



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

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**SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD**

July 22, 2016 9:00am – 1:00pm  
Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs  
3060 Willamette Dr NE  
Lacey, WA 98516

Members Present:

Jedd Pelander  
Brad Meryhew  
James McMahan  
Michael O'Connell  
Keri Waterland  
Daniel Yanisch  
Jonathan Meyer  
Andrea Piper-Wentland- Proxy: Kelley R.  
Richard Torrance  
Joyce McDonald  
Candice Bock

Members Absent:

Holly Coryell  
Jeff Patnode

Staff:

Leah Fisher

Guests: Kelley Richardson, WCSAP; Jamie Yoder, WASPC; Hank Fuller; Travis Gann, WARSOL; Jason Murphy, WARSOL; Juliana Roe, WAC

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Waterland

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board is asked to approve the minutes from June 22, 2016

**MOTION #16-18: MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM  
June 22, 2016.**

**MOVED:** Daniel Yanisch  
**SECONDED:** Richard Torrance  
**PASSED:** Unanimously

**III. REVIEW OF BYLAWS**

Keri Waterland (Chair) informed members of the Board that several people received letters regarding their attendance as missing three consecutive meetings is something

addressed in the bylaws. James McMahan (WASPC) was concerned regarding wording in the letter he received referring to “conflicting votes” between him and his proxy Jamie Yoder. James asked for evidence of this, and Keri said she would be willing to provide this. Additionally, Leah informed the Board that when drafting these letters for Keri she used previous letters to help guide her as she knew they had already been approved. Daniel Yanisch mentioned that both the WASPC representatives have been strong advocates for their agency, but there has been some confusion regarding WASPC’s stances in the past several months.

James requested copies of all letters sent in the past to members regarding their absences. Keri said she would work with Leah to get these copies to James. James also brought into question several items in the bylaws that should be discussed, including a failure to address certain statutory language, the use of Robert’s Rules of Order, wording concerning the SGC versus the current OFM, and wording concerning who can convene the Board. The Board determined that convening a subcommittee would be the best way to approach the bylaws; this committee will be made up of Keri Waterland, Brad Meryhew, Daniel Yanisch, Richard Torrance and Jedd Pelander. They will meet prior to the next meeting (8/19).

#### **IV. PROJECTS**

##### **a. WSU Literature Reviews and RSO Survey**

Leah informed the Board that the literature reviews were now completed and finalized. Brad Meryhew asked what should be done with the information, and the Board agreed that both documents should be used as a foundation for general recommendations and should be shared with stakeholders and other interested parties.

Jamie provided the Board with an update on their survey of RSO Coordinators. As of this meeting, WASPC was seeing a poor response rate, and initial results were not showing any patterns.

Leah provided the Board with an update on the RSO Survey conducted through WSU. Leah mentioned that there had been an error in reported results and these had since been addressed by WSU. Key findings included an increased need for training, and that the majority of participants were using the correct tools and factors when determining whether or not to deviate from ESRC recommendation.

James told the Board that WASPC had requested the raw data set from OFM, and that they were not providing it until the close of the contract. Leah spoke to this and provided the Board with more information regarding the process and told the Board that should any changes be required past the close of the contract, WSU would be liable to fix errors. This has been tabled until the next meeting when members have had the chance to review the data. Both James and Jonathan Meyer (WAPA) will receive the dataset on August 1, 2016. Leah also sent the Board a copy of the finalized survey questions for further review as members expressed concern regarding being unable to see them in the report.

## V. GOVERNOR'S REQUEST

### a. Living Document

#### i. Request for Final Approval

Leah requested approval to publish the Living Document on the website. The Board ask that she add in what happened with each recommendation prior to publishing.

### b. Offer Recommendations as to How the State Should Proceed in Moving Further Into Compliance With SORNA or, if the SOPB Determines That it is Not in the Best Interest of the State to Adopt A Requirement of SORNA, Offer an Analysis as to Why

#### i. Request for Final Approval

Leah requested final approval to submit the SORNA recommendations to the Governor's Policy Office as Sandy Mullins would be leaving her position at the end of the month. The Board asked that Leah make changes provided and recommended by Daniel Yanisch, before moving forward with publication and submission.

### c. Offer Recommendations As to Other Changes in Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statutes That Further Advance the Safety of the Public

#### i. Discuss Updated Draft Recommendations

The Board discussed updated draft recommendations provided by members. Leah will work on tying the Adam Walsh Act (AWA) and SORNA compliance into the juvenile recommendation. Additionally, the Board discussed the public disclosure recommendation before determining that Leah would work with members on wording and then submitting to WASPC for review prior to the next meeting.

In regards to the RNR Recommendation, Brad asked that specific policy implications be addressed prior to discussing RNR. James also mentioned that he thinks it is important for this recommendation to focus on corrections versus local law enforcement. Keri said she will work on the edits for this recommendation prior to the next meeting.

Michael O'Connell further discussed the general recommendation for liability concerns, several members expressed concerns that this recommendation was not something for the Board to work on. The Board determined that Michael could work on language which would ask the Governor to have another body look into this concern.

Finally, Keri and Daniel discussed their recommendation for RCW 71.09. Keri and Daniel will work on the wording for this recommendation and it will be revisited at the next meeting.

## VI. OTHER BUSINESS

