

**Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 16, 2009**  
**1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Office of the Attorney General**  
**800- 5th Ave. 20th FL**  
**Seattle, WA 98104**

**Members Present**

Russ Hauge  
Hon. Dean Lum  
Kecia Rongen  
Bev Emery  
Sheriff Mark Brown  
Anmarie Aylward  
Carey Sturgeon  
Andrea Piper

**Members Absent**

Maureen Saylor  
Brooke Burbank  
Lynda Ring Erickson  
Ida Ballasiotes  
Mary Ellen Stone  
Brad Meryhew  
Jeri Costa  
Andrew Neiditz

**Staff Present**

Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers  
Andi May  
Stevie Peterson

**Others in Attendance**

Sharon Harris, Washington Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers; Lisa Johnson, King County Prosecutor Office; Amy Muth, Rhodes & Meryhew; Lindsay Palmer, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center; Amy Pearson, Office of Crime Victims Advocacy; Peggy Smith, Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Russell Hauge called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**2. Introductions**

Members, invitees and staff introduced themselves.

**3. Revise and Adopt Agenda**

The agenda was adopted without revisions.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION # 17 MOVE TO APPROVE THE FORMAT CHANGE OF THE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2009 MINUTES**

MOVED: Bev Emery

SECONDED: Anmarie Aylward

PASSED: Unanimously

**MOTION # 18 MOVE TO APPROVE THE MARCH 19, 2009 MINUTES**

MOVED: Bev Emery

SECONDED: Kecia Rongen

PASSED: Unanimously

**5. Program Director's Report**

• **Legislative Bills**

Ms. Kehoe reviewed the bills related to adult and juvenile sex offenders and victims of sex offenses that had passed during the current legislative session, those bills that were still under consideration and those that died fairly early in the session. Ms. Kehoe provided a written memorandum to the Board members summarizing these bills.

This spurred some discussion about the Board's responsibility with respect to these bills after they go into effect. The Board will want to be ready to address changes to DOC supervision and such with offenders. The Board will probably be asked to weigh in on how cuts impact supervision, including how the Board thinks communities will respond to these cuts in supervision and programs.

- **Budget Update**

Ms. Kehoe provided the latest update on the revenue forecast by the Office of Public Management, as well as where the SGC and SOPB's budget currently stands in the Legislature.

## **6. Committee Reports**

The Committee chairs updated the Board on their work plans and progress of their committee.

- **Benchmarks Committee Report**

Mr. Hauge stated that this committee covered quite a bit of territory during its last meeting. It considered what the final work product will look like and continued to define terms that Benchmarks will use in its work plan. The Committee also worked on creating a list of key informants that it will then contact to seek input into creating benchmarks for the sex offender management system. The Committee plans to consult with stakeholders from different areas around the state about what protocols and practices they use to assist them in managing the sex offender system.

The Washington State University research team submitted their draft survey and is proceeding fairly well.

- **Registration and Notification Committee Report**

Ms. Rongen reported that the workgroups (Juvenile, Registration/Risk Assessment/Failure to Register, and Notification) were diligently working to compile research to present to the Committee in May and June that will provide the basis for the Committee recommendations to the Board about what should be included in the November Legislative Report in November 2009.

- **Sex Offenders in the Community Committee Report**

Ms. Aylward reported that this Committee has continued to refine its work plan. They have discussed about overlap with other committees and what their particular role is separate from the other committees. This Committee also met with the WSU research team to discuss what they would like accomplished in the literature review. This review will be looking at sex offender housing options across the country and in Washington State.

## **7. Report on Bill 2535 (Legislature's response to Ramos)**

- **Update on Meeting with Senator Hargrove**

Mr. Hauge reported that he met with Senator Hargrove along with other agency representatives to discuss how the legislature should respond to the State v. Ramos case. Shortly after the Ramos decision came out, WASPC introduced legislation detailing what law enforcement's responsibilities should be as it relates to leveling sex offenders in their jurisdiction.

Per last month's motion, the Board recommended that the Legislature not act at this time and instead; wait until the Board has had an opportunity to review the leveling issue. The Board will be submitting a report to the Legislature in November 2009 addressing the sex offender registration and community notification laws.

The bill proposed by WASPC did not pass. The Legislature will continue to examine this issue.

- **April 1, 2009 Attorney General's Office Memorandum on Scope of State v. Ramos**

Mr. Hauge briefly discussed the Attorney General Office's memorandum on what they believe is the scope of State v. Ramos.

## **8. Meeting Schedule**

- The Board discussed amending the meeting schedule to allow the full Board to meet at a minimum every two months, instead of once a month. The bylaws do not contain a set meeting schedule. The Board will change meeting schedules as needed.
- The Board then discussed changing the bylaws to require that the full Board meet in eastern/central Washington once a year, instead of twice a year.

After much discussion, the members agreed that meeting in eastern and central Washington more than once a year, as well as other areas, is important and very helpful for the communities.

### **MOTION # 19 MOVE TO AMEND THE BYLAWS TO ALLOW ONLY ONE FULL BOARD MEETING PER YEAR IN EASTERN WASHINGTON**

MOVED: Sheriff Mark Brown

SECOND: Anmarie Aylward

FAILED

## **9. Amend Bylaws**

- **Member Designees - Who can vote?**

The Committee agreed to adopt SOPB staff member Shannon Hinchliffe's memo proposal that Board members may designate a proxy to vote for them at Full Board meetings when they are absent as long as the Chair and/or Program Director are notified in writing prior to the start of a Board meeting. The Board also decided that the actual appointed member needed to make sure that he or she attended on a regular basis and did not send the proxy for months at a time.

**MOTION # 20 MOVED TO AMEND ARTICLE 10 IN THE BYLAWS  
PERMITTING A VOTING BOARD MEMBER'S DESIGNEE TO VOTE**

MOVED: Anmarie Aylward

SECOND: Andrea Piper

PASSED: Unanimously

- **Scheduling an Eastern Washington SOPB Meeting**

The Board went on to discuss setting a full Board meeting/conference in the Eastern part of the State this June. Ms. Kehoe will work on this and report back to the Committee.

**MOTION # 21 MOVED TO SCHEDULE THE JUNE FULL BOARD MEETING  
IN EASTERN WASHINGTON**

MOVED: Kecia Rongen

SECOND: Bev Emery

PASSED: Unanimously

## **10. SOPB Website**

The Board further discussed the function and use of the SOPB webpage. Resource links as proposed by members will be added to the site. As reports and work products are completed, the Board will decide whether they should be added to the site.

## **11. New Business**

Ms. Rongen discussed ATSA's request to sign on to a letter addressed to the U.S. Attorney General, Eric Holder, requesting that his office provide a blanket two year extension to all States to comply with the Adam Walsh Act. The letter also asked that the Department of Justice work with the States in changing provisions of the Adam Walsh Act to make the intent behind it more effective for States' sex offender registration and notification systems. The letter was provided to the members. The Board agreed to sign on to it.

**MOTION # 22 MOVED TO SIGN ON TO THE ATSA LETTER REQUESTING A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION TO COMPLY WITH THE ADAM WALSH ACT AND ASK THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RECONSIDER REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS ACT**

MOVED: Sheriff Mark Brown

SECOND: Andrea Piper

PASSED: Unanimously

**12. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**13. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD**

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Russ Hauge

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Date

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Shoshana K. Kehoe

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Date