

**WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT
OF SEXUAL ABUSERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
4.15.2016
12:00-2:00 P.M.**

Attendees

Florence Wolfe, Maureen Saylor, Michael O'Connell, Jeff Landon, Jennifer Wheeler, Linda Paxton, Michael Comte, Barbara Comte, Andrew Morrison, Holly Coryell

Committee Reports

Program Committee:

Conference 2017 & 2018:

- Maureen has a meeting with rep from Semiahmoo about details for WATSA Conference 2017. Program = Friday: U.S. Probation,; Saturday: Delmonico & Griffin; Sunday: TBD (something internet related)
- Program committee meeting TBS to discuss 2018
- Linda raised issue about people not paying for conference - should we charge more for registering at the conference - Board agreed to increase rate by \$25 if pay at time of conference

Retreat:

- Brad Meryhew will present on Friday about Zink issue
- Other ideas/topics welcome
- Please make an announcement at the General meeting to remind people to book their rooms at Mountain View Lodge

Monthly Meetings:

- May meeting will be in Bellevue. Tic = Reunification & Clarification. Presenters = Tim Kahn, Lorraine Lynch. People from HCSATS and KCSARC will be in attendance.
- September meeting will be in Bellevue. Topic = Mindfulness for Recovery. Presenter = Sue Newfeld-Ellis.
- October meeting - Dan will ask his friend to present on working with clients who are on the Spectrum - location TBD
- January 2017 meeting: Elections-need someone to run for President-elect. Lisa will run again for Secretary. Linda will run again as treasurer. Topic = ATSA wrap up.

Sex Offender Policy/Media:

- International Megan's Law: Issue re: Special Passport Stamp for offenders
- Powell case: <http://www.courts.wa.gov/opinions/pdf/D2%2046957-0-II%20%20Published%20Opinion.pdf>
 - Implication for re: polygraphs/court-ordered tx/self-incrimination?
- Donna Zink and WATSA alert email - Brad will speak at retreat on this topic. Informing providers about this case so they can be prepared to discuss this with their clients as it comes up.
- Michael has an SOPB report - he will discuss at general meeting. SOPB is responding to the Governor's request (four questions). Discussion/debate re: role of SOPB.

Budget Committee:

- Total assets: \$37,654
- Net income: \$6825
- Conference profit: \$5852

Membership:

- Need new WATSA members!
- Elections January 2017 - need president-elect, board members

Other Issues:

- Florence Wolfe and Dan K. both received the exact same threatening letter. They have consulted with law enforcement, attorneys, etc. Possible topic of discussion for a retreat? (Dan K. & Florence)
- Brie Bergman passed away (wife of Bill Lennon, provider at BCC, service is tonight at 6pm)

Presentation**Prevention & Public Policy Update:**

Andrea Piper Wentland, *Executive Director, WCSAP*

Rebecca Johnson Arledge, *WCSAP Lobbyist*

- Briefly described WCSAP structure and roles
- Overview of the current political "climate" & context of 2016 Legislative session
- Impact on budget/funding issues for sexual assault services
- Bills that passed related to prevention (e.g. bill re: rape kit tracking system; ISRB notice requirements)
- Looking ahead (bills that did not pass, but may come forward again next year);
 - Eliminate Statute of Limitations
 - Change seriousness level of Rape (adult and child) from 12 to 15, so would eliminate SSOSA as an option for ROC
 - Issues/questions re: ISRB bill - how it will be implemented
- Ongoing commitment between WATSA and WCSAP to partner to address relevant policy/legislation together

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