

MSOTA Friday Feb 23, 2024

Minutes

- I) Brief Introductions and Attendance: Shaye LaMunyan, Dawn Handa, Hal Lewis, Andy Hudak, Bob Page, Anne Harris, Chris Quigley, Michelle Puerner, Joel Thompson, Katie Wolverton, Sue Bonin, Lisa Hjelmstad, Alice Hougardy, Karen Bauman, Brendan McQuillan.

- II) Reading of minutes – Anne, there was no Quorum, no actions were taken.

- III) Agenda Review
 - Legislation, Andy Hudak
 - Andy has resigned from the Legislative Committee.
 - No one has stepped forward to take on the Committee
 - Andy offers to help the new Chair with training and introductions and some assistance with legislative review.
 - The term is January through April in the year that the legislature meets, with the interim time and committee meetings happening through the legislative off years.
 - The Interim committees are available via Zoom since the pandemic.
 - Chris offered to take on some of the training of the new Chair on the legislative process.
 - Hal asked how many hours are required and wondered how many members can afford to take the needed time away from their practice
 - Hal reasserted the possibility of hiring a lobbyist to be the Silent Sentinel monitoring the legislature.
 - Andy leaves big shoes to fill.
 - Andy was also not paid for his past lobbying efforts for MSOTA

 - Discuss the May 2024 Retreat
 - The plan is to save money and hold the retreat in Butte at the Copper King Hotel.

 - Andy Legislative Chair resignation, need for new Chair

- Discuss issues with delinquent dues and dues reduction.
 - Hal feels ok about the amount that people owe for past dues, even though other similar organizations charge much less.
 - Hal feels that members have been getting their money's worth.
 - We can support MSOTA in other ways, like training income, can support more of the organization.
 - Andy asked if there were people who refused to pay dues, Hal answered that there are people who said if they have to pay their back dues, they would resign from MSOTA instead.
 - Others no longer want to work with sex offenders, some because that they don't want to deal with mandatory clients, others have moved or left the State.
 - Drew Schoening, Brenda Dave Williams, Andrew Edgar, Jeff Scogins, Mike Sullivan, and Blair Hopkins have all left for different reasons.
 - We are down to 22 or 23 Clinical members, reducing the size of a Quorum.
 - Lisa Hjelmstad complained that her dues have not been recorded for past couple of years.
 - Chris clarified that the past treasurer admitted that he did not do the Treasurer Role and failed to keep good records. Michelle Puerner is now Treasurer. She's been trying to rectify the mistakes.
 - Andy brought up the point that the MSOTA standards are higher than ATSA and that MSOTA has always had these.
 - Chris, all we no longer certify in membership are Risk Assessments, now done by the state.
 - Dawn suggested that lower dues wouldn't include listing on the web page, that would be an extra fee maybe the full \$300.

IV) Officer reports

- a. President Chris Quigley
 - i. Chris hopes to pay part of the costs of the Annual Meeting by raising funds through marketing the May Training.
- b. Vice President Hal Lewis
- c. Treasurer Michelle Puerner, she intends to resign Treasurer position at
- d. Secretary Anne Harris

V) Committee Meetings/Reports

- a. Ethics: No Report
 - b. Education/Public Affairs No Report
 - c. Legislative
 - i. Andy will offer support to the new Legislative Chair.
 - ii. Andy brought up the ability to exit the registry and if anyone has had a client try to exit the registry.
 - iii. Hal had two out of state clients who may have qualified to the new ruling by the MT Supreme Court.
 - iv. Hal mentioned that the DOJ has the DIY exit from the registry.
 - d. Membership
 - i. Shaye brought up questions about the membership process.
 - ii. State law still requires work samples of risk assessments for certification.
 - iii. There's still debate about fees, and she needed the membership to affirm that the membership criteria are still the same.
 - iv. Suggestions that Membership Committee meet before Spring Membership Meeting
 - e. Standards No Report
- VI) Old Business
- a. Becoming an ATSA State organization.
 - b. Minnesota ATSA earns beyond expenses to have to give money away because of their surplus from training activities.
 - c. Alice suggested that the Board should select and approve Committees who meet more often and
- VII) New Business
- a. Board Nominations
 - i. President Hal Lewis
 - ii. Vice President Katie Wolverton
 - iii. Treasurer
 - iv. Secretary
- VIII) Adjourned at 12:30

