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President's Message:

By: Juliana Ramirez, SPCO President

Today marks week 2 for me. I have been at my schools and seen students for two weeks now. I am officially back at work.



Believe it or not, I have accomplished the following already: qualified two students, sent out 49 reevaluation packets, scheduled 4 meetings, received 3 request for testing, suspected a disability on one student, and tested 2 kiddos.

Needless to say, I've been feeling rather productive lately. I came back to my schools and it was as if no time had passed. I slipped right back into the routine of things and felt like I was picking up right where

I left off. It's been actually kind of fun.

These weeks I have been busy writing lists, and then crossing things off of them. I obviously bought a brand new planner, and realized that life is pretty good...except, for not having a brand new WJ-IV Test Kit (insert frown face here). I've seen some other school psychs I follow on Facebook and Instagram show off their new testing kits.

These psychs are all smiley with their new shiny tests kits ready to load into their car trunks. I just "ooh" and "ahh" as I see these pics on my newsfeed, because I really can't wait to have another test bag to carry on my shoulder (really, that's not a joke-- I want a new WJ).

In all seriousness, I'm happy they re-normed the WJ and have faith that I too will soon be able to live through the first major renorming in my career! But, even though I don't have a new test kit, I do find some comfort in knowing that SPCO is working extra hard to make sure members like me are able to get trained and learn about the updated changes of the WJ. That way,

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President's Message Continued:

By: Juliana Ramirez

when my district is able to get new kits, I will be ready!!

In case you haven't heard, SPCO will be offering a WJ-IV training on **September 26th**. Woo Hoo!! Fortunately this training is available to all psychs!!! So yes, people, SPCO is also hitting the ground running! Please make sure you add this event to your calendar and please attend. We will be having an all day, two part training on the 26th. The morning session we will host certified School Psychologist Joe Claeys, from Riverside Publishing.

Joe has experience working with children in many different settings. Joe is very familiar with the *Woodcock-Johnson*® III and now the Fourth edition. He uses the WJ as his primary assessment tool and uses CHC theory to guide interpretation. You can expect be familiarized with the new WJ after his training.

In the afternoon, SPCO members are welcome to attend our Ethics workshop. Don't let this ethics requirement sneak up on you. Our afternoon speaker will be Jim Chapple, and he will cover Hot Topics Facing School Psychologists; The

New ODE revised Operating Standards and Best Practices to Avoid Compliances Pitfalls.

Look out for our brochure and information on our Facebook page as well as our regional website. Please renew your membership and get a discounted rate as well!

So now that we are all back refreshed and renewed, let's not forget to sign up and continued with our Professional Development.

-Juliana Ramirez



Each year, SPCO honors two outstanding professionals with both the Best Practices Award and the Huelsman Award. These awards are given to individuals who have gone above and beyond to impact the field of school psychology.

Please consider nominating a colleague for these awards. Detailed information about the awards and how to nominate an individual for either award will be sent to in the upcoming months.

Best Practices Award

The purpose of the Best Practices Award is to recognize School Psychologists that demonstrate exemplary professional practices and to provide specific information regarding the best practices to other School Psychologists. Practices such as those in the following areas will be considered: Technical skills: quality child studies, etc.; Direct service to students: assessment, counseling, etc.; Indirect services to students: in-servicing, consultation, support groups, etc.; Personal effort: time management, exceeding professional responsibilities/expectations.

Award Nominations

by: Christiana Rice

Huelsman Award

The Huelsman Award is given in honor and memory of a dedicated individual, Dr. Huelsman, who made major and important changes in the area of School Psychology which have made a beneficial impact on the children of Ohio. For example, he was instrumental in getting the Ohio legislature to approve a paid internship for School Psychologists. He also made many other contributions to the field of reading and special education of children.

Stay updated on all SPCO news
Don't forget to follow @SPCOhio on
Twitter and Instagram
and **like SPCO** on Facebook!





Buckeye Update! School Psychology News from The Ohio State University

by: Eman Tiba

Fall Semester has kicked off once again for the school psychology students at The Ohio State University!

To start off the semester, the school psychology department will represent The Ohio State University Psychology Career, Internship, and Graduate School Fair. This year the event will take place on September 24th in the Psychology Building on the OSU campus.

November 10-14 will mark the celebration of the annual School Psychology Awareness Week (SPAW) 2014. This year's theme will be "Strive. Grow. THRIVE!"

Several OSU school psychology students will help to advocate for the school psychology profession in conjunction with SPAW 2014. They will be participating in a panel discussion with undergraduate students wanting to learn about School Psychology and the program at

OSU on November 12th in the Psychology Building on the OSU campus.

There are many exciting and new volunteer opportunities and fundraising events coming up for the SASP members this fall!

Students will have the opportunity to volunteer at the Walk Now for Autism Speaks on October 12th at the Huntington Park.

Students will also have the opportunity to reach out to the community by volunteering at different programs this year! Students can volunteer for Moms2b Program anytime in the year to read, sing, and play with children. Students also have the opportunity to volunteer at Mid-Ohio Foodbank during anytime of the year and Habitats for humanity.

Our first fundraiser, the Dessert Potluck for Education will take place on October 11th from 7-

10p.m. at Mission Coffee Company in the Short North.

This event is for family, friends, and colleagues for a fun evening of coffee, community, and dessert to support our organization.

Lastly, to end it all off for this semester, another exciting fundraising opportunity will be the Pie Sale from Der Dutchman Pies beginning in Oct. /Nov. Students will be selling pies to friends, family, and colleagues around the holiday season.

As 2014 comes to an end, the school psychology students at OSU will be hard at work preparing and fundraising for the NASP convention in Florida.

Until next time, please stay tuned for future updates from the Ohio State University school psychology program!



Summer Board Meeting Minutes Review

by: Christiana Rice

The SPCO Board held its summer meeting on June 11. Key points from the meetings are listed below:

- **President's report (Juliana Ramirez):**

Congratulations to the board for putting on two solid presentations and recruiting more members during the 2013-2014 year. Membership for year was 116, the highest in years!

Chrissie Hinshaw, Julie Baker, Abby Keller have all resigned from the board. Charley Eschenbrenner is going to be taking over as Membership Chair for Carla Wisard.

The board will review the restructured budget at the first fall meeting and will vote at that time.

- **OSPA Liaison's report (Patrick Kane):**

OSPA is trying to look at caseload numbers across the state and will have that information available soon. Ratios will be included in new operating standards. SPCO Liason's to OSPA are hoping to have a stronger presence this year within OSPA.

- **OSU School Psychology (Kristen Heering)**

Kristen worked with the board on the awards ceremony. She is now working with Worthington Schools. The new OSU representative is Eman Tiba.

- **Awards (Patrick and Juliana)**

Juliana contacted the cities of Bexley, Dublin and the districts about the call for award nominations. Awards chairs also reached out to the principals/director of psychologists in the 16 districts in Franklin county. This will hopefully now continue every year.

- **SPCO fall conference/workshop (Sue Johnston)**

The board voted on tentative dates for fall and spring conferences and discussed ideas for possible presenters for spring.

- **Legislative (Hollie Malinowski)**

No updates currently.

- **Membership (Carla Wisard – Charley Eschenbrenner)**

Chair wants to create a database or spreadsheet of all members contact information. Charley

should have the most recent email addresses for current members soon.

- **Newsletter (Christiana Rice)**

Not able to attend.

Christiana wants to start using the SPCO Gmail account to send the newsletter. She would also like to add a second person to help with the newsletter.

- **Public Relations (Sara Timms)**

The Professional Seminar/Wine Tasting at Mozart's was attended by about 20 people. Sara is working on putting together the donation basket for the fall OSPA conference as well as looking into ideas for spring networking events.

- **Technology (Chrissie Hinshaw)**

Open position.

SPCO needs to contact OSPA about updating website information.

The next SPCO Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17th at 4:30 pm at the Panera in Clintonville.



School Psychologists of Central Ohio



Updates

If you are interested in participating in events on behalf of SPCO, please contact: **Sara Timms: stimms2576@columbus.k12.oh.us**

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Please send SPCO newsletter updates to:
spcohio@gmail.com

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

- State Support Team 11 School Psychologist Network: Sept. 12, 2014; 9 a.m.-12 p.m. For School Psychologists in the region. Topics are trending, outside speakers or school psychologists will present updates from ODE, as well as, the opportunity to network with other psychologists in the region. The meeting will be held at OCALI, 470 Glenmont Avenue, Columbus, OH 43214. Facilitators: Greg Mathews, Theresa Nixon.
- An Introduction to Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorders and An Introduction to Asperger's Disorder: Two half-day workshops presented by ESCCO on Sept. 15, 2014. The presentations will cover topics such as diagnosis, treatment, and intervention supports for Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorders and Asperger's Disorder. The ADHD presentation runs from 8:30-11:30 and the Asperger's Disorder presentation is from 12:30-3:30. The cost is \$85 per half-day workshop. This workshop will be held at ESCCO, located on 2080 Citygate Drive, Columbus, OH 43219. Register at MyLearningPlan through the ESCCO website. Facilitator: Tom Diebold.
- SPCO Fall Workshops: See attached fliers for more information regarding this workshop.
- OSPA Fall Conference: Save the date for the OSPA Fall Conference on November 6 and 7. The speakers are Donald Gilbert, M.D. (Thursday) and James Coplan M.D. (Friday). Visit the OSPA website for more information: **www.ospaonline.org**
- Riverside Publishing is offering free online webinar training for the new WJ-IV. Visit: **<http://www.riversidepublishing.com/products/wj-iv/training.html>**
- Pearson is offering free online training for the updated WISC-V. Visit: **<http://wiscv.com/#training-tools>**

Call for SPCO Newsletter Updates

Attention SPCO members, please share any updates about professional development opportunities or the wonderful work you are doing in your buildings for the SPCO Newsletter. The newsletter is sent out via email in the fall, winter and spring from the SPCO email account: **spcohio@gmail.com**. If you have any updates from your district or information you would like included in the newsletter, please email the SPCO email account.

Call for SPCO Board Members

SPCO members, there are several open positions on the SPCO board for the upcoming year. Please consider joining the SPCO board. Positions provide a great opportunity to connect with colleagues and to stay in-tuned with current school psychology events or news. If you are interested in joining, please contact: **spcohio@gmail.com** or attend the upcoming board meeting on 9/17/2014 at the Panera in Clintonville.



SPCO Fall Workshop

Woodcock-Johnson – IV & Hot Topics Facing School Psychologists

Where: Xenos Church
1340 Community Park Dr.
Columbus, OH 43229
(I-270 & Cleveland Ave. Intersection)

When: September 26, 2014
8:00 am – 3:30pm

SPCO is hosting a Fall Workshop! School Psychologists of Central Ohio

Morning Session: Joseph Claeys, School Psychologist, National Clinical and Early Childhood Account Executive for Houghtlin Mifflin Harcourt – Riverside, will present on the new **Woodcock-Johnson IV** Tests of Achievement, Tests of Cognitive Abilities, and Tests of Oral Language. This session will provide participants with information on the new editions of these assessments, reliability and validity, administration and scoring, and interpretation.

Afternoon Session: Educational Consultant for Squire Patton Boggs, Jim Chapple will present on Hot Topics Facing School Psychologists: The Ohio Department of Education revised Operating Standards & Best Practices to Avoid Compliance Pitfalls

[Additional Information & Registration on the next page](#)

Woodcock-Johnson - IV

The Fourth Edition of the Woodcock-Johnson provides three independent and co-normed batteries: WJ IV Tests of Cognitive Abilities, WJ IV Tests of Oral Language, and WJ IV Tests of Achievement.

"The WJ IV emphasizes the identification of strengths and weaknesses by providing comparisons both within each battery and across batteries. This comprehensive system offers the ease of use and flexibility examiners need to evaluate learning problems."

Questions? Email Susan Johnston at JohnstonS@gjps.org

Woodcock-Johnson – IV & Hot Topics Facing School Psychologists
Sponsored by School Psychologists of Central Ohio

Certificates of Attendance will be provided

- **Schedule:** Registration & Refreshments – 8:00 a.m.
Morning Session – 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lunch will be provided – 11:30- 12:30 p.m.
Afternoon Session - 12:30pm – 3:30pm
- **Cost*:** \$75.00 members of SPCO
\$100.00 for nonmembers
\$40.00 for half day (lunch included)
**checks payable to SPCO*
- **Send to:** Susan Johnston
Goshen Lane Elem
370 Goshen Lane.
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

*****Deadline for registration: Monday Sept 22, 2014*****
Questions????? Contact JohnstonS@gips.org

WJ –IV & Hot Topics Workshop - September 26, 2014

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

School District:

Title:

Current Member of SPCO?

Yes

No

**School Psychologists of Central Ohio
Membership Form 2014-2015**

Membership year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Your professional association is planning an exciting new year with new programs which will promote your personal and professional growth. Please join or renew your membership NOW. We need your support, participation, and ideas. Please submit your dues and application by October 30, 2014, so that your name will be included in the membership directory. Please encourage your colleagues to join. In joining, you give consent for SPCO to release your photo at any SPCO-related events for news publications.

Membership Dues Check category for which you are applying.

\$15.00 Professional Certificated School Psychologist, Voting Member
\$ 5.00 Retired No longer employed, Voting Member
\$ 5.00 Intern/Student Intern or student, Nonvoting member
\$15.00 Affiliate Interested professional, e.g. teacher, counselor, Nonvoting member
.....Optional donation for the OSPA Scholarship Fund ____\$10 ____\$15 ____\$25 ____Other

Member Information

Name _____

Home Address _____

City/Zip Code _____ Home Phone _____

Employer _____

Preferred Email (for SPCO newsletter/announcements) _____

Interests/Areas of Personal Expertise _____

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ OSPA Member
- ☐ NASP Member
- ☐ I would like to become more involved in SPCO
- ☐ I can be the SPCO contact person for my school district

Any suggestions for speakers/topics/meeting places? _____

If you wish to have your name and specialty information included in the listing for private practice for publication in the SPCO directory, please complete the following:

Private Practice Address _____

Private Practice Phone _____

License Number _____

Specialty Information _____

Mail this application along with your check payable to SPCO to:

Charlotte Eschenbrenner
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Columbus, OH 43214-4111