

ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers

**The Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers
works to @MakeSocietySafe through:**

**Sound research
Effective practice
Informed policy
Comprehensive prevention**

Our vision is that:

All people are able to live in a world without sexual abuse

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The year in review



**Franca Cortoni, Ph.D.,
C.Psych.
ATSA President (2018-19)**

Dear ATSA members and supporters,

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Directors, to present the 2018 Annual Report of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers.

ATSA's leadership continues to be strong, with a combination of experienced and new Board members guiding association activities. Joining the Board during 2018 were Steve Sawyer, Representative of the Chapter Engagement and and Development Committee; Alison Hall, Representative of the Prevention Committee; and Kevin Nunes, Representative of the Education and Training Committee. In addition, Tyffani Monford Dent was re-elected as At-Large Representative.

I also want to note that, key to our many successes throughout the year, are the ATSA Office staff members Aniss Benelmouffok, Kelly McGrath, Ann Nangle, and Ann Snyder, whose work ensures the successful functioning of our organization under the ongoing talented guidance of ATSA Executive Director Maia Christopher. My thanks to all of them for their dedication and support of the mission and vision of ATSA.

It truly has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as ATSA's President in 2018 and I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in the year ahead.

Franca Cortoni, Ph.D., C.Psych.
ATSA President



**Maia Christopher
ATSA Executive Director**

Dear Colleagues,

This past year has offered many rewarding experiences working on your behalf. I feel privileged to work with so many passionate and energetic individuals to advance ATSA's mission to end sexual abuse.

We were able to share our vision with the many people we reached at our chapter events, our international conference, and our members' presentations at conferences throughout the world. This truly is a community of dedicated and talented professionals.

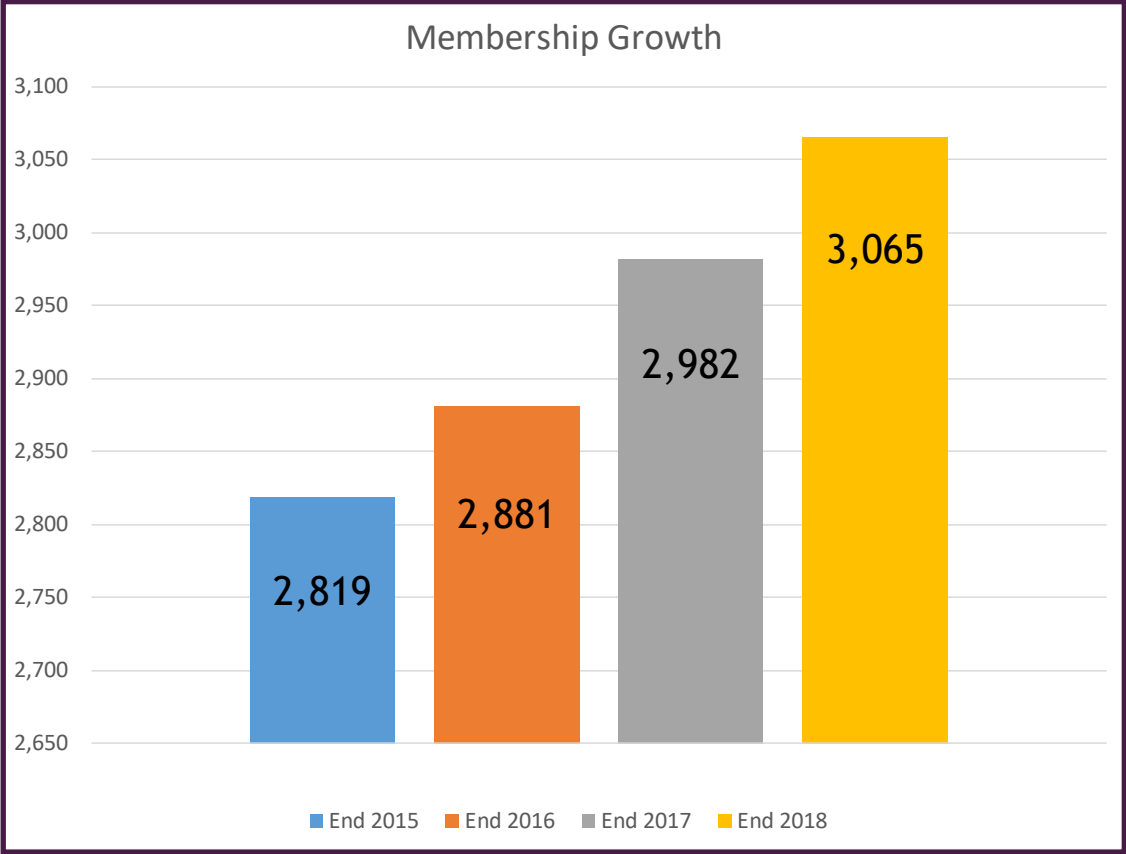
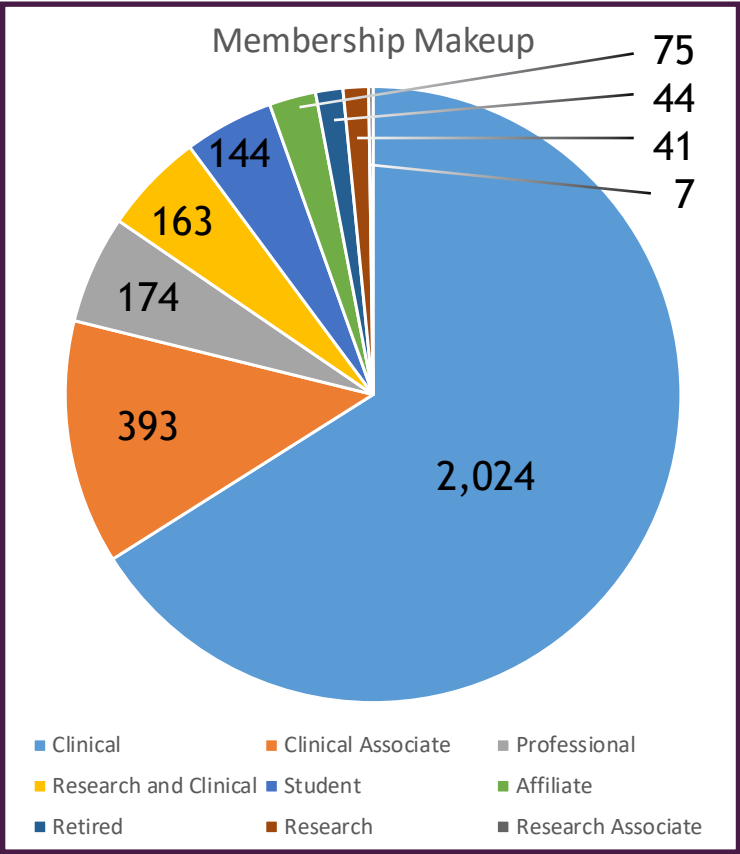
The ATSA Office staff and I continue to work hard to strengthen ATSA and extend our message. I thank all of you and our ATSA Office staff for the wonderful work you do and for making this an organization I appreciate being a part of every day. I look forward to everything we will accomplish together in 2019.

Maia Christopher
ATSA Executive Director

ATSA membership

ATSA's members during 2018 represented 18 countries – Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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ATSA membership

24 Chapters

The number of ATSA chapters has fluctuated during the years. A few smaller chapters have dissolved, while most have thrived, and new ones have been created. As of the end of 2018, ATSA had chapters in the following locations.

- * ARIZONA * ARKANSAS * FLORIDA *
- * GEORGIA * IDAHO * ILLINOIS *
- * MASSACHUSETTS * MICHIGAN *
- * MID-ATLANTIC (DELAWARE *
* DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA * MARYLAND *
* PENNSYLVANIA) * MINNESOTA *
- * MISSOURI * NEVADA *
- * NEW HAMPSHIRE * NEW JERSEY *
- * NEW YORK * OHIO * OREGON *
- * SOUTH CAROLINA * SOUTH DAKOTA *
- * TEXAS * VIRGINIA * WASHINGTON *
- * WISCONSIN * NETHERLANDS *

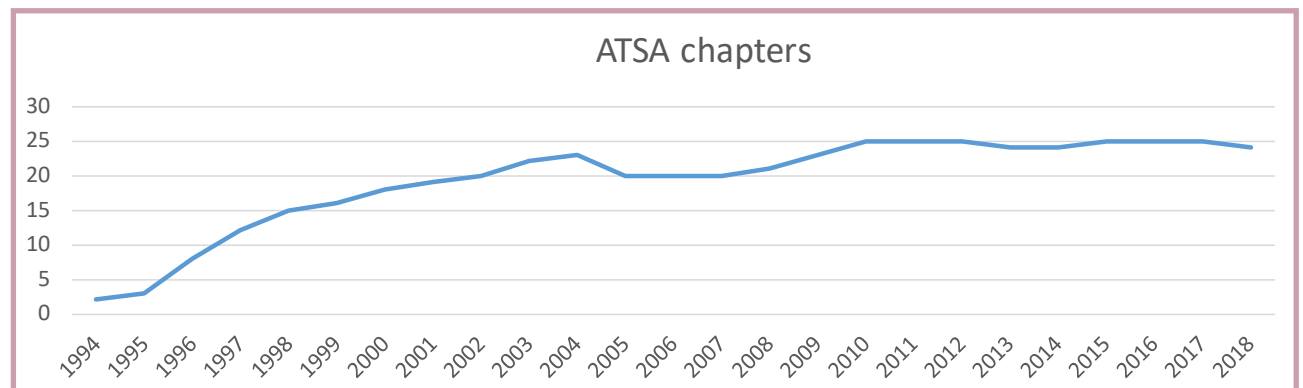


Increased chapter engagement

ATSA's Chapter Engagement and Development Committee chairs and members of the ATSA Office staff attended 10 state chapter conferences during 2018 as part of an outreach initiative to learn more about chapters' needs and local issues. The goal of the initiative, which is continuing through 2019, is to develop strategies to provide more support to chapters.

The ATSA Office also supported this initiative by developing new collateral materials for chapters to display at their conferences. These included postcards, brochures, and updated registration forms. Plans for 2019 call for creating portable displays chapters can use to highlight their events.

25 years of chapter growth



Membership spotlight

New ATSA Fellows

Barry Burkhart, Ph.D.

Megan N. Carter, Psy.D., ABPP

Jackie Craissati, Ph.D.

R. Gregg Dwyer, M.D., Ed.D.

Douglas L. Epperson, Ph.D.

Katherine Gotch, M.A., LPC

Andrew Harris, Ph.D.

Jerry L. Jennings, Ph.D.

Timothy J. Kahn, M.S.W.

Meg S. Kaplan, Ph.D.

Drew A. Kingston, Ph.D.

Richard B. Krueger, M.D.

Douglas Martinez, Ph.D.

Susan McDonald, M.S., LP, LPC

Dennis McNamara, C.S.S., LCSW

William “Chip” Royall, Jr., M.S.W., LCSW

Jack S. Rusinoff, M.A., L.P.

Gwenda Willis, Ph.D., PGDipClinPsych

Lifetime Achievement Award

ATSA is proud to present Dr. **Michael Seto** with ATSA’s 2018 Lifetime Significant Achievement Award.

Dr. Seto’s applied and theoretical contributions directly influence our understanding of the onset of sexual offending, primary prevention and deterrence of sexual offending, persistence in offending, risk assessment, online offenders, and child sexual abuse imagery. His work has directly influenced how we assess and engage in treatment of individuals who have committed sexual offenses, how we work with their families and victims, and how we can best protect our communities.

Dr. Seto encourages critical debate in research, setting an example by his openness to engaging in analysis of his work, and by sharing research through multi-media avenues. He mentors and supports students and promotes growth in researchers’ knowledge of the field. His work has received more than 10,000 citations, and will continue to affect our field for years to come.



**Michael Seto,
Ph.D., C.Psych.**



Membership spotlight

Gail Burns-Smith Award



Joann Schladale, M.S.

Joann Schladale is the founder and executive director of Resources for Resolving Violence, a mental health agency that provides in-home, trauma-informed services. She facilitates trainings for therapists, law enforcement officers, advocates, and others on topics such as intra-familial sex offenders and youth with sexual behavior problems.

For more than 30 years, Joann has been transforming the lives of victims, perpetrators, family members, and professionals with innovative strategies and compassion within the fields of sexual and domestic violence. Her trainings have shaped trauma-informed and restorative approaches and processes, providing empowerment and renewing passion about the work we do.

Poster Awards

Martina Faitakis

for

“Differences in Perpetrators of Intimate Partner Violence who Sexually Assault”

Julia Albrecht

for

“Father-Daughter Incest: Investigating Family Dynamics and Risk Factors in German-Speaking Fathers”

Student Research Awards



**Sarah Paquette,
Ph.D. Candidate**

Graduate Research Award

Sarah Paquette

for

“The Development and Validation of the Cognitions of Internet Sexual Offending (C-ISO) Scale”



**Rebecca
Dillard, M.S.W.**

Pre-Doctoral Research Grant

Rebecca Dillard

for

“Maltreatment, Emotional Responses to Abuse, and Trauma Among Adolescents Engaging in Sexual or Non-Sexual Delinquency”

Conference highlights

1,151 participants attended the 37th Annual Research and Treatment Conference in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, from

16 countries

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733 attendees used the ATSA Events mobile app

Conference highlights



Conference Co-Chairs Robin Wilson, Ph.D., ABPP, and Carmen Zabarauckas, Ph.D., worked with the ATSA Board and ATSA Office to put together the 37th Annual Research and Treatment Conference in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.



Above: Bang The Drum welcomes attendees at the opening ceremony.

Below: Conference volunteers at the registration desk.



Right: Plenary Session Speaker Elder Gerald Oleman and ATSA President Franca Cortoni, Ph.D., C.Psych.

325 Speakers



8 Student data blitz presentations

Julia Albrecht * Abigail Eck * Anna Kate Edgemon
Jess Lomas * Natasha Maltais * Luke Vinter
Soracha O'Rourke * Alexandra Zidenburg

Conference highlights



Above: Members of ATSA's Netherlands Chapter.

27 Preconference seminars

99 Concurrent sessions

4 Plenary sessions



Above: The unofficial ATSA band, Audiophilia.

Below: The 2018 ATSA Board of Directors.



Below left: One of the lunch events.

Below right: A morning snack table.



Conference highlights



Above: The hosts of the 2019 ATSA conference, **Bob McGrath, M.A.**, and **Jacquie Page, Psy.D.**

Below: The ATSA Bookstore.



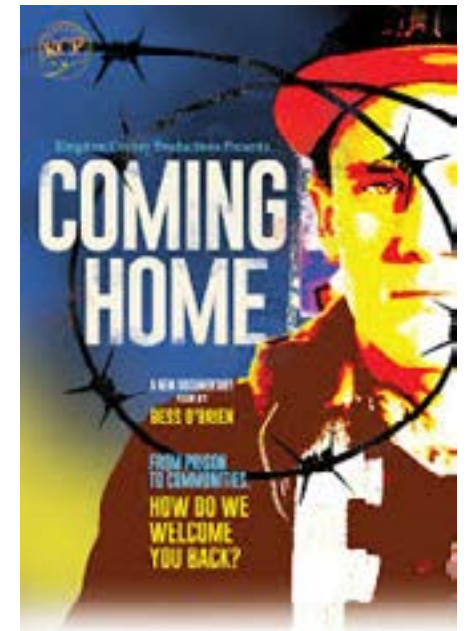
Left: Former ATSA presidents **Elizabeth Letourneau, Ph.D.**, and **Michael Miner, Ph.D., LP.**

40 Poster presentations



Above: Poster presentations.

1 Movie screening



Publications report

The ATSA Journal: *Sexual Abuse*



Michael Seto, Ph.D.
Editor-in-Chief

Managing Editor:
Maia Christopher

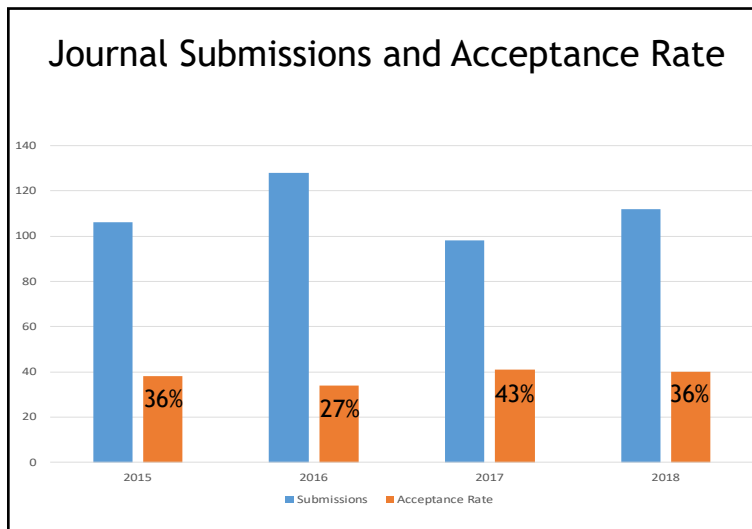
Associate Editors:
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Eric Beauregard
Franca Cortoni
Theresa Gannon
Andrew Harris
Elizabeth Jeglic
Kieran McCartan
Jill Stinson
James Worling



The impact factor, a measure of how often the average article in a journal has been cited in a year, rose from 2.926 in 2017 to 3.444 in 2018.

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Countries from which submissions originated.



The ATSA Newsletter: *The Forum*



Heather Moulden, Ph.D.
Editor

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Articles submitted for publication as featured articles.

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Countries from which submissions originated – Australia, Canada, Netherlands, and the United States.

1,090

Average number of readers per issue.

Online communications report

The ATSA Blog: *Sexual Abuse*



Kieran McCartan, Ph.D.
Chief Blogger

Associate bloggers:
Jon Brandt, David Prescott

Co-bloggers:
Alissa Ackerman



ATSA significantly increased its presence on Twitter during 2018. The number of Twitter followers rose from 1,512 at the end of 2017 to 1,884 at the end of 2018, an increase of approximately 20 percent. ATSA issued 141 tweets, which generated 1,073 likes, comments, and retweets.



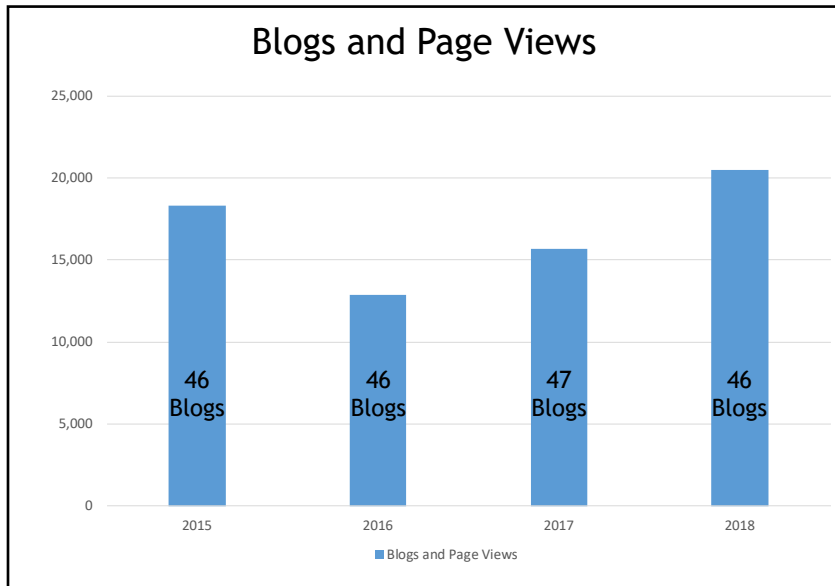
Increased media engagement

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ATSA increased its media relations activities to track coverage of news related to the work of ATSA, increase awareness of ATSA as a resource, highlight the work of its members, and improve the effectiveness of outreach efforts. Activities included developing and issuing statements to the media on key issues, finding subject matter experts to respond to media requests, submitting opinion pieces, and proactively reaching out to local media during the 37th Annual Research and Treatment Conference in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

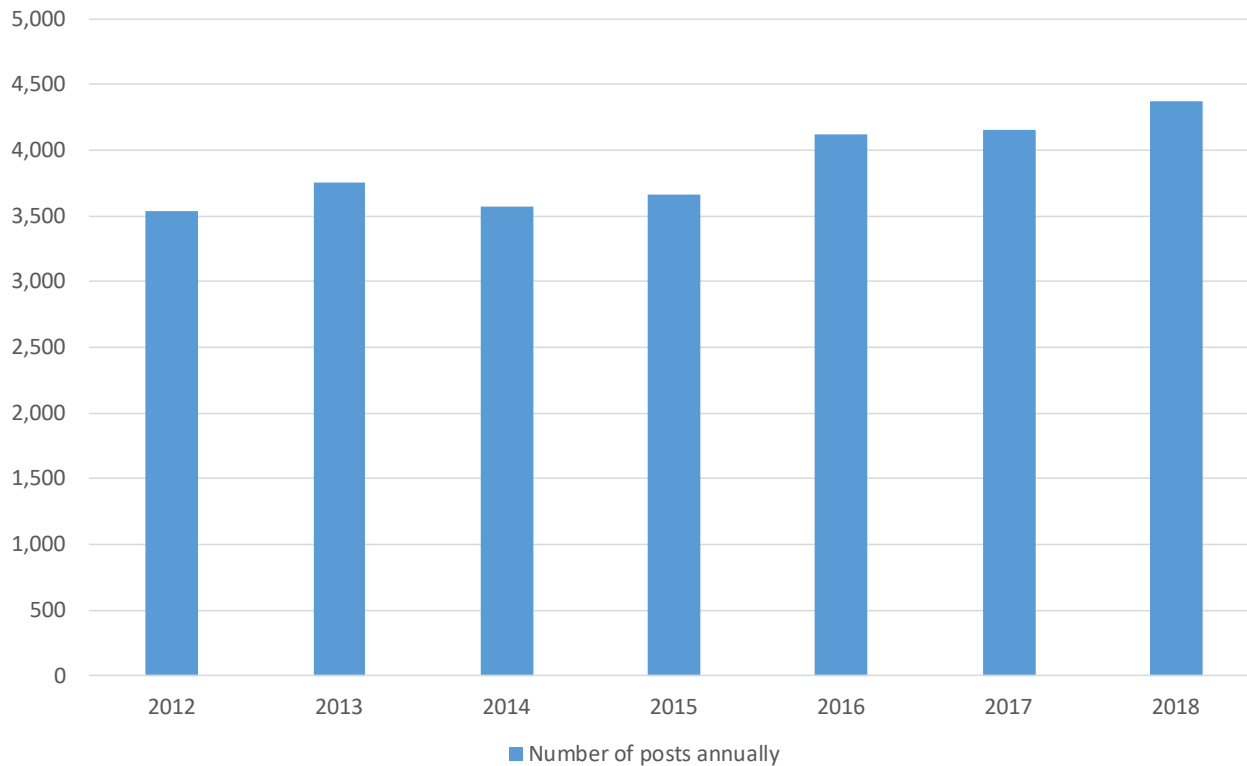


The ATSA journal, newsletter, and blog are always interested in your submissions, articles, and ideas. We invite you to share your research, knowledge, and interests with others through these print and online publications.



ATSA activities

Number of messages posted to the ATSA member listserv



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100 Committee members

Approximately 100 members of ATSA participated on standing committees and workgroups during 2018.

1,000 Legislative bills

ATSA tracked approximately 1,000 bills introduced in U.S. state legislatures during 2018. Topics included additional residential restrictions on sexual offenders, changes to registration laws, licensure requirements for treatment providers, designations of new sexual offenses, and other issues related to sexual offending. Of these, 130 were enacted into law.

4,861 Service referrals

ATSA responded to 4,861 requests by phone, email, and the ATSA website for referrals to service providers. Referral requests came from government agencies, nonprofit and advocacy groups, attorneys, treatment providers, and individuals.

ATSA activities

2 Position statements

ATSA issued a position statement to the Pennsylvania General Assembly House of Representatives Judicial Committee regarding House Bill 2507, which prohibited registered sex offenders from living within 5,000 feet from any school. The statement provided information as to why such a law would be ineffective and harmful. It was jointly signed by ATSA Executive Director Maia Christopher, ATSA Board of Directors Member and Pittsburgh Action Against Rape Executive Director Alison Hall, and ATSA Mid-Atlantic Region Chapter President Stacey Huffman. The bill did not pass.

ATSA provided written guidance to the U.S. Army on recommended approaches for maintaining contact between a member of the military incarcerated for sexual abuse and his or her children. The recommendations moved the Army from a blanket no-contact policy to one based on each individual's identified risk and needs, and the children's situations.



Outreach and partnerships

ATSA Executive Director Maia Christopher continued to promote the association's work through presentations, trainings, partnerships, and other initiatives.

Ms. Christopher served as keynote speaker at the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abuse; presented the keynote speech and conducted a workshop at the 4th Annual Sexual Violence, Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Conference hosted by the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault; spoke at the National Sexual Assault Conference at Portland State University; and was a round table participant and consultant for the National Organization of Asians and Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence.

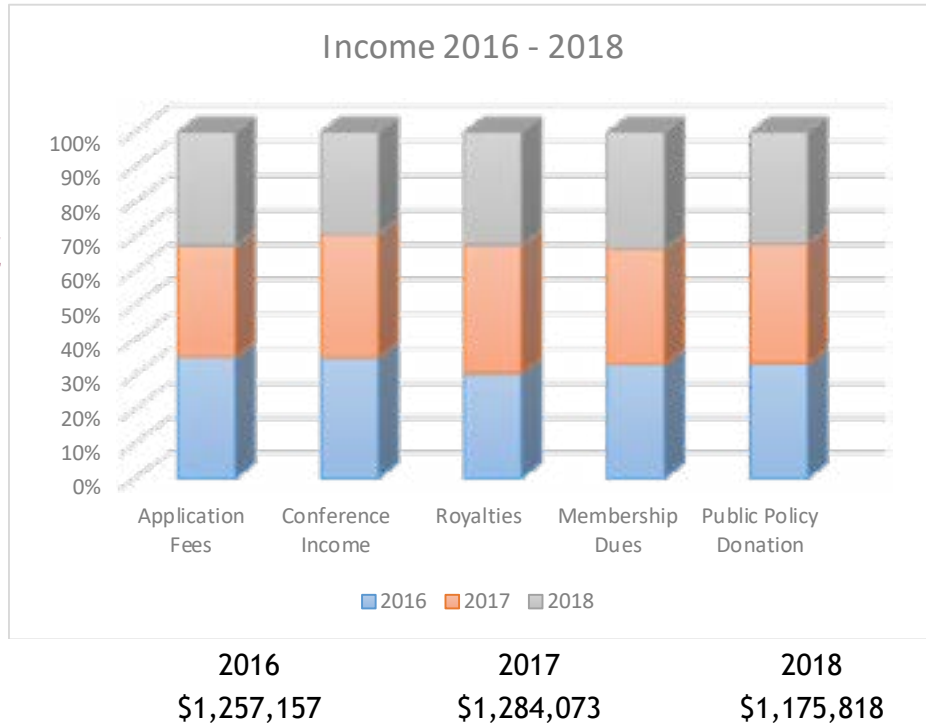
She also served as a grant reviewer for the RALIANCE Ending Sexual Violence in One Generation initiative, and as a quality control reviewer for the Global Institute of Forensic Research's productions of ATSA's Master Class training videos.

1 Amicus brief

ATSA participated in an amicus brief for the State of Ohio v Ronald Amos in support of Ronald Amos. The issues under consideration were whether, once a juvenile court makes an appropriate sex offender classification, the court has permanent jurisdiction to review the classification, and whether the court had failed to follow legal procedural requirements, thus violating a child's right to due process. ATSA was joined in the amicus brief by six other organizations and individuals. The case currently is before the Ohio Supreme Court.

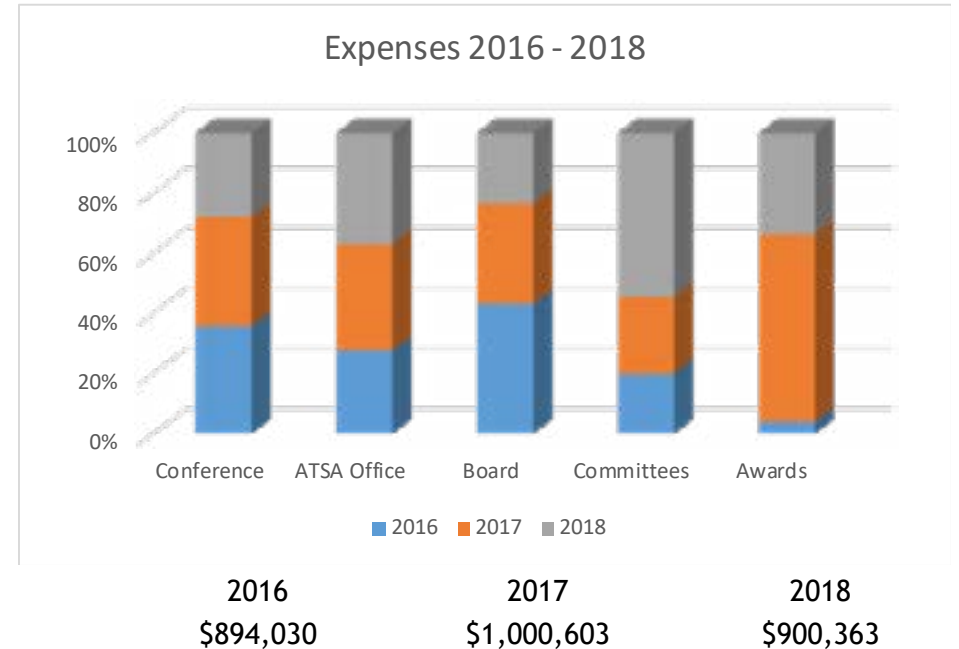
Financial report

ATSA Annual Revenues



Overall, ATSA's revenues remain strong and relatively stable from year to year, with a slight dip during 2018. ATSA continues to look at options for expanding revenue sources.

ATSA Annual Expenses



ATSA's year-to-year expenses remain consistent, with the bulk of the association's costs going to support the annual conference, pay for ATSA Office operating expenses, and support Board of Directors and standing committee activities.

2018 ATSA Board of Directors

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Awards

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Pittsburgh Action Against Rape
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Executive Director

**Ex-Officio Member
Maia Christopher**
Beaverton, Oregon, USA

ATSA Office

The ATSA Office staff continued to work diligently throughout 2018 to serve ATSA's members, support the chapters, promote association activities and goals, and host another well-attended and critically

acclaimed international conference. We thank the ATSA Office staff for their many contributions to ATSA's success throughout the year and look forward to a productive 2019.

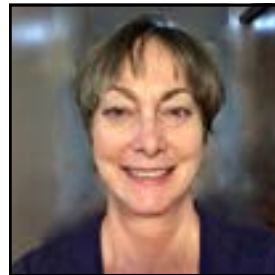
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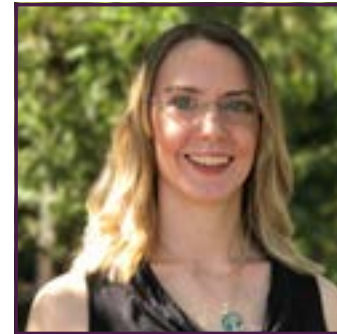
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Executive Assistant



Kelly McGrath
Associate Director and
Conference Administrator



Ann Snyder
Public Affairs
Coordinator



Sarah Gorter
Membership Coordinator



Ann Nangle
Office Assistant and
Receptionist

**To learn more about ATSA and meet the leading researchers and practitioners
in the world who are working to end sexual violence,
join us at our upcoming annual international conferences:**

**38th Annual Research and Treatment Conference
November 6-9, 2019
Atlanta, Georgia, USA**

**39th Annual Research and Treatment Conference
October 21-24, 2020**

**40th Annual Research and Treatment Conference
September 29 - October 2, 2021**

**41st Annual Research and Treatment Conference
October 26-29, 2022**



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