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KAASP Presidential Message

Dear KAASP Members,

As we approach the close of another school year, I wanted to thank you all for the support you have shown for your regional association throughout the year. It has been my pleasure to serve as the KAASP President. This position has been made easier by the hard work and dedication of the Executive Board. I am very grateful to this group of volunteers. They have given unselfishly of their own time to support and promote school psychology, locally. This has been a productive year for KAASP, and we have seen our attendance numbers for presentations rise to some of the largest audiences we've gathered in recent years. As an Executive Board, it continues to be our goal to seek out topics and presenters of interest to you, and to continue to offer presentations at affordable costs to members. In the coming year, we hope to provide you even greater incentives and benefits for KAASP membership and for participation at meetings and presentations.

The Kent/Akron region, covering the counties of Summit, Portage, Medina, Wayne, Stark, Mahoning, and Columbiana has been well-represented this year in state activities through the active participation of our two OSPA representatives. On a related note, we have established a goal for the coming year of increasing our membership, particularly for dual members of both KAASP and OSPA. This is an important goal, as dual membership numbers are used to determine the number of voting OSPA representatives that we will have for our region in the coming years. In an effort to address our membership needs, I am proposing the addition of a "Membership Chairperson" to our Executive Board. The member elected to this position will be responsible for coordinating membership outreach activities and membership incentive programs for individual school psychologists, regional districts, ESCs and university programs, and reporting progress back to the Executive Board. In order to add this position to our Executive Board, a 2/3 affirmative vote of KAASP membership is required. KAASP members who are eligible to vote (full members) will receive a separate email with voting information and instructions to complete this action. ***Please be watching your inbox for an upcoming KAASP message about the addition of the new Membership Chairperson position – your vote will be needed to make this a reality!***

Again, thank you for your support of and participation in KAASP this year. We're looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming presentations in April and August!

Stacey Ambrose

OSPA Recycling Book Drive!

This year one of our goals as a regional organization has been to work more closely with our state association, OSPA. We would like to join forces in getting books into the hands of kids who need them by participating in the OSPA Recycling Book Drive. KAASP will be collecting used books at our regional meeting on April 15th at the Akron Public Library – Main Branch. KAASP will then be transporting the books to the Spring OSPA Conference where they will be collected and donated to the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital. Our hope is to reinforce reading skills at home by providing books to children in need. All age ranges of books (including preschool) are needed. **If you bring two children's books to the April 15th meeting, the presentation will be free!** (KAASP members and guests pay \$8 if lunch is desired.) We welcome your support and hope to see our members, books in hand, at our April 15th KAASP meeting ☺. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this activity to **Kelly Kowalski, OSPA Regional Representative for KAASP at kkowalsk@akron.k12.oh.us**

SAVE THE DATE!

KAASP'S FIRST PRESENTATION FOR 2010-2011

Overview of the Wechsler
Individual Achievement Test -
Third Edition (WIAT-III)

Presented by: Gloria Maccow,
Ph.D., Pearson / PsychCorp

Tuesday, August 24, 2010
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

St. George Fellowship Centre,
3204 Ridgewood Rd., Akron

In addition to a full-day presentation and handouts/materials, participant fees will include a continental breakfast, lunch with dessert, afternoon snack, beverages, and ticket for a drawing to win a free WIAT-III assessment kit, valued at more than \$600. The cost for KAASP members will be \$30 and for non-members will be \$50.

Advanced early-bird registrants will receive an entry for a drawing for a second WIAT-III kit. A third WIAT-III kit will also be given away on the date of the presentation - stay tuned for details to get as many entries as you can! Be on the lookout for your registration materials, which we expect to release before the end of May 2010.



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OSPA Update by Aimee Kirsch, OSPA Representative

OSPA has been a very busy this year! At our most recent Executive Board Meeting the Regional Presidents were invited to attend and hear from other regions about ways to increase membership and possible presentation ideas and topics. It was a very productive day and a nice way to bring the regions and our state organization together.

If you have not done so already, make sure you register for the **OSPA Spring Conference** at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Cleveland, Ohio, April 22-23. The Conference is featuring Jim Wright, Intervention Central, "Innovative Response to Intervention Practices: Planning to Implementation." It should be a wonderful conference. I can't wait to see all of you there!

Attention all Student Members of OSPA!!!! Did you know that at the OSPA Spring Conference 2006, the OSPA Executive Board made a motion to create an OSPA Scholarship to recognize an Ohio School Psychology student? The Executive Board worked very hard and to date has awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to students who attend Toledo University and Miami University. You could be the next award recipient. Please look over the eligibility and operational details. If you have any questions, please contact, Valorie Wolcott Mendelson, Chair OSPA Scholarship Committee. Application deadline is June 1st.

Eligibility and Operational Details

1. The OSPA Scholarship will be based primarily on financial need. Recipients will be encouraged to remain in Ohio following licensure.
2. The Scholarship is open to any full-time student who during the application process is enrolled in the second semester of their first year of programming at a NASP approved Ohio university training program.
3. There will be one \$1,000 scholarship awarded each year. It will be a one-time award given at the beginning of the second year of study.
4. The Criteria and weighting for the Scholarship will be:
 - a. Financial need -40%
 - b. Academic and Professional Competence -30%
 - c. Leadership and Service -15%
 - d. Professional Commitment and Aspirations -15%

The application process will require proof of academic excellence (min. GPA: 3.0), a resume or curriculum vitae; financial documents, letters of recommendation and a student essay demonstrating competence in written communication, articulation of goals and commitment, and unique qualities portending of noteworthy contribution to the profession.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - KAASP Executive Board Positions

Nominate yourself or nominate another school psychologist!

President-Elect

Duties: Is a member of OSPA; Performs duties in the absence of, or at the request of the President; Solicits and coordinates programming ideas from KAASP Executive Board members and once identified, contacts the presenters for each program; Coordinates meeting dates and times and reserves meeting rooms/locations; Introduces the presenter at each meeting; Sends thank you correspondence following meetings; applies for MCE credits and arranges payment for MCEs with Treasurer on annual basis; Encouraged to attend OSPA Spring Conference, in order to attend the Presidents-Elect Breakfast. Following the President-Elect year, the member will serve one year as President and one year as Past President.

Secretary

Duties: Is a member of OSPA; Records and distributes the minutes of KAASP Executive Board meetings; Generates and distributes mailings for KAASP presentations; Maintains membership records, membership database, and meeting registration records; Conducts official KAASP correspondence; Assists Past President with newsletter distribution. The Secretary serves a two-year term.

Membership Chairperson

Duties: Is a member of OSPA; Coordinates membership outreach activities and membership incentive programs for individual school psychologists, regional districts, ESCs and university programs, and reports progress back to the Executive Board. The Membership Chairperson serves a two-year term.

Submit nominations to Stacey Ambrose, KAASP President

Email to: sambrose@akron.k12.oh.us

Nomination deadline is Friday, April 2, 2010

Nominations for Ohio School Psychologist of the Year

The purpose of this award is to honor current excellence in service delivery. Therefore, at least seventy-five percent of a candidate's time must be spent providing school psychological services to students, teachers, and parents, typically in a school setting. The candidate for this award must be a member of OSPA.

Nominations for the Ohio School Psychologist of the Year award must be submitted to regional associations prior to submission to OSPA. If you would like to submit a candidate for nomination, all materials are due to Stacey Ambrose, KAASP President, by 6/1/2010. Please send an email to sambrose@akron.k12.oh.us or call 330-760-1300 to make arrangements to submit your materials. The KAASP Executive Board will review and vote on all nomination packets received by the June 1, 2010. No more than one candidate from each region may be submitted to OSPA as the regional nominee for Ohio School Psychologist of the Year. Nomination forms and details can be found on the OSPA website at: http://ospaonline.org/members_only/nomform.htm



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"Building Bridges for the Future"

OSPA Annual Spring Conference April 22-23, 2010

Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland Downtown

**Innovative Response to Intervention Practices: Planning to Implementation
Featuring: Jim Wright, Intervention Central**

Special Guest Speaker: Patti Harrison, NASP President

Thursday, April 22, 8:30 Keynote:

"School Psychologists: Promoting Competence, Capacity,
and Opportunities for Children, Families, and Schools"

Ethics Workshop

Kathy McNamara

Thursday, April 22nd, 6pm-9pm

2009-2010 KAASP Executive Board Members

We hope our members are pleased with KAASP activities during the 2009-2010 school year. If you have any comments / concerns about your organization, please feel free to contact one of the members.

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Upcoming State and National Conferences:



NASP Summer 2010 Conferences:

July 12-14: Denver, CO

July 26-28, Nashville, TN

Improving Student Outcomes: Advanced Skills
and Critical Knowledge for School
Psychologists

OSPA Annual 2010 Fall Conference

November 4-5, 2010

The Columbus Renaissance Hotel
Details TBA

NASP 2011 Convention

February 22-26, 2011

Hilton San Francisco
San Francisco, CA

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Please consider making your dues go farther and keeping more trees upright by opting to receive future KAASP mailings electronically. If you do not want your KAASP communications emailed to you, please contact Stacey

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