



Illinois

Association for the

Treatment of Sexual Abusers

MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to my fellow IL-ATSA members. In the November 2008 newsletter, I promised I would work towards greater transparency between you and the executive board, keeping you apprised of the issues the executive board has been addressing. As such, here is a recap of the 1st quarter of 2009.

Announcements:

Dr. Jerry Isikoff (Executive Director of the Illinois Conditional Release Program) was unanimously voted to the executive board as a Board Member at Large on February 23, 2009. Welcome Jerry!

Dr. Jerry Isikoff and Robin McGinnis (CEO Alternative Behavior Treatment Centers) have volunteered to co-chair and spearhead a Public Policy committee. On March 13, 2009 the executive board voted and approved the creation of a public policy committee. Included in the proposal will be an allocation of funds to hire a lobbyist.

Looking for a few good men and women:

The Executive Board has voted in favor of expanding the membership size of the board. There are currently 6 board members, with the approval to become a membership of 12.

A small board places a greater burden on each board member as well as making it more difficult to address the issues and dilemmas facing our state.

If you are interested in serving on the executive board, we would be interested in hearing from you and getting to know you. To assist you in making that decision, it will be necessary for you to: make at least a one year commitment to serve on the board; serve or co-chair on at least one committee (membership, finance, conference education, website /newsletter, public policy); attend 75% of all telephone conference board meetings; attend all face to face board meetings; attend all IL-ATSA conferences.

If you are interested in serving on the board, please submit to me a copy of your resume/vitae, along with a cover letter of why you want to serve on the board, as well as expertise or special interest you may have by April 15, 2009.
(cmiller@bromenn.org)

In the Works: Meet and Greet

The executive board has begun putting together an outline for a series of outreach meetings. The goal is for the members of the executive board to hold a series of meetings at various locations throughout the state. We would like greater face to face interactions with the membership body, and for the membership to have greater

access to the executive board. We will keep you posted as the plans for these come together.

What do you want to know?: What are your training needs

The executive board is in the early stages of planning the IL-ATSA 2009 conference. We would welcome your input on topics and or speakers. We want to host a training that is beneficial to you in your work in the field of sexual abuse. Please email your suggestions to me.
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Save the dates: ATSA's 28th Annual Conference, September 30- October 3, 2009

Preventing Sexual Abuse: New Frontiers in the Management and Treatment of Sexual Abusers. To be held at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, TX.

The conference registration and brochure will be available and mailed in June. If you have never attended, consider doing so. There are plenaries, workshop presentations, poster sessions, and discussion groups. The opportunity to gain knowledge is an obvious perk to attending, while meeting people and networking with others is invaluable. I hope you will consider attending.

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