

MSOTA Summer,  
Aug. 12, 2022  
Meeting Minutes

- I. Brief Introductions: **Clinical Members Attending:** Anne Harris, Shaye LaMunyan, Chris Nordstrom, Chris Quigley, Karen Bauman, Barb Bottomly, Andy Hudak, Dawn Handa, Michelle Puerner, Shawn Abbott, Charmaine Nicholson, Lisa Hjelmstad, Bob Page, Hal Lewis, Alice Hougardy, Jake Leeper
- II. **Board Members Attending:** Barbra Monaco, Brendan McQuillan, Katie Wolverton  
  
Clinical Members attending represent a Quorum
- III. Minutes of Spring Meeting were read and accepted as read.
- IV. Officer reports
  - a. President: Chris Quigley
    - i. Chris gave a summary of his research on the Montana ATSA chapter with MSOTA as the core.
    - ii. There are two items that ATSA requires to consider MSOTA for membership as an ATSA chapter
- V. New Business
  - a. The issue of online voting was discussed: Chris identified the need to create online voting, Hal also brought up proxy voting but there has been some difficulty with that idea in the past the preference was to allow voting through Survey Monkey or another online instrument.
  - b. The bylaws clearly state the ballots for officers are to be done by mail, therefore the issue must be done by a vote to change the bylaws.
  - c. There is a vacancy for Treasurer due to Kevin's inability to respond to inquiries for information
    - i. Dawn Handa removed her nomination for Treasurer
    - ii. Michelle Puerner has put herself forward for the treasurer office
  - d. Anne researched and suggested that we can elect a slate of officers by acclimation because there is only one person on the ballot for each office.
  - e. The new officers are
    - i. President: Chris Quigley
    - ii. Vice President: Hal Lewis
    - iii. Treasurer: Michelle Puerner
    - iv. Secretary: Anne Harris
  - f. Dues paying, Hal has used the online dues paying feature on the MSOTA web page. Karen had some trouble with the web page payment, Anne will research
  - g. Chris has been working with the ATSA liaison and three things are needed from the MSOTA minutes to make begin the process.

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- i. A resolution in the minutes to become an ATSA Chapter
- ii. A resolution to keep the current four officers after acceptance by ATSA
- iii. As an ATSA chapter we can get presenters at ATSA expense
- iv. Barb suggested that it would be nice to have the liaison attend our Fall or Spring meeting.
- v. Suggestion to have Brenda through the PA and Ed committee to promote the change to ATSA and a guest speaker
- vi. There is a need to permeate the stakeholders about the ATSA change
- vii. All currently endorsed BBH members are ATSA members by virtue of it being a requirement to receive the endorsement.
- viii. Dawn will forward to Anne a list of endorsed providers.
- ix. The board said that proof of supervised clinical hours will be on the honor system, there have been no forms provide by the state.
- x. The endorsement on our licenses ways it is for sex offender evaluation but makes no mention of providing treatment. Chris is going to ask Joel Thompson to submit a change to the Legislature to change language on one line of the bill to correct this.
- xi. The Liaison also asked that we change our name to reflect ATSA membership in our bylaws.
- xii. Hal has contacted potential lobbyists for the 2023 Legislative session to replace all the work that Andy Hudak has done in the past.

VI. The following measures were voted on:

**Motion:** To change the Montana Sex Offender Treatment Association (MSOTA): It is moved to amend MSOTA By-Laws to change the name of Montana Sex Offender Treatment Association (MSOTA) to Montana Chapter of the Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MontATSA)

Motion by Dawn Handa,                      Seconded by Michelle Davis                      Vote carried

**Motion:** To change the MSOTA by Laws to allow for electronic voting: It is moved to amend the voting procedures for election of Board Officer (Clinical Members Only: Voting for Board Officers AND

Motion by Barb Bottomly                      Seconded by Shaye LaMunyan                      Vote carried

**Motion:** It is moved that MSOTA will retain current Board of Directors and officers through, to, and after the organizations change to MontATSA as a Chapter of ATSA

Motion by Michelle Davis                      Seconded by Bob Page                      Vote carried

- a. Vice President: Hal Lewis
  - i. No Report
- b. Treasurer: Kevin Wyse

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- i. Checking Balance is 20,000
- c. Secretary: Anne Harris

VII. Committee Meetings/Reports

- a. Ethics: Jake Leeper Chair, No report no current complaints
  - i. Chris had a question about reporting an unreported juvenile sexual abuse case during an assessment.
  - ii. Jake recommended that when a report is called in to keep good notes about what is reported.
  - iii. Michelle Puerner suggested that reporting should be done whether or not the report was made to police it also needs to be reported to CPS to insure cross reporting
  - iv. Hal added that the mandatory report by statute must go to CPS and then law enforcement.
- b. Education/Public Affairs: Brenda Erdelyi Chair, no report
- c. Legislative: We are seeking a new legislative chair Jake Leeper may be taking up the reigns of the legislative committee
- d. Membership: Shaye LaMunyan, Chair Members: Karen Baumann, Charmaine Nicholson, Dawn Handa, Fred Lemons,
  - i. Shaye is seeking new members for this committee to review and revise MontATSA membership application process and standards
  - ii. Shaye has one application in hand
  - iii. Shaye asks about the membership dues now, Chris answers same as before,
  - iv. Associate Members still pay \$50 for membership,
  - v. What will dues be when we become an ATSA member
  - vi. ATSA does have Associate membership
  - vii. MSOTA will become a chapter of ATSA but will still operate under our own bylaws as an independent
  - viii. Shaye, it's easier to join ATSA than MSOTA, what incentive can we provide?
  - ix. Anne added that we have not charged fees for training and conferences to Clinical member and there is a need to do a review of finances from past meetings/conferences.
  - x. Create a budget for the year, joint obligation between Treasurer, Membership and Education.
  - xi. Chris said that if we can get one high profile ATSA presenter at cost for the annual meeting that will reduce costs and provide benefit

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- xii. Shaye: will we continue the same criteria for membership that we have had in the past, given that ATSA is much easier
- xiii. Chris suggested that we eliminate the test, and interview but include psychosexual work samples. The work samples are in the statute.
- xiv. Jake suggests that we should be a step above what ATSA requires
- xv. Feedback to Chris on lowering Dues were mixed
- xvi. If the current membership all pay their dues not we will have \$22,000 in the bank.

- e. Standards Bo Smelko Chair No Report

VIII. Old Business

- a. Membership requirements and dues for the Fall Meeting
- b. Client's use of smartphones and social media

IX. Fall Meeting

- a. Date: October 14<sup>th</sup> 10 AM
- b. Location: Butte
- c. Organizer: Chris maybe Fred???
- d. One ½ day speaker, maybe that ATSA Liaison

X. Meeting adjourned at 3PM