

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

BOARD MEETING: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA GOTOMEETING PLATFORM

6.24.2021

1:00 P.M. –2:00 P.M.

Attendees

L. Trifiletti; M. O’Connell; M. Reese; P. Grant; D. Yanisch; J. Pelander; R. Beattey; D. Winter;
H. Coryell; C. McNally; P. Hannon

Absent

Agenda

A special session was called to address allegations a WATSA member acted inappropriately toward another WATSA member while both were active members.

H. Coryell, R. Beattey, and L. Trifiletti attended an ethics consultation the day prior (6/23/21) with Maia Christopher, ATSA Executive Director and Elizabeth Griffin, ATSA Chapter Engagement and Development chair to discuss the situation. The following steps were suggested:

1. Check E&O chapter coverage.
2. Convene a special session of the board.
3. Determine what information we have and if a membership suspension is warranted for the person alleged to have behaved inappropriately.
4. Document all communication with the person alleged to have behaved inappropriately and the alleged victim.
5. Determine if a formal referral should be made to the ATSA ethics committee.

In the special session, board members discussed the inherent difficulty in this situation and care and concern for both parties involved. The board felt they wanted to know more details about the allegations before making a determination of next steps. R. Beattey agreed to draft a letter including this information to H. Coryell for review. The letter would then be sent to board members via a secure link. Discussion would take place via email and then the board would vote on the next steps.

On 7/4/21 a motion was made to make the referral to the ATSA ethics committee and the board unanimously voted ‘yes.’ It should be noted that four board members recused themselves from the vote due to outside relationships with the parties involved. The board agreed the person who is alleged to have behaved inappropriately should remain an active WATSA member until the results of the ATSA ethics committee are determined.

Upon direction from and review by ATSA Leadership, letters will be sent to the person alleged to have acted inappropriately and the alleged victim notifying them of the board’s decision. A formal referral was made to the ATSA ethics committee and a determination and recommendations will follow.