

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

**BOARD MEETING**  
**01.20.2016**  
**11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

## **Attendees**

L. Paxton; M. Saylor; P. Spizman; H. Coryell; D. Knoepfler; M. Pinedo; L. Trifiletti; J. Wheeler;  
M. O'Connell

## **Absent**

J. Colson; B. Judd; J. Landon

## **Agenda**

1. Global Institute of Forensic Research – D. Knoepfler's letter to ATSA
2. Glitch in Spring conference registration- seems to be worked out but is there anything left to follow up on
3. Cross-training on Spring conference, website, and finances
4. Muster.com - platform that allows nonprofits and trade associations to engage their members on legislative issues and influence public policy.

## **Business Items**

1. The Global Institute of Forensic Research (GIFR) is a for-profit training company, founded by Jay Singh. They have partnered with ATSA to produce a risk assessment training series. This series is currently being produced. Concerns have been raised about a possible conflict of interest regarding ATSA's involvement with GIFR. Mike Minor will be authoring an article in the upcoming ATSA Forum to address this issue. J. Wheeler, the Adult Clinical Representative on the ATSA Board read a description of ATSA's relationship with GIFR, provided by the ATSA's executive director, Maia Christopher. ATSA acknowledges it could have commented on its relationship with GIFR earlier, however the board has been discussing this issue at length. They have taken care to make sure the board members do not have a direct stake in the relationship. ATSA has also developed a quality assurance committee to review all risk assessment training materials. WATSA board members had additional questions that J. Wheeler will present to the ATSA board. A follow up to this discussion will be on the next meeting agenda.

A second issue that was raised in regard to GIFR trainings is the potential for them to compete with WATSA-sponsored trainings and events (the annual conference, retreat, etc.).

- 2/3. The registration glitch on the website is corrected. This underscores the importance of having Board members cross-trained on website management. Each officer will be asked to write up a list of their duties. WATSA is seeking a volunteer to manage the website. In exchange for their time they will be given free WATSA membership (you must be an ATSA member), free conference attendance, and free retreat attendance. An announcement was sent out via email. If you are interested in this position, please contact WATSA president Paul Spizman ([pspizman@yahoo.com](mailto:pspizman@yahoo.com)).

4. P. Spizman will get in contact with Muster.com representative to get a quote for the cost of writing bills and lobbying activity.

**Program Committee**– None.

*Additional upcoming training opportunities:* N/A

*Eastern WA chapter issues:* N/A

**Membership Committee** –

L. Paxton will be the membership manager and maintain the contact list on the website.

**Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee** – See general meeting notes.

**Budget Committee**

Total assets: \$35,599.91

Net income: \$4,771.11

All current officers will be added to the bank account. The Board plans to invest the surplus money.

*Other Issues:*

\*\*In April the WATSA general meeting will be from noon-2:00pm to help people avoid Friday afternoon traffic. The February meeting will be from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

### **Agenda items for future meetings**

1. Follow-up on the relationship between ATSA and GIFR