

# MIATSA Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes

9/17/19

### Opening

The regular meeting of the MIATSA Board of Directors was called to order at 12:30 on 9/17/19 in Kentwood, MI by David Berghuis.

### Present

David Berghuis, Ron Grooters, Jessica Hamp, Megan Peña, Toni Crocilla, Kris Pence, John Ulrich, Tom Stewart

### Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

### Open Issues

1. Update from Technical Communications Committee-Toni
  - a. Board members should continue to register for the conference using the code
  - b. Group registration is now possible- one person from the organization will register for everyone; Toni to contact the organizations
  - c. Motion approved to open seats available to MDOC to 75
  - d. Registration numbers will be reevaluated the first week of October, possibility to open up more seats to certain organizations
  - e. Discount for Wedgwood staff- registration coupon code given for 3 staff, 2 will pay
2. Written Communications Committee update-John
  - a. John to continue working on a “layman” response to “The Dark Figure of Sexual Recidivism”
  - b. Ron- September article to be posted next week
  - c. October article will be a recap of the conference, to be written by Toni, Marissa to assist
  - d. Committee to discuss setting a deadline date for articles to be submitted/posted for consistency
3. Training
  - a. Conference CEs
    - i. MDOC (and other organizations) should collect information on who wants CEUs and provide that information to Toni
    - ii. Attendees should expect to register and pay for these on the morning of the conference- PayPal card reader/check/cash

- iii. CEUs confirmed for Physicians, Social Workers, and Psychologists.
  - b. Other conference details
    - i. DeWitt Conference Center
    - ii. Ruth will have breakfast/snacks and coffee for the morning  
**Motion approved to allocate up to \$300 for this without further board approval.**
    - iii. Lunch- Bravo catering, Megan to work on this
    - iv. Conference attendees should be encouraged to register for a Mi-ATSA membership online
    - v. Megan working with Geraldine Crisci and staff to set travel itinerary- contact Dave if letter for the travel visa is needed.
    - vi. Board Member to pick Geraldine up from airport, stay on-site
    - vii. Board members to meet following the conference to debrief
- 4. Finance update- Ron
  - a. Non-profit status- still in progress, waiting for bank statements
  - b. Treasurer's report: Same as last month, PayPal surplus to be transferred next month
- 5. Board of Directors Liability Insurance still on hold pending non-profit status
- 6. ROSAC
  - a. Bob McGrath willing to provide a training on the ROSAC- April 30, 2020  
**Motion approved to direct Katy Pastoor to book this date with him**
  - b. Full day training; Wedgwood location; limit attendance to 100- Ron to contact Wedgwood.
  - c. Save the Date flier to be available at conference
  - d. James to follow up with FOA regarding this training
- 7. Registry committee report: James Kissinger, Ron Grooters, Kris Pence, Jessica Hamp, and Megan Peña  
**Motion approved to confirm official MI-ATSA position: MI-ATSA endorses the State of Michigan transitioning to a risk-based sexual offender registry**
  - a. Who is needed at the table to make that goal possible:
    - i. Victims' Advocates- No victims' advocates are on the Professional Advisory Board
      - 1. Megan to reach out to Children's Advocacy Center for potential interested parties
    - ii. Coalition for a Useful Registry- Ron provided a report on information from Sharon Denniston

- iii. James to reach out to Robin Wilson re: Connecticut Sentencing Commission's recommendations for changes and see what recommendations they would have for us.
- b. Board Members to advocate with legislators
  - i. Dave and Sharon met with Doug Wozniak to provide information and emphasize need for risk-based registry
  - ii. Upcoming meetings for board members to attend with Sharon
    - 1. **Sept. 24, 2019 – 10:30** Rep. Beau Lafave, Majority Vice-Chair, House Judiciary Committee, Tuesday, S-1487 Anderson House Office Building, 124 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933
    - 2. **Sept 24, 2019- 11:45** Rep. Graham Filler, Majority Chair, House Judiciary Committee, N-1197 Anderson House Office Building, 124 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933
    - 3. **Sept. 24, 2019 – Morning** Possibly Sen. Stephanie Chang, Minority Vice-Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee; Possibly Sen. Curt VanderWall, Majority Vice-Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee

**Ron to attend 9/24 meetings- advocate on behalf of board**

- 4. **Oct. 2, 2019 - Morning and Afternoon** Rep. Triston Cole, House Majority Floor Leader - Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am., Room 153 of the Capitol Building, 10 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933

**Kris and possibly Tom to attend 10/2 meeting**

- iii. Board members should also reach out to their own representatives to advocate for legislation.

**Agenda for Next Meeting**

- 1. Committee updates
  - a. Technical Communications Committee
  - b. Written Communications Committee
  - c. Training Committee
    - i. ROSAC updates
  - d. Registry Committee
- 2. Conference Review

Next Meeting on Tuesday, September 17 at 12:30pm

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 by David Berghuis. The next general meeting will be at 12:30 on November 19, 2019, in Kentwood, MI (436 44<sup>th</sup> St.).

Minutes submitted by: Marissa Smits

Approved by: David Berghuis