

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

01.17.2014

1 – 3:00 P.M.

Attendees

Jonathan Allison, Christmas Covell, Andrei Dandescue, Mark Hudson, Dana Hufford, Marshall Kirkpatrick, Dan Knoepfler, Jeff Landon, Rick Minnich, Michael O'Connell, Linda Paxton, Myrna Pinedo, Jim Rogers, Maureen Saylor, Paul Spizman, Jennifer Wheeler, Florence Wolfe, Dan Yanisch

Introductions: Attendees participated in brief introductions

Business Items

Updates:

Program Committee

- This year's *Spring Conference* will include James Cantor (presenting the current research on brain functioning and sex offending behavior), Andrew Harris (talking about risk assessment and research on static and dynamic risk factors), and attorney Robert Smith (Electronic Protected Health Care Information and Hi-Tech requirements), Suncadia Lodge February 28-Mar 2, 2014. Please encourage your colleagues and friends to attend. Special room rates if registered **before 01.28.14**.
- Marshall Kirkpatrick provided information about events that have occurred with the Eastern WA WATSA chapter.

Additional upcoming training opportunities:

Michael Seto is offering a 1-day training in Vancouver, BC on May 12, 2014. This will be on Internet and Child Porn issues. WATSA is able to sponsor it, with a price of \$150 for WATSA members (with a higher price for non-members). People interested are directed to contact Dan Knoepfler at: Dan@dkno.net

Future WATSA Meetings:

Almost all of this year's meetings are scheduled, with speakers lined up:

- March 2014 -- Lisa Johnson of King Co Prosecutors, Corinn Bohn, Rich Anderson, and other JRA prosecutors want to come to a WATSA meeting as consumers of evaluations – concerns about evals and how better to collaborate with providers
- April – Andrea Piper Wentland, WA Coalition of Sexual Assault Victims
- May – DOC Jeff Landon is the new DOC SOTP Clinical Director
- June – in Wenatchee, topic to be determined
- October -- the Fall Retreat will once again be held at Mountain View Lodge in Manson.

Membership committee

We have had a large increase in our membership this year--up to 48 so far this year. An affiliate ATSA membership may be appropriate for many people in the community. Go to WATSA.org and register online.

Policy / Legislative Committee

The latest report by the Sex Offender Policy Board is soon to be distributed to legislative members. It addresses the SOPB recommendations for changes to SSOSA, including:

- To clarify who is eligible for SSOSA (that it is not just for family members),
- To look at a SSOSA-like sentence for child porn or other offenders based on level of risk,

- To reinstate / or revitalize the SOTP advisory committee,
- To seek elimination of lifetime supervision for non-revoked SSOSA completers.

A letter representing Dan K and WATSA was submitted to address a private request for the addresses of all registered sex offenders in WA state, including Level 1. The ACLU has taken an interest in the case, which has implications beyond WA, and ATSA has been involved as well. An injunction has been placed on the woman preventing her from launching her website. WATSA has discussed a letter in support of the State Patrol, who took up the case when the Attorney General passed on it. WA promoted the idea of community notification where it serves the public service. It could hurt that idea by diluting the effect of notification overall. Michael O and Dan Y will work to craft an official WATSA declaration.

Budget Committee

Treasurer Linda Paxton reports we currently have a solid bank account balance of approximately \$21,955.31. There is an additional \$10K deposited today from the recent infusion of membership dues and fees, and conference registration, etc. Much of this money is earmarked for the upcoming conference. Right now we have approximately \$32K in the coffers.

New Business

Ballots were distributed and votes were cast for the election of WATSA Board Members and positions. A new president (Paul Spizman) was elected, as were two new Board Members (Holly Coryell and Dan Knoepfler). Re-elected were Marshall Kirkpatrick (as Eastern Prerepresentative), Brian Judd, and Myrna Pinedo. Thanks to Jennifer Wheeler, who will continue her support as past president, and to Christmas Covell, for her loyal and hard work as WATSA Vice President for the past (at least) 5 years!! Welcome to the new Board members. We look forward to working with President Spizman!

Presentation Information:

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of polygraph and plethysmograph issues by Rick Minnich. For WATSA members who took part in the discussion and presentation-please note that you earned *1.5 continuing education credits* through the Washington Dept. of Health.