

# OREGON ASSOCIATION FOR TREATMENT OF SEXUAL ABUSERS

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2021

### Meeting held via Zoom

#### In Attendance:

[number in brackets indicates number of meetings attending this year out of 4]

Peter Shannon, M.S.- At Large (June 2018- June 2021) [4]

Kari Hempel, Ph.D.- President (April 2018-April 2021) [4]

Bill Davis, Psy.D- At-Large (November 2016-November 2019) [3]

Jesse Watson, M.A.- At Large (January 2018- January 2021) [3]

Kelley Chimenti, LCSW- Past President (January 2016-January 2020) [4]

Scott Elmore, Psy.D- Treasurer (March 2017-March 2020) [2]

Karen Cox, LCSW- Secretary (December 2019- December 2022) [2]

Keith Linn, Psy.D- At Large (November 2018-November 2021) [3]

Olga Leonova, M.A.- At-Large (June 2018-June2021) [2]

#### Guests:

None

#### Not Present:

N/A

#### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Scott Elmore reported to the Board that there is a balance of \$42,797.68 in the account.

President Hempel motioned to approve the April 2021 meeting minutes and Peter Shannon seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor of approving the minutes.

#### *Legislative updates -*

President Hempel and Past President Chimenti reported that SB820 which removes SOTB certification exception for state employees was presented. This remains in the weighs and means committee. Past President Chimenti stated that Representative Sanchez in is support of SB820 and supports funding OYA's request which will be expensive initially but decrease over time.

SOSN - 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* – Past President Chimenti reported the SOTB Board met earlier this month. The membership numbers appear favorable and continue to increase. She stated that between 40-45 individuals have some sort of certification in the State of Oregon. Bill Davis advised that the State of Oregon has been assisting with funding of this board. Several court cases have reportedly previously used a substantial amount of the monies available. Bill Davis reported that SO 101 work groups are able to meet and that OASOTN has their own group. The idea is that OATSA work group and OASOTN work groups will collaborate. Bill Davis stated there needs to be a checks and balance so that SOTB can cross check that clinicians have met the criteria for certification. The work group for OATSA consists of Peter Shannon, Olga Leonova, Scott Elmore, and Jesse Watson. Bill Davis suggested that one person from this work group take the lead and facilitate discussion. Jesse Watson agreed to reach out to the individuals in the work group.

### **New Business**

Past President Chimenti reported that she has been in contact with Andrew regarding technical difficulties with accepting payments. She is waiting to hear back from board members regarding what kind of payment method OATSA has previously used. Olga Leonova advised that she believes OATSA has used STRIPE on the website for payment. Kelley stated she has received a quote for revamping the existing OATSA website which is approximately \$2,000 and it would take several months. Treasurer Elmore has put a banner on the OATSA website indicating that they are working out the issues with accepting payments. Treasurer Elmore motioned to the board to allow Andrew to resolve the issue and Past President Chimenti seconded the motion. All board members voted in support of allotted monies to make the repairs to the website.

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.

President Hempel has sent out the instructions for building an event and facilitating a Zoom training to all board members.

Peter Shannon and Jesse Watson will complete the certificates for those who attended the discussion group.

Letter regarding RFP from Deschutes County: Bill Davis stated he is having difficulty writing the letter to Deschutes County regarding the concerns and definition of sex offense specific treatment. Peter Shannon suggested that Bill Davis write a draft and send it to board members for input and review. Bill Davis agreed to work on this letter.

Bi-laws: Bill Davis has sent out the bi-laws and acknowledged they would need to be reformatted. The classes of memberships have been tailored down to clarify “friends of OATSA” clause may not be legal because OATSA needs to be consistent with ATSA. There will a procedural paragraph added regarding a situation in which a member is needed to be removed. Bi-laws will be discussed further at the all-day retreat in October 2021.

New Financial Records: Bill Davis addressed the need to change process because OATSA officers change on an annual basis. He recommended that there needs to be a system that is mobile and allows other board members to access financials in the absence of any officer. A “stand alone” system for at least two people to deposit monies, write checks, etc. Bill Davis suggested that the President and Secretary be designated users of QuickBooks. Jesse Watson reported that he authorized an upgrade of QuickBooks on an OATSA credit card. President Hempel motioned that the current Treasurer be the Administrator of QuickBooks and the only one making inputs into the system. Secretary Cox seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor of this motion. Bill Davis advocated for more frequent QuickBooks report. It was proposed that a third person, in addition to the President and Treasurer have access to QuickBooks. In the interim, Jesse Watson, agreed to serve as this person. President Hempel will work on the amendment for the bi-laws to establish a three-person financial committee.

Peter Shannon discussed his attendance at the SOSN meeting. Topics discussed at SOSN included the following:

- Agencies response to Covid-19
- PO and Treatment providers interrater reliability
- Total level of supervision population is dropping
- Earned discharge based on medical needs
- Desire to meet in-person in July 2021
- workshop on blocking package in June 2021.
- P.O.’s expressed a desire to receive training on Motivational Interviewing

The board discussed possible future training dealing with motivational interviewing techniques which could be useful to PO’s. President Hempel discussed the importance of teaching techniques while making clear that such training did not make the participant a “therapist.” Bill Davis suggested another future OATSA workshop topic related to Accountability and Commitment Therapy. He believes that his topic would help emphasize therapeutic techniques.

*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
- Motivational Interviewing

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

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