

Email from Dave Bruns to Nick Connor, 6/10/2014  
Subject: Re: Correspondence with ASIJ Board

Hi Nick,

Thanks for the help. The letter from J.B. Handley which I found on the internet yesterday and attach for you may be the reason the Board finally went for an investigation. No literate person on the Board could receive it and not be compelled to take action. My thought on yesterday's letter is that the Board sent it because they had to, but they're not doing any more (such as helping Japanese victims) than they're forced to.

As for the Japanese victims, they will be ignored by the Board as long as the Board thinks it can get away with it. It would be too much bother, too much bad publicity and too much increased risk for lawsuits for them to accept any responsibility. Think about the Japanese girl now in her late 20's or 30's who was victimized as a pre-teen or teen by the highly esteemed "professor", Moyer sensei. There would be too much unbearable shame to tell her husband or her parents. She imagines the abuse was her fault. She imagines that she is the only person in this situation. She hurts but has never thought of seeing a counselor. She will bear this suffering silently the rest of her life and it will adversely affect her relationships with others (to put it mildly). Her marriage may fail because of it. She may eventually commit suicide. She will never dream of going public or complaining to ASIJ. She may never have heard of ASIJ and wouldn't recognize its complicity in her suffering. The board knows this last fact, speculates on it, and is most comfortable to leave the victim in her hopeless situation because it is the easy way out and because they lack any moral compass to do otherwise. They fail to see the humanity of this girl so they have no empathy for her and simply have "no comment". The Board Chair hides behind the convenient excuse of waiting until the investigation is over, probably knowing full well that the Japanese victims are not even part of the investigators' scope of work and hoping they will be forgotten. It may never cross Stephanie Toppino's mind that waiting six months to take action means prolonging the suffering of all the unreached victims by at least another six months before they can be offered counseling. If it does cross her mind, it has only secondary or tertiary importance to her.

That's my take. It's speculation but must contain a great deal of truth. You can share this with others if you wish.

This brings another issue to mind. The ASIJ Board needs to be requested to add the following to the investigative team's scope of work. Get the help of the Metropolitan Police to try and match suicides by young Japanese women in the last 20-25 years with girls who were in contact with Moyer on his education programs and were potentially molested. Investigate whether Moyer was named in suicide notes or verbally to confidants before the suicides. This is a relevant part of the consequences of the school's failure to stop this known serial pedophile abuser's contacts with children.

Let me ask you a question in turn. Why hasn't the Board fired Ed Ladd yet, considering all the correspondence is publicly available showing his complicity in the cover-up?

Best regards,  
David