

Sex Offender Management Board  
Minutes of the Meeting of January 17, 2013

The regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board was held on January 17, 2013. Members met at videoconferencing sites in Chicago and Springfield, sites provided by the Illinois Department of Corrections. Chairperson Alyssa Williams-Schafer called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. from Springfield.

Present in Springfield for the meeting were Board Members Shawn Albert, Carol Corgan, Tracie Newton, Dustin Sutton, and Dick Winkler. Present in Chicago were Board Members Amy Campanelli, Brenda Claudio, Steve Goytia, Simeon Kim, Robin McGinnis, Verlin Meinz, and Harry Reed.

All other Board Members were excused.

Non-members in attendance were John Fallon (Cooperation for Supportive Housing), Esther Franco-Payne (Metropolis Strategies), Jessica O'Leary (Attorney General's Office) and Dawn Welkie (Cook County State's Attorney Office).

The minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2012, were approved, as submitted, on motion made by Winkler and seconded by Sutton.

Chairperson Williams-Shafer reported on her contact with the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. She now has a contact person at the Department. She has learned that the Department is in the process of breaking out its new tasks. She also has passed along names of Board members who are willing to serve on the Department's advisory group.

Member McGinnis noted that Illinois ATSA has been fielding calls from members about the new certification process. She also noted that ATSA will send out an informational letter to its members.

The Legislative Committee met to develop changes to the by-laws. The Board reviewed and discussed at some length the proposed changes. The proposed by-laws will be voted upon at the next regular Board meeting.

Jessica O'Leary of the Attorney General's office had offered to draft a new mission statement and new Board goals. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposals. On motion made by Newton and seconded by McGinnis, the Board adopted the following:

*Mission Statement*

To provide information and resources necessary for the effective management of juvenile and adult sex offenders in an effort to enhance public safety.

*Goals:*

Maintain practice standards for the evaluation and management of sex offenders to be implemented with offenders in the custody of or under the supervision of probation departments, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or the Department of Human Services.

- Periodically review and modify, as necessary, the standardized procedures based upon best practices.

Provide education and training to promote the utilization of best practices for the effective management of sex offenders.

- Provide a minimum of two trainings annually to parole officers, probation officers, law-enforcement personnel, treatment providers, victims' advocates, and others involved in the management of sex offenders on best practices for the evaluation, treatment, and supervision of sex offenders.

Chairperson Williams-Schafer noted that three new members had joined the Board: Brenda Claudio, an assistant State's Attorney from Kankakee County as a State's Attorneys representative; Robin McGinnis, re-named to the Board as a representative of Illinois ATSA; and Harry Reed, re-named to the Board as a representative of the Illinois Polygraph Society.

The chair also noted that three vacancies remain.

The Board noted that it needed to begin thinking about the training program to be presented in Spring, 2013. Members are encouraged to consider possible training topics and participants.

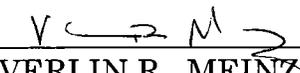
The Legislative Committee, the only committee reporting, noted that it had met to discuss revisions to the by-laws. As to committees, the Chair noted she would circulate Board and Committee rosters. She encouraged Board members to join committees of interest.

Member McGinnis noted the ATSA would have its international conference in Chicago on October 30 (preconference sessions) to November 2, 2013. She believed that ATSA may extend reduced rates to Board members; she encouraged members to attend.

The Board discussed the next meeting: March 21, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at the State Police headquarters in Pontiac.

On motion made by Winkler and seconded by Corgan, the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
VERLIN R. MEINZ  
Vice-Chairperson