

**MSOTA QUARTERLY MEETING
BOZEMAN
JANUARY 11, 2008**

Individuals in attendance:

Ginny Watts, Kevin Wyse, Charmaine Nicholson, Sam Griffel, Chris Nordstrom, Bob Furu, Michael English, Shawn Abbott, Anne Harris, Regina Basolo, Marla North. Don Bell, Bob Page, Fred Lemons, Lisa Lowery, Megan Marsh, Ann Headley, Shad Barrows Blair Hopkins, Chuck Newell, Nina Wendt, Mike Sullivan, Jean Keiley. Gayle Walsh

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

- Officer Reports:

President:

Thanks to Kevin for organizing election of officer.

Vice President:

Letter was received from Patrick Hirt wanting information on MSOTA. Marla will contact Mr. Tom Meissner to provide membership body with more information about how to proceed in this matter.

Bob suggested Jim Meyer be allowed to disregard MSOTA two meetings per year requirement as he has been ill. Membership body agreed to provide Jim with medical leave. This matter will be reviewed by Membership Committee.

Bob reports that he recently testified about his concerns regarding a former MSOTA member who is providing treatment and evaluations for sexual offenders. He has obtained the testimony of this member which outlines several problems pertaining to ethical practices in our field. Anyone interested in reviewing this former member's testimony can contact Dr. Page.

Secretary:

Kevin provided information regarding the upcoming election. He also provided ballots to any members who had not received one.

Treasurer Report:

Shawn Abbott reports that there is \$2,810.22 in our checking account and \$1,568.22 in our savings account. Shawn will pay Margie (the web master) 287 dollars for her services in maintaining the web site.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Shawn hiring an accountant to file MSOTA taxes.

- Committees met and reported:

Ethics:

MSOTA Clinical Member addressed the membership body to take responsibility for false testimony in court. His testimony involved him providing the court with false information regarding the dates he obtained his professional license and his MSOTA Clinical Membership. He acknowledged his anxiety in testifying and his need to be better prepared in the future. This member will also write a letter to the court to explain his mistake.

Dr. Bob Page, chairman of the Ethics Committee, discussed his belief regarding the ongoing need for members to participate in peer review and be willing to hold each other responsible for mistakes which involve treatment and evaluation standards. It was also suggested that the member who provided false testimony advise the judge that this matter had been reviewed by MSOTA.

Legislative:

Anne discussed Andy's concerns about a need for better communication between members for legislative matters. Andy suggests the development of both an email and phone tree with one person responsible for coordination of communication in each geographical area. The membership body directed the Legislative Committee to commence the development of both communication trees. Andy has also been reviewing the National Sex Offender Management Board Collaborative position paper and will be distributing a draft which will be focused on MSOTA issues. Andy is also curious about how committed MSOTA is to a legislative liaison. The membership body agreed that commitment to liaison is crucial and agreed that we as a body need to support the legislative process.

Membership:

Charmaine announced that Megan Marsh is our newest associate member. They approved Jim Meyers medical leave but stated that he will have to pay a 100 dollar penalty for missing required meetings. Finally, Bobby Jo Buck is no longer an MSOTA member.

Standards:

No Report

DD Standards:

Anne presented summary of developing DD Standards. These will be on the MSOTA website where members can provide feedback and comment on the developing standards.

Education:

Marla reports that she is developing a conference which will feature Dr. Taylor and Dr. Bloom discussing addictions and trauma – the relationship and connection to sexuality.

- **Old Business:**

Ginny reports that the Public Defenders Office has now agreed to pay 1250 dollars for evaluations. She also reports that the Attorney General is upset with receiving letters regarding the prohibition on using the phrase psych. Therefore, she will not send the letter which she has drafted. Rather, it is in MOSTA's interest to pursue legislation to address this issue. Motion was made seconded and passed to participate with MCMHA in hiring a lobbyist to lobby 2009 Montana Legislature. This may cost the membership body several thousand dollars and lead to an increase in yearly MSOTA membership dues.

Anne Harris discussed the development of a members' only section on the MSOTA website. This will assist members with many issues specific to MSOTA members. Ginny will work with Margie on improving the website. Contact Ginny at bcc4oa@imt.net with any issues regarding the website or contact the webmaster directly at webmaster@msota.org (Margie). You may also contact Anne at anneh@orimt.org.

NOTE FROM WEBMASTER: To update clinical information on the website, please contact Margie (webmaster@msota.org) with information you will like posted. Please remember this information will be posted to the world wide web so do not provide home numbers/addresses unless you are positive that you want the information displayed to thousands of viewers. Individual clinical Information on the website will remain blank until information is received by the webmaster. The webmaster has received very few responses.

Shawn and Regina discussed proposed changes to the MSOTA Bylaws. Ginny directed Shawn and Regina to present revisions at MSOTA April meeting.

- Meeting was adjourned.
 - Spring Meeting:

The meeting will be in Great Falls, MT on Friday April 11th, at 11:00. It will be held at Benefis West Hospital at 500 15th Ave. South. From 10th Avenue South turn South on 4th Street. Continue down 4th until you see Benefis Hospital on your left. The meeting will be held in the Clark Meeting Room on the ground floor of the hospital. Any questions call Barb Bottomly at 771-8713.