

# MSOTA 2011 Summer Meeting Minutes

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Helena, MT  
July 22, 2011

- I. Attending
  - a. Anne Harris, Chuck Newell, Don Bell, Chris Quigley, Blair Hopkins, Jon Moog, Chris Nordstrom, Tracy Vaughn, Shawn Abbott, Bob Page, Bo Smelko
  
- II. Reading of minutes from retreat: minutes were accepted as written and posted on the MSOTA web page.
  
- III. Officer reports
  - a. President
    - i. Retreat was success, plans for next year to be at Chico again since we get a good deal there and it is relatively centrally located
  
  - b. Vice president, absent
  - c. Treasurer:
    - i. Checking \$7, 646.
    - ii. Saving \$456.16,
    - iii. Chico Expenses \$5,286.40
    - iv. Income from last meeting \$3,733 for dues.
    - v. Dues have to be received from: Barb Bottomly, Lindsay Clodfelter, Sam Griffel, Anne Harris, Ann Headly, Tara Hiller, Alice Hoagarty , Tracy Pask, Jeff Scogin, Mike Sullivan, Gail Walsh
  - d. Secretary:
    - i. Discussion regarding splitting the responsibilities of secretary to a separate web master and Secretary was moved and failed to pass, for now the Secretary will continue to maintain the web site
    - ii. Anne is exploring transferring the msota.org web site to a different web provider and use a simplified web page authoring tool so that the work of modifying the web site can be done by persons with minimal programming experience. In other words to make it about as simple as using a word processing document.
    - iii. Members who want to add or change things posted on the msota web page should continue to mail their content to her and

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she expects to always be able to post it to the msota web site within 48 hours.

## IV. Committee reports

- a. Ethics
  - i. No report/no activity
- b. Legislative
  - i. No report/no activity
- c. Membership:
  - i. A waiver was approved for Marla North to be excluded from the two year rule for meeting attendance due to her injuries.
  - ii. It was moved, seconded, and passes to tie annual MSOTA dues to the calendar (Jan-Dec), therefore dues are payable the 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.
  - iii. Discussion to require more accountability for members to be in compliance with attending the required meetings.
    - 1. It was reaffirmed that the Membership Committee and Treasurer should be implementing the fee for re-instatement of membership when they have been inactive.
    - 2. Reminder to membership that failure to attend required 2 meetings per year and/or failure to pay current dues (unless this requirement is waived per policy by the Membership Committee) will result in loss of clinical membership status and will trigger the reinstatement fee should the member desire to regain clinical status.
    - 3. Meeting attendance compliance is maintained by attendance at two meetings in a calendar year unless excepted by the Membership Committee
    - 4. Clinical members who are not in compliance with meeting attendance and/or current dues will have their status in the membership list as displayed on the MSOTA web site changed to “suspended” as determined by the Suspension will be in effect until membership committee assesses the member to be in compliance.

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- iv. Membership Committee is requested to expedite the Clinical Membership process, especially communication to applicants regarding their application process.
  - v. Chris Nordstrom and Tracy Vaughn offered to lend assistance to the Membership Committee to assist with processing Membership Applications
  - d. Education/Public Affairs no report/no activity
  - e. Standards
    - i. Bo reviewed the rewrite of the Juvenile and Adult Evaluation and Treatment Standards,
    - ii. **MSP to adopt the reviewed and rewritten adult and juvenile assessment standards as the current MSOTA Assessment Standards.**
    - iii. Bo Reviewed the Treatment Standards for Adults changing only the wording of the use of individual therapy and group therapy.
    - iv. **MSP to adopt the revised Adult Treatment Standards as discussed and amended at this meeting as the Current MSOTA standards**
    - v. Review and discussion of Juvenile Treatment standards
      - 1. Several formatting changes to the draft were identified
      - 2. Encouragement of strength based intervention is include
      - 3. **MSP to adopt the reviewed and revised standards as the most current standards of MSOTA**
- V. Old business
- a. Finalized newest standards
- VI. New business
- a. Review of process for election of new officers
  - b. Funding for Andy's work in the legislature
  - c. Review of SB235 and the new threats
    - i. Long discussion regarding agenda of Montana Psychological Association
- VII. Fall Meeting: Friday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 AM – 2 PM Gwen Farnsworth is hosting. The proposed meeting site is the MonTec Center on E. Broadway,