistant Secretary. He has a long history with SCC and McNeil Island, having lived there and worked at DOC. Both have shown great interest in the happenings at SCC and have conducted site visits. Keith DeVoss is the best point of communication for progress reports.
5. Some concerns were brought to the Board following our general meeting on January 18th. The concerns were related to certain language used in the meeting and the seating arrangement of the panel members. H. Coryell contacted the meeting participants and each panel member was also contacted to address the concerns.
6. The Board discussed having a DOC liaison on the Board to speak on behalf of DOC. Jeff Landon acted in this role in the past. Minna Swartz was approached to inquire about her interest and she and Corey McNally plan to discuss with their leadership.
7. The King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) is having their [annual breakfast](#) on Tuesday March 5th. The Board plans to make a donation of \$100.
8. A survey was sent out to all contacts regarding interest in future trainings and topics. The survey will be resent after the conference.
9. Bob Shilling contacted board members regarding his initiative to reform juvenile sex offender registration. He will be speaking at the April general meeting and the retreat.

10. A community member, Dan Wright contacted board members regarding sting operations. He was referred to the [SOPB publications](#) page, specifically the [review of SSOSA](#) document.
11. Maureen Saylor was nominated to receive the Irvin S. Dreiblatt award at the conference. The Board voted and the motion passed.

Meetings

March 1-3rd – Conference – Suncadia; Board meeting on March 15th at Federal Way Library

April 19th – Bob Shilling; Organizing Law Enforcement’s Compelling Voice to End the Registration of Children; Location TBD

May – no general meeting

May 31- June 1st - Mountain View Lodge Mason, WA

Business Items

Program Committee–

Retreat- L. Trifiletti, P. Grant, and P. Hannon will plan the menu for the Friday evening BBQ. The Board began brainstorming retreat topics.

Additional upcoming training opportunities: N/A

Eastern WA chapter issues: N/A

Membership Committee – N/A

Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee –

There are some relevant bills in the legislature at this time.

[Substitute HB 1231](#): Modifying the statute of limitations for certain felony sex offenses.

[HB 1234](#): Eliminating the statute of limitations for certain felony sex offenses.

[HB 1407](#): Requires public schools to provide sex education.

[HB 1166](#): An act relating to supporting sexual assault survivors.

[HB 1149](#): Clarifies requirements of a SAPO.

[SB 5040](#): Impacts the community placement of SCC residents who are eligible for an LRA.

[SB 5038](#): Regards the placement of residents in adult family homes.

[HB 1825](#): Relates to the placement and treatment of conditionally released offenders.

[HB 1952](#): Pertains to providing treatment to offenders in communities that are underserved by SOTPs.

M. O’Connell made contact with sponsors of some of the bills to offer consultation. One of the sponsors invited him to be in a citizen’s group.

Financial Update – The end of year profit and loss statement was submitted to ATSA. Taxes are coming up. The current balance is \$33,949.22 and loss is \$9,149.90.

Other Issues: N/A

Agenda items for future meetings

1. DOC liaison follow up