Ohio School Psychologists Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
January 26, 2001

Members in Attendance:

Elaine Semper      Elyria/Lorain Rep.  
Stephanie Stollar  Southwest Rep.  
Barbara Scholl     Legislative Chair  
Reuben Mosidi     Nominations/Elections Co-chair  
                   MVSPA Rep.  
Paul Soska         Multicultural/Diversity Chair  
                   MVSPA Rep.  
Janet Brunecz      KAASP Reg. Rep./Fall Conf. Chair  
Linda Sterling     KAASP Reg. Rep./ Co-chair Nom./Elections Com.  

Daniel Bender  Cleveland Reg. Rep.  
Mary Ann Teitelbaum OPA/OSPA Liason  
Cynthia Lindberg  Membership/ Cleveland Rep.  
Valerie Wolcott Mendelson  AFFIC  
Chuck Archer      East Central Rep.  
Laurice Joseph   Newsletter Editor  
Valerie Lee      Southwest Rep.  
Cheryl VanDenBerge  Business Manager  
Pat Lehman        Southwest Rep.  
Jay Bahnsen       Central Rep./Spring Conf.  
Susan Johnston   Spring Conf. Co-chair  
Mike Forcade      NASP Delegate  
Ann Brennan       OSPA/Director of Leg. Affairs  
Sharon Rieke     President/OSPA  
Antoinette Miranda President-Elect/OSPA  
Mary M. Link        Secretary/OSPA /Central Rep.  

President Sharon Rieke called the meeting to order  at 10:12 a.m.  One proxy was introduced who was Cynthia Lindberg for Gail Fadel.

Sharon reviewed the agenda for the meeting and asked if there were any additions.  There was one addition to the agenda.  Mary Ann Teitelbaum said she had a committee report for OPA.  A motion was made to approve the agenda with an additional committee report.
Motion: Daniel Bender  
Second: Pat Lehman  
Motion: Passed

The minutes of the November 1st Board Meeting were reviewed. One correction was made and that was the spelling of Mary Ann Teitelbaum’s name. A motion was made to approve the minutes after making this correction.

Motion: Reuben Mosidi  
Second: Elaine Semper  
Motion: Passed

President’s Report - Sharon Rieke

Sharon presented a report of her activities to the Board. She highlighted from her report that she had attended the Education Legislative Workshop in Columbus on 1/16/01. She applauded Ann Brennan’s efforts in knowing how to go about networking with legislators and representatives. Sharon said that Ann is well worth our money for the exceptional job she does. She also said that Ann is respected by other legislative liaisons, as well.

President-elect’s Report - Antoinette Miranda

Antoinette reported that she is pursuing Ohio becoming a NCSP State. This is a very tedious process and Washington was the most recent State to become nationally certified. Antoinette has been talking with IUC for feedback. She will need to go through the Ohio Dept. of Education in order to accomplish this task. The advantage to becoming a NCSP State is that reciprocity across states is acknowledged. If a school psychologist is NCSP certified, then they would automatically become certified in Ohio. Antoinette said she will interface with NASP to see what she needs to do next.

Antoinette made a suggestion that perhaps OSPA could sponsor a NCSP Summer Institute, since spring conference is not a very good time for psychologists to get away from their jobs. She suggested that summer courses are always needed and that possibly OSPA and OSU could be co-sponsors of this summer institute. Mary Ann Teitelbaum mentioned that spring conference is; however, a very good time for recruiting and interviewing potential school psychologists. Antoinette said she was not suggesting that we eliminate the spring conference. More discussion regarding a summer institute will be needed.

Director of Legislative Services - Ann Brennan

Ann recommended that we review the handout entitled “Special Education Finance in Ohio”. All Board members were given a copy along with a “Final Report of The Joint Committee to Re-Examine the Cost
of an Adequate Education”. A resolution to endorse the special education finance in Ohio report was presented. This resolution was the work of Greg Browning. Much discussion followed regarding the contents of the Special Education Finance in Ohio handout.

Treasurer’s Report - Pat Lehman

Pat reported that despite much trepidation, she was able to balance the accounts. There are no major issues. NASP has asked for $150 donation to sponsor the 5K Fun Run at this years NASP Convention. The run will take place on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at the zoo. A motion was made to allocate $150 to NASP.

Motion: Valerie Lee  
Second: Daniel Bender  
Motion: Passed

A discussion followed regarding the membership being down and the fall conference income this year also being down. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s report as submitted.

Motion: Daniel Bender  
Second: Sharon Rieke  
Motion: Passed

Business Manager’s Report - Cheryl VanDenBerge

A report of Cheryl’s activities were included in the Board members packet. Cheryl mentioned adding to her report the dates of March 1st and 2nd which is the Intern Conference. At the end of February, the Spring conference brochure will be sent out to all OSPA members. Cheryl said that all future Executive Board meetings will be held at the CO-SERRC due to parking limitations at the new office.

NASP Liason - Mike Forcade

Mike spoke about the Public Policy Institute to be held in Washington DC on February 10-12th. Ann Brennan, Barb Scholl and Sharon Rieke will attend. The NASP PPR committee sponsors the Institute. Mike said that all NASP delegates will spend time lobbying when they are in Washington for the convention. The registration materials for the convention are to be mailed out on Monday, Jan. 29th. Mike said we should be receiving our information in the next week. If Board members are planning to attend the convention and have not reserved a hotel room as yet, they should call the Marriott Wardman now!!! The State Plan for NASP Goals 2000-2001 was presented and all goals are attainable. There
will be one more delegate meeting before the NASP convention, so if anyone has concerns, please contact Mike. Mike reported that NASP is now modifying the NCSP handbook. Some internal office issues were shared and discussed.

**Spring Conference - Sue Johnston**

Sue reported that the 2003 Spring conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, downtown Cleveland. Room rates are $109 per room. The 2002 Spring conference will be in Dayton. This year there will be an early Executive Board mtg. at the conference in Toledo. Reuben said that the Superintendent of Toledo City Schools, Dr. Eugene Sanders, will be available to speak at the conference on Thursday. It was suggested that perhaps he speak on urban education/leadership and how he views the role of school psychologists fitting into urban education. Valerie Lee suggested perhaps a mini-session be held on urban issues. Mary Ann Teitelbaum said she felt this was an exciting idea and politically good for superintendents to hear that we had one of them speak to OSPA. She felt it would be valuable to hear how he sees us as functioning in urban areas. Valerie Wilcox-Mendelson said she hoped he could present what children’s needs are in urban settings, but not tell us how we should go about addressing them.

**Fall Conference - Janet Brunecz**

Janet reported that the 2001 Fall Conference will be November 8th and 9th with the speakers being George Noell from Louisiana and Scott Poland, NASP President. George’s topic will be “Functional Assessment: Behavioral and Academic, and Scott will speak on “Mental Health Issues”. Scott is not charging a fee for his presentation, only expenses for he and his wife. For the 2002 Fall Conference, Janet reported that her committee has visited two sites in Columbus; namely, the University Plaza Hotel and the Marriott North. Both are very nice facilities, according to Janet.

**Technology and Research Update**

No report.

**Public Relations - Sharon Rieke**

Sharon reported that many items have been obtained for the NASP Auction.

**Membership - Gail Fadel**

Gail reported that her report is included in the Board members packet. She said our membership is down this year by about 100 members, yet the total membership of 903 is not a bad figure. Gail said that there are only 48 interns out of approximately 90 who are members of OSPA. The next focus of
the committee is to get all interns to become OSPA members. It was suggested by President Rieke that letters be sent to the University Trainers regarding this issue. It was also suggested that perhaps IUC needs to be confronted at the Intern Conference in March. Valerie offered to post something on the Listserv about this issue. A motion was made to accept the new members of OSPA.

Motion: Daniel Bender  
Second: Janet Brunecz  
Motion: Passed

Nominations and Elections - Reuben Mosidi

Reuben reported that last October two individuals were recommended to the State Board of Psychology; namely, Dr. Zake and Dr. Schroeder, but as of today we have not heard of the status of their appointment. Nancy Reynolds was appointed to the School Psychology Examination Committee. Reuben said that all regions will maintain their entitlement, and that there are 6 regions that need to re-elect representatives to the Executive Board. In addition, we will be looking to elect a new President-Elect and a Secretary to the Board. At the next Executive Bd. Mtg. on March 30, Reuben will announce the candidates for these vacancies.

OPA Committee - Mary Ann Teitelbaum

Mary Ann reported that she is in the process of drafting a letter to agencies regarding the information we receive from a referral made to an outside agency. There has been dialogue between OPA and OSPA on this issue. The letter will be written on OPA newsletter. Mary Ann said that there are licensure issues coming up and that OPA would be interested in discussing these with OSPA.

Professional Relations - Ann Brennan

Ann reported that her agenda included a discussion on the Budget outlook, the Governor’s Commission for Student Success recommendations and the Special Education Budget. Regarding the Budget, the Senate Republicans are promoting Gov. Taft’s budget. There is SB 1 which is the funding proposal and SB 2 which implements the Governor’s Commission recommendations. The Governor’s proposal is slightly less than the Senate’s recommendation. The Senate proposal continues to fund special education on the same formula. It is not clear what the Governor’s proposal for special education will be until his State of the State Address. It appears that 76 million for special education will be proposed which is far less than recommended. There may only be that high cost category for counting children in special education. However, Margaret Burley says that most of the high cost children are in MRDD
and they don’t receive this funding. Ann said that it is hopeful that the intern funding will remain in the Governor’s budget. There is no categorical funding in the Senate proposal. By the end of June, a decision will be made regarding the budget.

“A Final Report of the Joint Committee to Re-Examine the Cost of an Adequate Education” outlines that we are 300 million short of actual costs. It was hopeful that special education would be more funded by the State. The State is saying that an average of $4546.00 per pupil is adequate. Both proposals don’t systematically change anything in terms of funding. A cost study was based on current minimum standards.

Recommendations from the Governor’s Commission on Student Success phases out the current proficiency testing and phases in achievement testing and diagnostic testing. This would be fully funded in the State budget. Diagnostic testing would be K-8 in the areas of reading and math, and would be uniform throughout the State. It would be used for remediation and acceleration. Intervention would be based on the use of the diagnostic and achievement testing. These assessments may begin in the years 2004 or 2005.

The Resolution to Endorse the Special Education Finance in Ohio was recommended by Ann to the Board to be endorsed. A motion was made to endorse this resolution.

**Motion: Chuck Archer**
**Second: Pat Lehman**
**Motion: Passed**

Ann reported that the Rules are on hold until after the Budget is approved. The earliest State Board action would be in September. John Herner retired as Director of the Office for Exceptional Children at the end of December and Ed Kapel is acting as the interim Director.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to be reported.

**New Business**

Pete Tolan was not present for the Board mtg.; however, Sharon reported that Pete said there was no new information from the State to share. Pete did ask that if any Board members were available for the Intern Conference in March to help Pete with introducing speakers, etc., to please let either Pete or Sharon know.
A motion was made to adjourn at 1:30.

Motion: Lew Sarr
Second: Dan Bender
Motion: Passed