

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

**BOARD MEETING: VALLEY VIEW LIBRARY, SEATAC**

**11.15.2019**

**10:00 A.M. –12:00 P.M.**

**Attendees**

H. Coryell; L. Trifiletti (by phone); M. O'Connell; J. Williamson; M. Saylor; D. Yanisch; M. Kokko; C. McNally; R. Beattey (by phone); P. Hannon (by phone); P. Grant

**Absent**

**Agenda**

1. H. Coryell was contacted by Kevin Nunes, a researcher/ professor at Carlton University in Ontario regarding a grant he and colleagues (Bob McGrath (lead author of the last SSF survey report), Maia Christopher (Executive Director of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers; ATSA), Mary Falcon (Director of Safer Society Foundation, which sponsored and published the last survey) are writing to update the Safer Society Foundation (SSF) survey of sexual offender treatment programs. The most recent SSF survey (conducted in 2009 and published in 2010) gathered information on 1307 programs in the United States and 72 sexual offender treatment programs in Canada ([http://www.robertmcgrath.us/files/6414/3204/5288/2009\\_Safer\\_Society\\_North\\_America\\_n\\_Survey.pdf](http://www.robertmcgrath.us/files/6414/3204/5288/2009_Safer_Society_North_America_n_Survey.pdf)). Dr. Nunes stated “It has been 10 years since the last survey, and there have since been dramatic advances in the field. We plan to update the previous survey and extend it in a number of ways, most notably we hope to go beyond North America.” Dr. Nunes asked if WATSA would be willing to contribute time and/ or funds in support of this cause.

The Board unanimously voted to pledge up to \$1000 to this cause if the grant is funded. The Board sees opportunities like this as congruent with the WATSA mission to support research in the field.

2. King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) is hosting their annual Be Loud Breakfast on 3/20/20 (<https://www.kcsarc.org/be-loud-2020>). Please consider attending and/ or donating.
3. The 2020 WATSA Board elections will be held in January 2020. There are currently three general board positions, Eastern Washington Representative, and the president position for reelection. An email will be sent regarding nominations.
4. The Board continued discussion of if/ how we would like to utilize Andrea Piper-Wentland's lobbying services. A Google document will be circulated among Board members to get a sense of WATSA's goals in hiring a lobbyist. H. Coryell attended a President's Chapter lunch at the ATSA conference and learned of the Minnesota chapter's use of a legislative liaison. The Board voted unanimously to contract with Andrea Piper-Wentland in some capacity to be determined.
5. WATSA would like to be part of the conversation regarding the housing of LRAs once released from the SCC. There was a meeting this month between SCC CEO, DSHS, DOC, defense and prosecution attorneys with Representative Christine Kilduff to discuss this legislation.
6. WATSA will host a Static-99R and STABLE 2007 training in January 2020 with Jeff Landon as the trainer. Cory McNally may also co-facilitate the training. A date for the two-day training is TBD. The meeting will likely be held at the LaQuinta Inn in Tacoma. The cost of the room will be \$200-300/ day plus the cost of food. The room fee may be waived if a certain food minimum is met.

7. Jacob Bezanson from the End of Sentence Review Committee reached out to H. Coryell regarding the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Community Protection Act. WATSA would like to invite him to discuss this at a general meeting, perhaps in February.
8. WATSA will be signing up for a trial membership of Zoom Conferencing in January in an effort to increase interest in the Board for people living across the state. The cost is \$14.99/ month for one host and no contract required. The Board voted unanimously to do a trial and then decide about subscribing further.
9. H. Coryell discussed the ATSA suggestion that each chapter devote one general meeting per year to discussion of the ATSA Ethical Standards, particularly in support of providers who practice in isolation.
10. M. Kokko and C. McNally approached Denise Vaughan, the DOC Information Governance Director regarding the Information Sharing Guidelines. She offered some helpful information which will be added to a WATSA Practice Alert, coming soon.

DOC Update: None.

Eastern Washington Update: None.

## Meetings

December – No meeting

January – ATSA recap & elections; Location TBD

February – Jacob Bezanson of ESRC on 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Community Protection Act, Location TBD

## Business Items

**Program Committee**– The Board discussed adjusting the conference fees and room rates at Suncadia. The Board voted unanimously to reduce the early bird fee by \$10 and increase the fee for anyone registering after the deadline by \$10. We also discussed the ethics panel for Sunday and who would be invited to sit on the panel. The decision was made to begin breakfast at 7:30am on Sunday. M. Saylor and R. Beattey are working on finalizing conference materials. Conference advertisements will be sent out soon.

WATSA has a 71 room block at Suncadia for the conference. The Board expressed some concerns about the specificity of the juvenile-themed conference and this may alienate some people.

*Additional upcoming training opportunities:* The SOTIPS/ ROSAC/ VASOR-2 training will be rescheduled for next year.

*Eastern WA chapter issues:* N/A

**Membership Committee** – N/A

**Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee** – N/A

**Financial Update** –

The current balance is \$39,769.80.

## **Agenda items for future meetings**

1. Brainstorming ideas for lobbyist
2. RSO study provided by Brad Meryhew
3. Chaperone training