

OSPA Business Meeting at the OSPA Spring Conference

April 24, 2015

Call to Order: 12:50p.m.

A motion was made to approve the May 9, 2014 business meeting minutes.

Motion: Patrick Hurley

Second: Ralph Pajka

Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report Terry Bendo & Chris Sweeney

We are on our way up out of the financial hole we've been in the last few years. We had a very successful fall conference; we made \$15000. We are in the final year of a graduated dues increase.

A motion was made to accept the annual report for fiscal year 7-1-13 through 6-30-14. Total balance of \$68,605.90

Motion: Karen Stine

Second: Anges Hout

Motion Passed

Elections Reuben Mosidi

This was our second year of electronic voting. It went very well.

President-Elect: Karen Stine
Secretary: Shannon Goss

Regional Reps:
Northwest: Jessica Garmey
Southwest: Lynn Brumfield
Southeast: Tiffany Dill
Kent-Akron: Lynn Chickentary

President's Report Erich Merkle

Cheryl Van Den Berge is retiring. She has been the voice of OSPA for over 20 years. Rachel Chilton has been hired as our new business manager. She previously was a reporter for GONGWER, the legislative newsletter.

Erich presented Cheryl with a plaque in recognition of her more than twenty years with OSPA and of her support for the profession of school psychology. He mentioned that Cheryl has been the voice of OSPA for his entire career. Cheryl is always the friendly voice when we call OSPA. She manages the registration tables at conference, oversees the MCEs, and contracts with hotels and speakers for conferences.

Cheryl said she is "going into her golden years with her golden retrievers."

Passing of the President's Gavel

Erich thanked the membership for the opportunity to be OSPA president this year. He said that putting yourself out there is a tremendous leap of faith. He is still trying figure it out!

"You can talk your way through a meeting, but you can't talk your way through a career."

- Cathy Telzrow, one of Erich's doctoral advisors

Incoming President's Remarks

Megan Shelby said that she is happy and honored to be elected the president of OSPA. Since she is fairly new to OSPA leadership, she gave the membership

some brief background. Morgan first got involved with OSPA leadership through the multicultural committee. She has been working as a consultant to SST 3 in Cuyahoga County. (She thanked Akron for giving us LeBron James!) Megan worked as a school psychologist in Cleveland, Parma, and University Heights. During her presidential year, she will be Director of Student Services for Maple Heights City Schools. Megan's big task as president-elect for this past year was finding a new business manager.

As president, Megan's focus for next year will be continuing to do what we do so well, including: conferences and on line professional development; advocating for school psychologists; promoting diversity within field and on the executive board; continuing to honor our outstanding colleagues; and continuing to build and maintain our organization. OSPA is always looking for new people to serve on the executive board. She challenged everyone to get more involved with OSPA in any capacity.

Megan presented the Past President's Award to Erich and thanked him for his service to OSPA.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: Edie Ungar

Second: Laura Gable

Motion Passed:

Adjourned at 1:02p.m.