

MSOTA Minutes
 May 12, 2016
 Pray, Montana

I) Opening: Bob Page 8:30

II) Brief Introductions:

a. Attendance Clinical Members:

Alecia Estevez	Alice Hougardy	Andrew Edgar
Andy Hudak	Anne Harris	Blair Hopkins
Bob Page	Bo Smelko	Breda Erdelyi
Charmaine Nicholson	Christa Smelko	Chris Nordstrom
Chris Quigley	Don Bell	Drew Schoening
Fred Lemons	Hal Lewis	Jim Myers
Karen Baumann	Katie Wolverton	Marla North
Michelle Davis	Mike English	Shawn Abbott
Tracy Vaughn		

b. Associate: Derik Hart, Jake Leaper,

c. Board: Polly Peterson, Dawn Handa, Jenny Kal

d. Guests: Derik Hart, Tanya

III) Reading of minutes from Fall, 2015 Membership meeting. The minutes were accepted as amended.

IV) Announcement of New Officers:

a. President: Brenda Erdelyi

b. Vice President: Andy Hudak

c. Treasurer: Tracy Vaughn

d. Secretary: Anne Harris

V) Officer reports

a. President Bob thanked the Membership for the chance to serve.

b. Vice President

c. Treasurer

i. Checking Balance= \$7,405

ii. Savings balance= \$132.10

iii. Tracy Vaughn needs to be listed on all banking accounts as soon as possible.

iv. Tracy began collecting current Membership Dues

d. Secretary

i. WEB Page updates, addition of payment buttons for dues and other fees that will be direct deposited to MSOTA Bank Accounts

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- VI) Committee Meetings/Reports
 - a. Ethics : Bob Page; Members: Mike English, Sandy Heaton, Nina Wendt, Jim Meyers, Jeffrey Scogin, Christa Smelko
 - i. Creation of a Peer Review
 - 1. To promote increased professionalism
 - 2. A general overview of an evaluation to provide feedback that can or cannot be utilized
 - 3. Discussion:
 - a. The Value of Peer Review
 - b. Methods to identify quality
 - c. Provide Constructive feedback,
 - d. Compliance to standards
 - e. Mandated vs Voluntary
 - f. Committee would perhaps randomly request a member to submit a sample of redacted material.
 - g. Standards are guidelines of practice, and need to allow the clinician to choose what they deem appropriate to use as they are the ones defending the evaluation in court.
 - h. Two issues, complaints about pre-sentencing evaluations where standards are violated is one issue and the other issue is Peer Review being used to improve the professional nature of MSOTA members' work.
 - i. We are a very diverse group, LCPCs, LCSWs, Psychologists, and Licensed Marriage and Family Counselors (LMFC)
 - j. This is not meant to be punitive, but to support Best Practices.
 - ii. Motion was made to create a peer review, committee,
 - 1. Moved seconded and passed with three objectives
 - iii. Education/Public Affairs Chair Brenda Erdelyi, Drew Schoening Members: Don Bell, Blair Hopkins
 - iv. Education for professionals, gatekeepers,
 - 1. Psychopathy, Media, and porn,
 - 2. Working with school counselors, educators on how to recognize and refer for treatment
 - 3. Becoming a greater resources

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4. Parent resource center, on the web
 5. Myth debunking
 - v. Hal moved that we create a \$100 fee for CEUs voluntary beginning this year and mandatory for future years. Moved, seconded and passed
- b. Legislative: Andy Hudak; Members: Chris Quigley, Brenda Erdelyi, Hal Lewis, Joel Thompson
- i. Summary since last session, MSOTA is being taken seriously in two areas:
 1. Psych testing: Licensing Board for LCPC, and LCSWs considered proposed rule changes, to limit non-psychologist from “Psychological Testing” grandfathering back 2 years, the proposed rule said that people need 8-9 hours of post graduate work in testing if not offered as part of the program. It would have required people with a master’s degree to actually re-enroll in a master’s or PhD program to take the required classes.
 - a. Chris Quigley, Andy Hudak, Joel Thompson, Brenda Erdelyi requested a meeting with Director of Dept. of Labor and met to clarify how to obtain, the credit hours. There is an online source that Brenda and Hal are enrolled in. Clinical MSOTA members are exempt if they have the course work in their initial education to back up their skills.
 - b. Hal enrolled in California Southern University, or National Board of Forensic Examiners.
 - ii. Proposed Legislation, proposed ideas of draft bills:
 1. Separate Statutory Rape proposal if victim is 14 or over and the offender is no greater than 18 and the offense does not require registration.
 2. Aggravated Sexual Intercourse Without Consent that will be more severe, and leave the courts with determining whether to prosecute under Statutory Rape or SIWOC may be define if “force” is used, trying to get to the high risk offender, but MSOTA position is to try to insure that multi-factors are considered to determine risk.
 3. Unlawful distribution of images or recordings, revenge

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porn statute

4. Elimination of Statute of Limitations on Sex Offenses

- c. Membership Chris Nordstrom, Members: Charmaine Nicholson, Fred Lemons, Tracy Vaughn, Barb Bottomly, Shawn Abbott, And Karen Bauman
 - i. Fred and Chris are going to have Administrative access to the new web site to update the Membership list.

- d. Standards: Chairperson: Bo Smelko; Members: Jean Keiley, Don Bell, Alice Hougardy And Drew Schoening
 - i. No report, but were part of

VII) Old Business

- a. None

VIII) New Business

- a. Discussion of new Board Members: Alice Hougardy, Proposed as Board Member and accepted by acclimation
- b. Ideas for new recruitment
 - i. Proposal for Student Members to be admitted to Associate Membership without fee for the 1st year
 - ii. Motion for 1st Year of Student Membership to be free for the 1st year of Associate Membership, and goes to \$50.00 for Associate Membership after the 1st year of membership. Moved, seconded and passed.
 - iii. Discussion considering requirements for MSOTA Clinical membership to count up to 500 hours of the required Clinically Supervised Hours from a pre-Graduate Degree category while they are enrolled in a Masters of Greater Level academic program. Andy suggested providing some hours for clinical hours in the pre-masters BA level. Maybe make the offer at undergraduate level for persons selectively, but many persons at the undergraduate level may lack the personal development or training to work in the SO environment
 - iv. Motion to create: Clinical Applicants may now have the option to earn 500 Supervised Clinical Hours in treatment of Sex Offenders prior to earning their Master's Degree and the remaining 1,500 Supervised Hours of Sex Offender treatment after the Master's Degree. Moved, seconded and passed.

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- v. Donna Zook, PhD has a bulletin on the back of her CV titled “Why Not MSOTA.” It is being sent out to County Attorney’s Offices.
 - 1. Discussion ensued to share the organizations history with Ms. Zook, who is a Clinical Member of ATSA and was an Associate Member of MSOTA for approximately 10 years but refused to complete Clinical Certification Process.
 - 2. Brenda announced that Several MSOTA members in Missoula are working on establishing a Circles Of Support and Accountability (COSA) in Missoula.
 - 3. Brenda raised a point about having meetings at members houses can pose some logistical problems, and discussion followed to use public venues for meetings to encourage students and others to attend.

- IX) Next meeting time and location
 - a. Summer 2016 Meeting will be July 8th; in Helena, MT at Carroll College,
 - b. Fall 2016 Meeting Bozeman Ryan Schwartzmeyer will host
- X) Membership Meeting Adjourned at 3:30

**Peer Review Committee 5/12/16 immediately following the
Membership Meeting**

Present: Bo Smelko, Nina Wendt, Chris Quigley, Brenda Erdelyi, Karen Bauman, Fred Lemons, Alice Hougardy, Tracy Vaughn, Shawn Abbott, Mike English, Charmaine Nicholson, Hal Lewis, Andy Hudak, Andrew Edgar, Anne Harris, Tanya Richem

Results of discussion:

- 1. MSOTA will use a process of informal Peer Review
- 2. Peer Review is strongly recommended by Clinical MSOTA members present for this committee meeting in Risk Assessment, Psycho/Sexual Evaluations, and Treatment
- 3. At present the elements the committee discussed that may be most helpful during Peer Review:

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- a. Critical Thinking
 - b. Clarity of writing
 - c. Ability to qualify the use of general approach to the assessment
 - d. Ability to qualify the selection of instruments used
 - e. Ability to qualify compliance or deviation from MSOTA Assessment Standards
 - f. Fulfilling the stated request for the assessment
4. The Committee made a decision to meet as a breakout group during Membership Meetings.