

## OREGON ASSOCIATION FOR TREATMENT OF SEXUAL ABUSERS

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2021

#### Meeting held via Zoom

#### In Attendance:

[number in brackets indicates number of meetings attending this year out of ]

Peter Shannon, M.S.- At Large (June 2018- June 2021) []

Kari Hempel, Ph.D.- President (April 2018-April 2021) []

Bill Davis, Psy.D- At-Large (November 2016-November 2019) []

Jesse Watson, M.A.- At Large (January 2018- January 2021) []

Kelley Chimenti, LCSW- Past President (January 2016-January 2020) []

Scott Elmore, Psy.D- Treasurer (March 2017-March 2020) []

Karen Cox, LCSW- Secretary (December 2019- December 2022) []

Keith Linn, Psy.D- At Large (November 2018-November 2021) []

#### Guests:

None

#### Not Present:

Olga Leonova, M.A.- At-Large (June 2018-June2021) []

President Hempel called the meeting to order at 9:36 am.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Scott Elmore reported to the Board that there is a balance of \$42, 950 in the account.

*Legislative updates* - Past President Chimenti reported that the HB 2823 which removes kidnapping as an automatic registerable offense will not happen this year as there are legal technicalities that need to be resolved. This would include changes to language to include kidnapping crimes with sexual intent. The District Attorney's Office is requesting additional time to "fine tune" the language.

President Hempel and Past President Chimenti reported that SB820 which removes SOTB certification exception for state employees was presented. The Oregon Youth Authority discussed financial impact this bill would have. SB820 is being transferred to the Ways and Means Committee because OYA is requesting financial support if this bill is passed but are not opposing. Jesse Watson discussed the importance of including the Department of Human Services and other entities in this discussion. President Hempel suggested that there be advocacy for agencies to be granted a window of time to be in compliance. Bill Davis encouraged Jesse Watson to have those who are concerned about the changes to be in contact with the founders of SB820.

*SOSN* - The next SOSN meeting is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> and Peter Shannon has agreed to attend the meeting virtually. SOSN is considering an in-person meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2021. The location is

to be determined at a later date. Past-President Kelley Chimenti stated she may be available to attend the July meeting.

*Annual Board Retreat* - President Hempel proposed an all-day virtual Board Retreat scheduled for October 15, 2021. The Board will meet virtually to review bylaws and posters that were generated at the last Board Retreat in 2019. The Board created a list of agenda items that included: S.O. Training 101, long term workshop planning, updating the website, bi-laws, increasing diversity in the field, maintenance of connection with partners (SOSN, OASOTN, DHS, etc)

*SOTB update* – Bill Davis reported the next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2021. The Oregon Health Authority is on pause due to the pandemic. Bill Davis stated that most of the recent meetings have been regarding disciplinary issues.

President Hempel reported that the ATSA website has the ability to confirm membership. President Hempel inquired about the process to notify members that they are not up to date on their membership. Past President Chimenti suggested a “friendly reminder” letter may be sent. Bill Davis suggested for non-ATSA members they be given an option to pay a \$25 donation to OATSA to receive benefits of membership such as reduced rates for trainings. There have been technical difficulties with the OATSA website accepting payments. President Hempel requested that Treasurer Elmore put a banner on the OATSA website indicating that if an individual is experiencing difficulties, to go to the link that is provided. Past President Chimenti proposed that a former employee of ATSA, Teagan, be consulted to explore the possibility of rebuilding the OATSA website.

President Hempel reminded Board members OATSA will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. She proposed to combine the November/December 2021 meeting.

### **New Business**

President Hempel reported the 1<sup>st</sup> discussion group attendees have requested a full refund. The main areas of feedback were that the attendees felt like it was not a valuable use of time, the presenters lacked adequate preparation, it felt like a presentation rather than a discussion, and no other board members were present. There are currently no participants registered for the next discussion group and Board members agreed to cancel this. Jesse Watson spoke about this discussion group and indicated it was not tailored for experienced therapists; rather for those beginner therapists. Past President Chimenti agreed to contact the one participant who signed up for all three of the discussion groups and will refund this individual the full amount.

Katherine Gotch, LPC and Katherine Gomez are scheduled for June 11, 2021, to provide an all-day training on the Intersection of Sex Trafficking and Sexual Offending. Peter Shannon and Treasurer Elmore have agreed to assist in the coordination of this training. Treasurer Elmore will assist with the accounting aspect and Peter Shannon will monitor the chat piece for participants. President Hempel stated that participants must be registered the day prior to the event to avoid complications with sending out links and information on the day of the training.

Katherine Gotch, LPC is scheduled to provide STATIC/STABLE training on August 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Secretary Cox will create the event on Dropbox and send it out to members. The registration should be available

two months prior to the event. Bill Davis requested to see protocol/procedures for assisting with these events prior to committing. This topic and task assignment will be revisited at the meeting next month.

RFP from Deschutes County: Past-President Chimenti addressed concerns about the RFP from Deschutes County referencing the University of Cincinnati as a sex offense specific treatment program. She believes that a letter should be sent to the Director's outlining concerns with this reference. Jesse Watson inquired about the Board's desired outcome with sending the letter. Past-President Chimenti stated that she has conducted two SONL's on client's who have completed the UC Pilot and believes this curriculum is being presented as a "sex offense specific program." President Hempel proposed that a letter be sent out as OATSA has never formally responded to concerns regarding this curriculum. Bill Davis suggested that Katherine Gotch, LPC be contacted as she has previously drafted a letter. Bill Davis is willing to collaborate with Katherine Gotch on writing this letter.

*Possibilities for future workshops suggested at previous meetings:*

- Olga mentioned Leslie Korn, who is an expert in integrative mental health.
- The board again agreed it would be good to offer consistent cultural competence and ethics workshops to meet all licensing requirements. They determined the Fall 2020 workshop could provide cultural competence CEUs and then every two years after, with alternating Fall workshops providing ethics CEUs.
- Keith suggested Michele Guyton at the Oregon Forensic Institute. She is a nationally known speaker on cultural issues and also has expertise with evaluations.
- Utilize ATSA presenters for workshops.
- President Chimenti knows a good presenter on group process.
- Elena suggested a workshop on Internet updates, such as the dark web and Katie suggested reaching out to law enforcement for this topic.
- Past-President Davis emphasized a diversity speaker whom he found provided helpful information from the ATSA conference. He will reach out him.
- Stalking (SAM)/DV (SARA) assessments
- Jennifer Wheeler for a day-long ethics presentation.
- Jill Levenson on family reunification.
- Good clinical supervision and training to new clinicians in the field – The Board could do it
- Updates on PPG, polygraphs, and Abel tests.
- Eye Detect
- Working with Personality Disorders (ethical guidelines vs. punitive)
- Working with Developmental Disorders/Autism Spectrum clients
- Dealing with telecare ethical issues

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

**2021 Board Meetings:** 5/28, 6/25, 7/23. 8/27, 9/24, 10/22