

**OSPA Business Meeting  
SPRING CONFERENCE  
May 9, 2014  
Call to Order: 12:12 PM**

A motion was made to approve the April 19, 2013 business meeting minutes.

Motion: Ralph Pajka

Second: Karen Stine

Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report

Terry Bendo (via Lynn Brumfield)

A motion was made to accept the annual report for fiscal year 7/1/12-6/30/13. Total balance of \$74,627.38

Motion: Sharon Rieke

Second: Elayne Semper

Motion Passed

Lynn reported that after final expenses, the annual carryover will be in the low-mid \$40,000 range. This is the lowest it has been in 10-15 years. OSPA has cut costs, relocated offices, and reduced expenses in an effort to be more fiscally responsible. Even with these cost cutting measures, the OSPA Executive Board needs to ask for dues increase. The increase will be phased in over the next 2 years; \$10 per year for 2 years for full members, and \$10 for 1<sup>st</sup> year and \$5 for 2<sup>nd</sup> year for all other members.

A motion was made to approve the dues increase:

Motion: Debra Buck

Second: Jessica May

1 in opposition

0 abstained

By a majority show of hands, the motion passed

Election Results

Reuben Mosidi

This year was the first electronic election in OSPA's history. Reuben wished to thank Jeff York for his hard work in assisting the committee in this endeavor. He also wished to thank all candidates who accepted the nomination and were willing to serve the organization.

President-Elect- Meghan Shelby

Secretary- Krista Hickman

Treasurer-Elect- Chris Sweeney

Regional Representatives:

Central: Christiana Rice

Cleveland: Rachael Folkman

Kent/Akron: Amanda Gilmore

Before passing the gavel, Amity wanted to thank everyone for their hard work this year, and expressed how much she enjoyed serving as OSPA President. She discussed the work done on the strategic plan and its acceptance at the Wednesday Executive Board Meeting. She also talked about the board's acceptance of NASP's Non-discrimination and Equal Opportunity Policy.

Amity introduced the next OSPA President, Dr. Erich Merkle.

Erich thanked everyone for attending and sharing in the spring conference. He then recognized Sal Karanouh-Schuler and Elayne Semper for their hard work over the years in organizing the Spring Conference. They will be stepping down as Spring Conference Co-Chairs following this conference. Erich recognized Cheryl and Ann, and their tireless work with the day to day operations of OSPA. Erich next recognized the executive board. There are over 50 volunteer or elected officials that complete various tasks as part of the executive board.

Finally, Erich recognized Amity and her service as OSPA President this past year. Amity was able to successfully negotiate many tough issues this year (i.e. Dues Increase), while still maintaining focus on her platform goals; an increased focus on multiculturalism and the development of a Strategic Plan. Erich presented Amity with the Past-President's Award.

In the coming year, Erich has 2 ultimate goals:

1. Service to the organization- how can we better ourselves as an association, how we can give back more to our members, and how to better promote the practice of school psychology.
2. Continued prosperity and fiscal responsibility. The dues increase and conference increases were necessary, but additional measures will need to be taken to remain financially strong and solvent well into the future.

A motion was made to adjourn the general membership meeting:

Motion: John Lamana

Second: Reuben Mosidi

Meeting adjourned at 12:32