

OSPA Update



Members of the OSPA Executive Board met for the annual planning conference on 8/12/11, in Gahanna Ohio.

KAASP's very own Aimee Kirsch took the helm as the new OSPA president for the coming year. Aimee has established two new committees to support key items of her presidential agenda. These include the formation of a *Corporate Outreach Taskforce*, charged with reaching out to various corporate entities to garner support for OSPA; and formation of an *Early Career Taskforce*, charged with supporting the needs of newly minted school psychologists who are trying to find their niche in the world of school psychology.

Catherine Csanyi, OEC Consultant from the Ohio Department of Education, discussed ODE's efforts to restructure. OEC is also heightening efforts for compliance enforcement through reviewing ETRs with specific attention to data that clarifies why a student is being evaluated in the first place. OEC recommends all practitioners increase the amount of this data, particularly for the identification of SLD, when ETRs are authored. Dovetailing on the OEC update, OSPA's Director of Legislative Services, Ann Brennen, described considerable efforts at the state level to revise the funding formula for special education services, for which she continues to solicit input from OSPA members through the OSPA listserv.

Pay raises were approved for OSPA's two full-time staff members, including the Business Manager and Director of Legislative Services and Professional Relations, in recognition of their continued outstanding work performance to the OSPA membership. The Technology Committee also received an increase in funding towards launching the forthcoming substantial revision of the OSPA website.

- Erich Merkle, Kelly Kowalski, and Kathryn Rodocker
OSPA Representatives

2011 School Psychology Awareness Week

Focus: Helping students strengthen positive relationships and increase positive connections.

Members can promote School Psychology any time of the year with these materials!



This year's theme was, "Every link matters. Make a connection." helps our students and school focus on creating positive connections within the school community, their academics, and their lives. The program involves a series of resources and activities that school psychologists can use to reach out to school staff, students, and parents to help students feel connected, supported, and ready to achieve their individual goals.

For more info, visit the NASP Awareness page, at:
<http://www.nasponline.org/communications/spaw/2011/>

KAASP to launch local Public Relations and Community Service Efforts

In an effort to provide increased support of OSPA committee efforts locally, KAASP will pilot a committee to address public relations and community service efforts within the Kent/Akron region. In the coming years, KAASP members can expect to see increased attention focused towards community outreach projects in order



Intervention and Progress Monitoring Resources

National Center on Response to Intervention

<http://www.rti4success.org/>

Institute of Education Sciences: What Works Clearinghouse

<http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/>

Florida Center for Reading Research

<http://www.fcrr.org/>

<http://www.fcrr.org/fcrrreports/creportscs.aspx?rep=supp> (Summary table for FCRR reports)

National Center on Student Progress Monitoring

<http://www.studentprogress.org>

Khan Academy <http://www.khanacademy.org/>

The Khan Academy is a non-profit educational organization with a mission of providing education anywhere in the world and to anyone. This site provides more than 2,700 free online video tutorials and micro lectures teaching skills/concepts in the areas of mathematics, history, finance, chemistry, physics, biology astronomy & economics. Access the website, click "watch a video" and be amazed!

**Have an intervention resource to share with KAASP members?
Email it to Cindy Thompson: kecthompson@kentschools.net**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS! ***Due January 30, 2012***

Each Spring OSPA recognizes excellence in the field of school psychology by conferring several awards: the Clyde V. Bartlett Distinguished Service Award, the R.A. Horn Honorary Life Membership Award, and the Pete Gross Best Practices Award. NOW is the time to start thinking about nominations for persons you feel are deserving of recognition by their profession and peers.

Clyde V. Bartlett Distinguished Service Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize an Ohio school psychologist for outstanding service or achievement in the profession.

Pete Gross Best Practices Award

The purpose of the Best Practices Award is to recognize school psychology programs that demonstrate exemplary professional practices and to provide specific information to other school psychologists. Practices in areas such as technical skills, direct service to students, indirect services to students, and personal effort are considered.

R.A. Horn Honorary Life Membership

The purpose of the award is to honor:

- * A retiring member or non-member who has performed an outstanding service to school psychology and has an abiding interest in the profession
- * An individual who has contributed significantly to the field of school psychology.

The nomination should include a letter describing the service and contributions of the person nominated.

Complete details and nomination forms for all awards can be accessed through the OSPA website at

<http://ospaonline.org/index.htm>

If you have questions, require assistance in accessing nomination forms, or wish to nominate a colleague, please contact any KAASP Executive Board member today!

You can also email the awards committee at: ospaawards@yahoo.com



Treasurer's Report 9/30/2011
 Current Balance: **\$9558.02**

Strong fiscal management has allowed KAASP to build a healthy financial base, and members will reap the rewards!

KAASP wants to shine a spotlight on outstanding members and districts within our own region! Would you like to see a colleague or your district featured in a future issue of *The Repsychler*? Do you have an outstanding practice or program you want to share with others? Submit the information to any Executive Board Member, or consider submitting a nomination for one of the many awards featured on [page 3](#) of this issue!

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Upcoming School Psychology Events



**2012 NASP
 Annual Convention
 February 21-24, 2012
 Philadelphia PA**

Renew Your Passion for School Psychology at This Year's Convention!

Join NASP in historic Philadelphia for the 2012 Annual Convention where you'll hear cutting edge research on improving children's emotional well-being. The convention offers a unique opportunity to connect with your peers, profession experts, and school psychology legends. You'll get in-depth, in person training and practical, field-tested strategies. Top-notch content paired with cost-conscious options make this year's convention one you won't want to miss!

**34th Conference of the
 International School Psychology Association
 Montreal, Canada
 July 9- 13th, 2012**

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. George Sugai, U.S.A.;
 Positive Behaviour Support, Systems Change,
 Emotional and Behavioural Disorders

Dr. Marta Bogdanowicz,
 Poland; Learning Disabilities, Child Development,
 and Policy

Dr. Roger Azevedo, Canada;
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