

OATSA/WATSA COMBINED RETREAT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2023

8:30-4:00 PM

Meeting held at Kalama Lodge

In Attendance:

OATSA

Scott Elmore
Bill Davis
Karen Cox
Kelley Chimenti
John Thomas
Hi'lei Balstini

In Attendance:

WATSA

Lisa Trifiletti
Dominick Winter
Michael O'Connell
Allie Radosteva
Megan Reese
Jenny Johnson-Riley

- Michael O'Connell provided an overview of the State of Washington SO POLICY BOARD which was adopted in 2008. SOSA 84 which is a special sentencing alternative for sentencing structure. He advised there are 12-13 members on this board to advise legislations with unanimous recommendations from the board. He indicated they have subcommittees that participate on various subject matters.
- Sexual Assault Task Force in Washington- Lisa recommended finding legislators who are interested in the subject as a first step. The task force currently meets at least one time per month.
- Lisa discussed that WATSA has considered hiring a lobbyist as a possibility and are currently exploring resources.
- Megan Reese provided an overview of the Special Commitment Center for civil commitment. Clients are required to have completed treatment, risk assessment is needed, as well as an annual review of risk.

WATSA outlined aspects of their board that is going well:

- New incoming board members
- 8-9 discussions per year for CE's that are held virtually for 2 hours every 3rd Friday of the month. Topics have included: chaperone approval, child forensic exams
- Consideration for a scholarship fund
- Diversity on board

WATSA needs are:

- Cultivating and nurturing relationship with DOC
- Reaching out to universities who are pursuing internships
- \$ into CD's for 6-12 months with a 4.5% return which requires disclosures in the minutes that all board members are in agreement with investing allotted monies.
- WATSA is in the process of re-writing bi-laws. Bill Davis provided feedback to keep it simple and avoid unnecessary details. Bi-laws are different than policies and encouraged WATSA to use ATSA as a guideline and change it to fit your organizations.

WATSA/OATSA Conference:

Discussed end of off season for discounted rates at the following properties:

Skamania Lodge, Mt. Hood Resort, and I'lani for approximately 200-250 attendees.

Committee formed to explore venues: Kelley Chimenti, Karen Cox, Hi'lei Balstini, Lisa Trifiletti, Megan Reese, and Jenny Johnson-Riley.

Possible Presenters:

- Ian McPhail- Compulsive Sexual Behavior
- Normal Sexual Development Presenter
- David Prescott
- Panel regarding difficult case scenarios and discussion
- Testimony in Court
- Use of EMDR with deviant sexual preference
- Bud Ballinger
- Jim Hoven- Research for working with Neurodiverse and sexual offending behaviors
- Problematic sexual behaviors in schools/colleges
- Polygraph panel
- What you thought you learned but lessons learned thus far
- Building trust with clients after they are released
- Static/Stable Refresher
- Fetishes
- Interventions
- Working with Indigenous populations
- Suicide assessment
- Race/Culture as it pertains to evaluation
- Working with Interpreters

Megan Reese suggested putting out a call for proposals/papers to include law schools. All board members present supported the idea of a Headliner at least on Friday of the conference. Names included: Robert Hare, Michael Soto, Jill Levenson, and Bob McGrath.

ACTION ITEMS:

By July 1, 2023, venue committee will have contacted 3 potential venues to inquire about cost and feasibility of hosting conference for 200-250 attendees. Kelley Chimenti will contact Skamania Lodge, Jenny Johnson-Riley will contact I'lani and Lisa Trifiletti will contact Mt. Hood Lodge. Questions for property: week vs. weekend cost, food on sight, and contract issues.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37pm.