

# “UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM” General Meeting Minutes (with Guest Speaker)

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 29

## Overview:

- Team updates will be discussed at our next general meeting on 5/14/2024
- Procedure for the meeting protocol with guest speakers and for asking questions
- Information about tonight’s “Meet our Distinguished Board Members and Executive Board Members” and introduction
- Group discussion

## Notes:

1. 4/2/2024 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#).
2. Introduction and welcome to our Distinguished Board Members.
  - [Dr. Stephanie Jerstad](#) is a professor of Criminology at Millersville University in PA. Dr. Jerstad’s research focuses on corrections, barriers to re-entry, collateral consequences, and housing instability (i.e., homelessness, access to long-term care facilities). Specifically, her research concentrates on macro- and micro-level policies with an emphasis on sexual offense policies. Stephanie’s Ph.D. [dissertation research](#) at Southern Illinois University focused on the willingness of long-term care facilities to accept persons convicted of sexual offending into their care as residents.
  - Dwayne Daughtry is the Executive Director of [NCRSOL](#), leveraging his academic background and advocacy skills to make significant contributions in the field of criminal justice system reforms, with a specialization in post-conviction sexual offense policies. Dwayne has actively served as a legislative liaison, advocating for various causes, including LGBT rights, veterans’ exposure to burn pits during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, and the ethical treatment of animals. Alongside his role as a government affairs consultant and advisor to the senatorial judicial committee in the United States Congress, Dwayne also serves as a dedicated Veterans Service Officer (VSO) within the Department of Veterans Affairs.
  - [Bonnie Burkhardt](#) is the author and publisher of the books “[Manufacturing Criminals: Fourth Amendment Decay in the Electronic Age](#)” and “[Manufacturing Criminals 2nd Edition: Wiretapping and Planting Evidence](#)”. Bonnie is a software engineer and president of her company, Blue Ridge Software Consulting. She has a top-secret security clearance and over 35 years of experience intercepting and analyzing signals for the Department of Defense. In addition to writing software, she has worked as a network protocol engineer, system administrator, and intelligence analyst. Bonnie has served as and is available as an expert witness.

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3. Each Distinguished Board Member spoke about their backgrounds and current activities and projects in their respective professional fields. Each member discussed their expertise in the realm of advocacy and explained their specific areas of knowledge and interest. They each shared why they accepted the position on the board and provided insights into their guidance and their commitment to our cause. They explained their vision for the future of our organization, offering perspectives on where they envision the group is heading and how their contributions will facilitate this journey. Group question and answer session and discussion followed.
4. Shawn L. introduced each of the Executive Board Members and thanked all board members for their advocacy work and dedication to UV4SOR.

9:06 p.m. Adjourn Meeting.

Next Meeting Date is Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 7:30 p.m. EST with the Plate, Ladder, and Circle workshop presentation by Pamela Desin.

Next General Meeting Date is Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 7:30 p.m. EST.