

**MSOTA QUARTERLY MEETING
BOZEMAN
JANUARY 12, 2007**

ATTENTION: Annual dues are due at the time of the next meeting. Shawn will not be in attendance but due payments can be mailed to her or can be given to Charmaine Nicholson, who has agreed to collect them.

Individuals in attendance:

Anne Harris, Ginny Watts, Kevin Wyse, Andy Hudak, Shawn Abbott, Fred Lemons, Regina Basolo, Bob Page, Charmaine Nicholson, Sam Griffel, Chris Nordstrom, Blair Hopkins, Roger Dowty, Jean Keiley

- Meeting called to order by President Watts.
- Introductions
- Agenda review
- Minutes of the last meeting in Great Falls read by Secretary Wyse, corrected and approved as corrected

- Officer Reports:

President:

Ginny reports that she does not have a copy of the by-laws and is unsure of where the secretary's box may be. Shawn Abbott reports that she will provide a copy of the by-laws and Bob Page will retrieve the secretary's box from Ms. Zook, who was the last person to have said box.

Vice President:

No Report

Secretary:

Kevin Wyse distributed copies of MCA Codes which apply to sexual offenses. Anne Harris has developed a new format for the MSOTA roster and will be making an effort to get correct information from everyone and place this information on the website.

Treasurer:

Shawn Abbott reports that there is \$5208.03 in our checking account and \$ 1544.74 in our market interest account. Shawn detailed the expenses which MSOTA has incurred over that last several months and reported that Marla North paid MSOTA \$692.16 for the use of our name at one of her conferences.

- Committees met and reported:

Ethics:

Bob Page presented a letter in November to the Board of Psychologists regarding MSOTA concerns about a former MSOTA member not being qualified to present expert testimony. He has had no response as of the date of this meeting but will continue to follow up on this issue.

Legislative:

Andy made several concise points in the progress of legislation at the current session. Ms. Gloria Hermanson is not our lobbyist but is working with Andy to notify him of upcoming bills which need MSOTA attention. Andy will be emailing the membership body regarding upcoming bills and is asking for the membership body to write legislators, especially the members of the Judiciary Committee, and advocate for practical, workable, sound legislation. Andy noted the discussion involving treated sexual offenders and family issues seemed to resonate with legislators, but he will also provide talking points to the membership body on each bill throughout the session. Andy asks that members respond to his emails so that he knows you are receiving his important updates. Roger Dowty made a motion to press the membership body into identifying clients who have family members who would be damaged by long periods of incarceration of offenders. Motion was seconded and passed. The membership body is extremely thankful to Andy for all of his hard work during this legislative session. Way to go Andy.

Membership:

Anne Harris and David McFarland are both in the process of seeking clinical membership.

Standards:

Ginny discussed the differences between the adolescent and adult standards. Motion was made, seconded and passed to adopted new adolescent standards.

DD Standards:

Regina Basolo and Roger Dowty will assist Anne in developing evaluation and treatment standards for offenders with developmental disabilities.

Education:

Marla reports that Dr. Dana Anderson will present on the Static and Dynamic Risk Assessment of Sexual Offenders. This will include information on the Static-99 update, the Stable 2000, and the Acute 2000. The conference will be held on May 17th and 18th. For more information contact Marla. There are just a few open spots left, so if you want in call Marla.

Old Business:

Roger Dowty pointed out that it is essential that therapists consult when a sexual offender is changing programs. The Evaluation and Standards Committee will review standards to make sure this issue is addressed.

New Business:

MSOTA may be sued in the suit Hirt v. Department of Labor and Industry and MSOTA. We are currently taking no action in this suit until the Supreme Court of Montana rules on current filings by Hirt. For updated information on this suit go to <http://mtlawlibrary.wordpress.com/2006/09/29/unpublished-opinion-hirt-v-dept-of-labor-industry>.

Ken Brown and Anne Harris report that they are seeking a grant through the Department of Justice to fund a conference on the evaluation and treatment of DD sexual offenders. This will be a three day seminar taught by folks from Alaska who have expertise in this area. If the grant is successful there would be no charge for the conference. If the grant is not successful the conference will still occur but there will be a fee.

Regarding the Website. Anne Harris will contact Margie to set up a message board on the website. This will allow MSOTA clinicians to chat with each other regarding difficult issues in our business. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accomplish this task.

- Meeting was adjourned
- Spring meeting

Friday April 20, 2007 in Missoula, MT at 11:00. The meeting will be held at Opportunity Resources.

The address is 2821 S. Russell. Directions: take Orange Street exit, go south to Stephens which is a seamless curve, continue south on Stephens to light at Mount Street, turn right at Mount Street, continue west on Mount to light on

**Russell street, turn left on Russell, continue south on Russell through two lights,
drive past Fairgrounds on left,**

**Just past the Fairgrounds is Opportunity Resources on the right. Phone 240-
9057 or 721-2930.**