

**CALIFORNIA SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD (CASOMB)
MAY 20, 2010, 9:00 AM**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY
660 BERGUT DRIVE, SACRAMENTO, CA 95811**

Meeting Minutes

Board Member Check-in:

Present (Quorum present)

- Michael Johnson
- Peter Espinoza
- Bill Gailey
- Jerry Powers
- Janet Neeley
- Tom Tobin
- Robert Coombs
- Gerry Blasingame
- Lee Seale
- Richard DaBell
- Gary Lieberstein
- Pamela King
- Robert Ambroselli
- Alana Forrest (Cit Manager Designee)

Absent

- Nancy O'Malley
- Diane Webb
- Angela Thompson

Minutes

- Board members reviewed draft minutes from February 19th, March 15th, and April 8th and suggested minor edits.
- Gerry Blasingame moved to accept minutes as amended, Tom Tobin seconded, and motion was approved by the Board
- The Board discussed the Meeting Minutes template used for the April 8th minutes and decided to return to the original format.

State Updates

- Gerry Blasingame stated that the California Coalition on Sexual Offending Conference was held last week with 245 attendees. The next Conference will be May 12-15, 2011.
- Robert Coombs reported on the Department of Justice's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking ([SMART](#)) Symposium. Robert noted that SMART has begun training using the Comprehensive Approach to Sex Offender Management ([CASOM](#)) framework.
- Jack Wallace stated that there has been strong support from both the Governor's Office and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for implementation of the Containment Model and for in-custody treatment.
- The State Authorized Risk Assessment Tool for Sex Offenders ([SARATSO](#)) Committee has moved ahead with dynamic risk assessment. An Assessment will be chosen by the end of the year. The assessments currently under consideration are the Sexual Violence Risk-20 (SVR-20), Structured Risk Assessment (SRA), and the Stable 2007
- The National Sexual Assault Conference will be held September 1-3, 2010.

Legislative Updates

- Kris Applegate, Legislative Manager, CDCR, briefed the board on the following Senate and Assembly Bills:
 - AB 1844 (Chelsea's Law)
 - AB 33
 - AB 61
 - AB 383
 - AB 558
 - AB 1596
 - AB 1850
 - AB 2034
 - AB 2099
 - AB 2208
 - AB 2295
 - AB 2319
 - SB 50
 - SB 203
 - SB 1201
 - SB 1204
 - SB 1253

All of these Bills can be accessed in greater detail at the [Bill Information](#) section of the Official California Legislative Information web page.

- Jerry Powers stated that Probation does not support AB 1850 due to exorbitant costs and near impossible implementation. Jerry stated that Probation also had misgivings regarding AB 2208 but that it was more acceptable.
- Jan Neeley noted that the 60 day timeframe for assessing sex offenders which has been proposed in SB 1201 is not compatible with either the current parole process or the current sex offender registration process.

Discussion of AB 1844 (Chelsea's Law)

- A discussion was held regarding the Board's opinion on AB 1844 following the release of the [April 2010 CASOMB report](#).
- The Board members felt that some of its suggestions from the April 2010 report may have been misrepresented and were in agreement that they must take a definitive stance regarding AB 1844.
- It was decided that Jan Neeley and Lee Seale would draft a letter outlining CASOMB's stance and suggestions regarding AB 1844 to be submitted to the Governor's office as well as legislative members and staff.
- The CASOMB letter will include suggestions regarding:
 - Financial impact
 - Usage of restriction zones and lifetime supervision outside the context of the Containment Model
 - A comparison of what is or is not consistent with suggestions that CASOMB has made in the past
 - Possible unintended consequences resulting from new sex offender laws
 - Support of victims services

Appointment of New CASOMB Chairman

- Tom Tobin stated that Nancy O'Malley, Jan Neeley, and Robert Coombs have announced that they would be available to chair CASOMB
- Michael Johnson moved to establish Robert Coombs as Chair, Pamela King seconded, and the motion was approved by the Board.

- Tom discussed the position of Vice-Chair and noted that he would be willing to continue to serve in this capacity.
- Gerry Blasingame moved to retain Tom Tobin as Vice-Chair, Jan Neeley seconded, and the Board approved.

Public Comments

- Melinda Silva, Parole Agent, stated that GPS officials showed great appreciation for the Board's work on the April 2010 CASOMB Report and stated that current media and legislative scrutiny have brought the pressure on parole officers to a nearly unbearable level.
- Phyllis Shess, Deputy District Attorney, expressed thanks for the delicate manner in which the Board handled the very sensitive matters from the Gardner case in its April 2010 report and stated support for AB 1844 although she sees room for improvement.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2010