

Minutes MSOTA Fall Meeting
October 2, 2015
Quigley Ranch

- I) Brief Introductions:
 - a. Attending: Andy Hudak, Alicia Esteves, Brenda Kneeland, Susan Bonin, Barb Bottomly, Chris Nordstrom, Michelle Puerner, Michael Scolatti, Michael English, Tracy Vaughn, Linda Johnson, Shaye LaMunyan, Ken Brown, Hal Lewis, Kevin Wyse, Blair Hopkins, Drew Schoening, Bo Smelko, Mike Sullivan, Chris Quigley, Brenda Erdelyi, and Anne Harris.

- II) Reading of Summer Meeting minutes
 - a. Minutes were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

- III) Officer reports
 - a. President: Bob has the deposit in to Chico, but the dates are not reserved yet
 - b. Vice President: Andy asked that the next President and Vice President work together more closely with the committee chairs.
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Checking Balance = \$7,695.00
 - ii. Savings balance = \$196.00.
 - d. Secretary: Membership list is updated frequently and members should check to be sure that their information is accurate.

- IV) Committee Breakouts
 - a. The assembled members performed as a committee of the whole

- V) Committee Meetings/Reports
 - a. Ethics: No discussion, no current cases
 - b. Education/Public Affairs
 - i. Brenda printed about 500 copies of the brochure and distributed them at the meeting.
 - 1. She suggests giving them to attorneys, County Attorneys, school administrators, and other key points where education about what we do is the point.
 - ii. The committee is assembling a mailing list from various professional sources
 - 1. Mike Scolatti has mailing to all of the Public Defender's list.
 - iii. Newsletter
 - 1. Brenda has spoken with several members about creating a semi-annual newsletter/blog with these suggestions for content

- a. Clinician Bios in each edition was discouraged in favor of issue content
 - b. New evaluation and treatment tools
 - c. Juvenile and other topics where standards change
 - d. Legislative awareness and education
 - 2. Mike Scolatti, Drew Schoening, Mike Sullivan and Bo Smelko agreed to work as editors
 - 3. Name for the newsletter will be “MSOTA Semi-Annual Newsletter” until something with more sparkle comes along.
 - 4. The Editorial group will select a topic and then Brenda will solicit members’ contributions.
- c. Legislative
 - i. “These are exciting and frightening times in the legislature,” Andy Hudak
 - ii. Andy attended the most recent interim Law and Justice Committee of the Montana Legislature with the following observations:
 - 1. There is a sub-committee looking into all of the Montana sexual statutes.
 - 2. There is some growing awareness of the unintended negative impacts of the Sex Offender Registry and that it is not performing as envisioned to forward community protection.
 - 3. Language of the statutory rape law, and Andy is getting inquiries from legislators and key stakeholders on past MSOTA positions.
 - 4. There appears to be some growing respect for MSOTA clinical and membership among legislators.
 - 5. The next Interim Meeting is November 30, 2015 and Andy would like to have as many MSOTA members present as possible. Hopefully to have a treatment clinician, evaluator, and prison MSOTA member there.
- d. Membership
 - i. Chris Nordstrom has revised the current membership list added the new Clinical and Associate members, gathered additional contact information, and clarified Clinical Certificate Numbers.
- e. Standards
 - i. Bo reported on the pre-release of “The Look” a new program to measure sexual interest that will be released at the next ATSA conference. Initial release as a subscription program for \$750 for the first year and \$350 per year thereafter.
 - 1. One of the benefits is that the data will be collected by

the producers and used to create normative data on the instrument as well as the individual clinician's cumulative data will available to the clinician.

- ii. Chris mentioned that he has had inquiries from a county prosecutor that one or more clinicians have done evaluations without a clinical interview. The majority of the evaluation seemed to come from testing information, lacking the tone of an actual interview having been conducted.
 1. Bo suggested that there are stylistic differences in reporting and that there are some reporters that use history questionnaires to build the socio/psychological history.
 2. Andy reflected that he gets more depth of information and potential conflicts in written vs oral histories that help to determine client validity.
 3. Andy stated that there is also a cultural change that is occurring between the "generations" of Clinical Membership.

VI) Old Business

VII) New Business

- a. Nominations of Officers will remain open until November 1, 2015, Contact Anne at annerharris@gmail.com Nominations at the close of this meeting were:
 - i. Secretary: Anne Harris
 - ii. Treasurer: Tracy Vaughn
 - iii. Vice President: Andy Hudak
 - iv. President: Brenda Erdelyi, Chris Nordstrom
- b. Bo wanted to clarify that it is not appropriate to use the MSOTA clinical credential as a credential for offering expert opinion as to whether a person was or wasn't sexually offended.
 - i. Our credential is as offender experts
 - ii. There is no MSOTA or other accredited psychological procedure for determining the occurrence of sexual assault other than a physical forensic examination by a specially medical professional
 - iii. The MSOTA Clinical credential should only be used to represent work products related to the scope of MSOTA assessment and treatment standards.
- c. There is a new Polygrapher in Billings who may be willing to travel for polygraphs: Matt Eisele 406-876-4173. Don Bell will be providing SO supervision for Matt

VIII) Next meeting time and location: Annual Meeting at Chico, likely the 1st week of May, the date is not set yet, watch for email and the MSOTA web

page for updates. Please submit suggestions for educational topics to Brenda or Bob.

IX) Adjournment 1:52 PM