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ASIJ Board of Directors
(open letter)
Attn.: Chair Stephanie Toppino
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Dear Ms. Toppino:

The ASIJ Board must clean its own house. In fact, you must freeze any further board actions on the Moyer pedophile sexual abuse scandal until you have cleaned house. You are handicapped in finding the right way forward with the Moyer scandal because the board is infused with people with conflicts of interest in this case. It is an additional scandal that you allow people who are complicit in willful misconduct in the cover-up and who lack impartiality to participate in the case handling. It is astounding that Edwin Ladd continues as Head of School. Immediate action is needed to replace these people, maybe even yourself as chair.

Here are ten questions I would ask in determining who must leave and who may stay.

- Did you speak up against the Head of School's evasive, mendacious, self-serving reply to my letter to the board from 2011? (My letter provided a link to Janet Calcote Simmons' blog containing Moyer's admissions of guilt and demanded public acknowledgement of responsibility, a thorough investigation and provision of confidential assistance to all possible victims. This was willfully ignored by the present Head of School and by members of the board for more than two years.)
- Did you strive to have the board provide honest answers to my letters to the board and Head of School in 2012 and 2013, answers which I am still awaiting today?
- Did you strenuously object to the claim in the board's March 2014 announcement that the board had just recently become aware of the Moyer scandal?
- Have you struggled to have Edwin Ladd fired but were overruled by the majority?
- Have you fought to have the board be proactive in reaching the many presumed Japanese victims of Jack Moyer, to help them find a road to support and healing? Have you insisted on immediate action on this from the beginning since reaching out to the Japanese victims does not need to wait for the Ropes & Gray investigation and we therefore have no excuse to delay showing compassion for their current continued suffering?
- Have you persisted in striving from early 2014 to have the board adopt a broader mandate to Ropes and Gray so that they could be proactive in contacting people and following up leads (such as Moyer's alleged exposure to the children of the Japanese imperial family) and not be restricted to waiting for people to contact them?
- Have you dissented from the board's inaction in providing Ropes and Gray with copies of my correspondence implicating Edwin Ladd and previous Board Chair Allan O'Bryant in the gross mishandling of this criminal pedophilia case since at least 2011?
- Have you fought to ensure that Ropes and Gray received copies of all relevant documents in the school's possession? (As of August 18, 2014, Ropes and Gray still didn't have copies of my board correspondence or the very crucial and influential mail sent by Janet Calcote Simmons and Michele Connor to the ASIJ community immediately after Moyer's suicide.)

- Have you striven to convince the rest of the board to fully and truthfully answer the 39 questions I posed for the board in my letter to Ropes and Gray of October 20, 2014?
- Have you challenged the board members involved in the willful cover-up to comply with the ASIJ Conflict of Interest Policy No. 2200 and recuse themselves from any involvement in the case?

Only when you have purged the board of all members who are complicit in the cover-up and lack impartiality can you carry on with this case. That means everyone who has something to lose when the full truth gets out. You don't need the Ropes and Gray report to clean house or to appoint an interim Head of School. One of the new board's first orders of business must be to revisit all decisions made pertaining to the case while the purged members were present to determine which may have been tainted by their partiality.

Another very important order of business for the new board is to ensure that we learn the lesson from the school's failure in 1984 to warn other schools and the public about Moyer when he departed from ASIJ. People who have been complicit in covering up child rape and other pedophile criminal activities and in delaying getting help to victims have no business in education. They lack integrity and a true heart for children. They must not be allowed to leave the board or school administration in good standing. If the board finds my facts to be correct, Edwin Ladd is willfully negligent and must be fired for just cause. If he had had sufficient integrity, he could have resigned at any time in protest at the board's unethical and reprehensible behavior but he did not. No more cover-ups!

My question about Ropes & Gray's mandate is based on my personal experience. I decided at first to wait until they were ready to contact me. That did not happen. When I reached them in August, I received the distinct impression of a second-rate, unprofessional investigation led by people who had significant gaps in their knowledge about the case and didn't read my correspondence before the interview. Only when I reacted to this did I get to speak to a knowledgeable person who could ask probing questions. This experience caused grave doubts about the appropriateness of the scope of the R&G mandate from the board and the choice of the firm to carry it out.

If you lack access to any of the referenced documents, they may be found at the Class of 1968's website: www.asij1968.com/moyer

Please make public the original Ropes & Gray mandate and the current version today. Please also make public the board's answers to the questions in the mail referenced in the ninth question on the list above. Please make public who were serving on the board in February 2012 and late 2012 when the decisions were made to ignore my first two letters.

It is appropriate to repeat the conclusion of my very first letter. "Though much time has passed, there are still victims suffering from pain, guilt and anger, some of whom may not know that they are not alone in this. Sexual abuse has life-long consequences. ASIJ has a solemn duty to offer confidential assistance to all possible victims, and to help as many people and other schools as possible to learn from the lessons that the school learns through this process."

Do what is right. Exhibit integrity. It is past time for the ASIJ Board to do the right thing.

Yours sincerely,

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ASIJ Class of 1968