

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

BOARD MEETING

1.19.2018

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Attendees

M. O'Connell; H. Coryell; J. Williamson; L. Trifiletti; L. Paxton; M. Saylor; M. Pinedo

Absent

F. Wolfe

Agenda

- 1) Election results: congratulations to Dan Yanisch and Ken Schafer (Easter Washington Representative) on their appointment to the Board. Welcome back Jay Williamson for another term. We do not have a President Elect at this time but the position will be included on the 2019 ballot.
- 2) Jeff Landon has accepted a new position at DOC and there is a general restructuring in the organization. As such he will no longer be the DOC representative on the Board. The Board appreciates Jeff's commitment to WATSA. The Board will revisit having a new DOC liaison once the restructuring is complete.
- 3) Conference
 - a. We have 60 registrants so far and we are aiming for 75-80. The early bird rate ends on 1/23/18.
 - b. 93 of 160 room nights are booked. Semiahmoo agreed to extend our room rate deadline to 2/13/18.
 - c. Tribute to Irv Dreiblatt will occur during the last half hour of lunch on Saturday, led by Michael O'Connell. There will be an open mic for anyone who would like to share. His children and some additional invited guests will be coming for lunch. There was some discussion of how the lunch for the invited guests will be paid for.
 - d. An ATSA representative, Ann Snyder will be attending the conference. Maureen will talk to her about bringing membership material and possibly setting up a membership table at the conference.
- 4) Many SOTPs were contacted by Kate Stewart from Modern Therapy Seattle regarding her non-offending pedophile group. Dan Knoepfler was in communication with Kathy Dreiblatt in Olympia regarding the question of when to refer a client with sexual issues to an SOTP. Dan Knoepfler is in the process of coordinating both parties for a discussion about this for the May general meeting which will be held in Olympia. Location TBD.
- 5) VRAG training: We had 16 paying attendees @ \$160 - taking in \$2560
Total expenses were \$1600 + \$584 for a total of \$2184. Net profit of \$307.
- 6) We are confirmed to do the Static / Stable /Acute training with Jeff Landon on April 11th -13th at KCSARC in Renton. We won't advertise this until after the Spring conference. The limit is 30 but we may consider providing a second training over the summer if there is enough interest. The price should be approximately \$350 per person. Jeff's fee is \$5000. KCSARC is generously providing their space at no charge. There was mention of making a donation to the organization.
- 7) The Board discussed the possibility of posting job openings on the website. The consensus was that we will not do this. We will post information from OATSA about their events and trainings.

- 8) The King County Sexual Assault Resource Center is having their annual breakfast on February 28th (<http://www.kcsarc.org/breakfast>). WATSA will not be sponsoring a table this year but Dan Knoepfler will be. If you would like a seat at Dan's table, please email him at dan@dkno.net or consider making a donation.

Monthly Meetings

February 2018 - Spring conference

March 2018 - Jay Williamson to discuss meditation practices and awareness exercises at his office in Bellevue. The program committee will meet after the general meeting to discuss retreat topics.

April 2018 – Panel on abbreviated psychosexual evaluations for sex buyers with no offending history (location TBD)

May 2018 – When should a general mental health practitioner refer a client to a specialist regarding sexual issues? Discussion to include treatment of non-offending pedophiles.

June 2018 - 8th-10th Retreat at Mountain View Lodge

Business Items

Program Committee– will meet after the March general meeting.

Additional upcoming training opportunities: N/A

Eastern WA chapter issues: N/A

Membership Committee – No update

Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee – The Governor's request for recommendations on best practices for managing sex offenders from the SOPB was retracted. The request was revised to complete a lean process in regard to 'what works.' The SOPB has made recommendations that are seemingly politically impossible and it is causing friction with law enforcement agencies who are concerned the recommendations are soft on sex offenders. The Governor would like to back off from this issue for now and wait for direction from the SMART office in Washington DC. There is new leadership at the SMART office with the new administration and it is unclear what they will advise at this time. In addition, DOC recently underwent administrative reorganization and this may factor in as well. The SOPB is making information available to anyone in the legislature who asks for it.

Budget Committee

Total assets: \$43,099.21

Net income: \$5,521.53

Other Issues: N/A

Agenda items for future meetings

1. Follow up on conversation DOH regarding concerns presented by SOTPs including cost of licensure, reciprocity, and licensing requirements.
2. Andrea Walker's dissertation and recruiting new SOTPs
3. Holly/ Linda: Linda and Holly to coordinate a visit to Key Bank to put them on the bank account. Debit cards in their name, cancel all others.