President Juliette Madigan called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

Corrections were made to the minutes of the November meeting.

**Motion: Pat Lehman**  
**Second: Jay Bahnsen**

**President’s Report - Juliette Madigan**
Juliette reported she has been e-mailing and answering phone calls since last meeting.

**President-elect Report - Sharon Rieke**

Sharon reported that she has been trying to work with Cheryl at the OSPA office to get computers to correspond since she has a PC.

Sharon reported on the NASP Supercommittee. She advised the board that training for the NEAT/NOVA Institute is coming up.

Planning & Development - This is the year for revision of operations manual and the constitution. She has only received seven contributions to changes in those documents. She is asking that board members look at the folder and respond to her so she can finalize the changes. A few items will have to have motions done - so she needs their ideas. She wants to have these done by Spring Conference so they can be finalized at that time and will give everyone a clean document at the March meeting.

**Treasurer's Report - Lynn Brumfield**

Reported that the FAC committee met prior to the meeting this morning to discuss the Nadine Block endowment and that Juliette will appoint an adhoc committee to set some financial goals for the association and deciding how to create the funds to ensure the stability of the organization. We will be looking at things such as raising dues, and what to do with the money Nadine gave OSPA. There was a discussion about whether OSPA should remain at 501 3-C status or look at OSPA having a difference tax status. We are reconsidering grant funds because we have had some additional requests from different groups. There is $500 in that budget - presently it has been $250 to Bowling Green and $250 to NASP minority scholarship fund. Juliette has had some students apply to us directly for those grants.

OSPA office space needs to be considered as the office will have to move by the end of this year. There was discussion as to what to do with the OSPA legal fund and possibly having a formal audit. The second quarter report was given to board members. IUC has about $1,700 in the OSPA account - we’re just a holding unit. Juliette asked for volunteers for this adhoc committee.

**Motion: Lynn Brumfield**
**Second: Gail Fadel**
**Motion Passed**
Membership Report - Gail Fadel

Gail reported that Cynthia will be going to the intern conference and OSPA will have their annual raffle. PR has worked with her to donate items for the raffle. Juliette will be sending interns letter asking them to join OSPA.

New members were listed in the report for approval from the board:

Motion: Gail
Second: Paul
Motion Passed

Professional Development Committee - Brenda Stevens

Brenda reported that she is finishing up the planning for intern conference which is the 17th & 18th of February.

Membership Report - Linda Sterling

Regional membership numbers were reported. Of these 4 will be reelecting. Possible nominees for President-elect are Ray Witte, Karen Schaeffer (Cincinnati area), Ron Davies and Doug Felt from the Maumee Valley area.

Secretary - Laura Rodgers. Treasurer term is up this year. Lynn expressed her willingness to run again if the constitution was changed on the term rule. There was discussion about term limits of the treasurer position.

Professional Relations Manager Report - Ann Brennan

Ann gave an overview of recent action on education related legislation and recent State Board of Education activities. She reported that SB 77, the administrator evaluation bill, had passed the Senate and House and would now be sent to the Governor for his signature. The bill requires that a school district conduct two evaluations of administrators in the year that an administrator contract expires, and one in the other years of the contract. The bill also establishes a timeframe for the evaluations to occur, and requires that if the school district fails to conduct the evaluations within the timeframe that the administrator is automatically reemployed for one year if he/she has been employed in the district for less than three years, and for two years, if he/she has been employed for more than three years.

Ann then reported on recent State Department and State Board of Education activity. She stated that the gifted rules were adopted in January, and that the
department had recently sent districts three draft procedures and technical assistance manuals. Ann was working with a Task Force formed by the OSSP to provide feedback to the department on the draft manuals. Ann asked the members of the Executive Board to also continue to send feedback to the OSPA office on any implementation problems or comments related to the gifted rules. She further reported that the State Board was continuing to review parts of the draft of the general education pre K-12 standards. The tentative timetable for State Board consideration and adoption is to continue to review through the Spring at each State Board meeting, with a possible intent to adopt resolution in June or July, followed by a State Board hearing, with a final adoption then in August or September. Ann also reported that the Office of Special Education was in the process of drafting the special education rules.

**NASP Report - Mike Forcade**

Mike reminded Board members about NASP the conference for New Orleans and thanked OSPA in advance for Children’s Fund Auction. He and Sharon Rieke enjoyed Minneapolis and reported it was a typical regional meeting. Mike will report more in the next TOSP. Reported on Kevin Dwyers workshop on prevention. International conference will be in July 13-17 in New Hampshire. More info in TOSP about who to contact.

**Special Education Report - Pete Tolan**


To address shortage problem, recruitment will be from outside Ohio until Ohio universities start bringing more interns forward. Will ask they give a 2 year commitment to Ohio. Akron doesn’t have any interns this year. There are nine universities that train school psychologists. Some good jobs go unfilled but most of the jobs that go unfilled are the low paying ones.

Model Policies & Procedures. SERCs have been given the newly printed materials. Larger scale training will occur - it has been at the discretion of the SERC.

Gifted Rules - reinforce the notion to look carefully at the technical manuals. Be sure you’re grounded in what is required before you push the panic button.
IBA/MFE - dedicated to refining training modules. IBA/MFE is a team process.

Special Ed Standards - forums and comment sessions are being planned.

Proficiency Test Rules - Approved by state board back in October. After July 1, 2000 this will be implemented.

In terms of exemption and taking the proficiency, Pete was questioned if there was any guidance on this issue. Pete said they’re trying to get more consistency.

Participant guidelines will be posted on the Web shortly. The listserve would be a good way to ask Pete questions about this.

New Business

Ann reported on Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest for school districts. See Ann for details.

Spring Conference - Susan Johnston

Susan reported that the Board meeting on Wednesday would be from 4:00 - 6:30 instead of 7:30 - 10:30, and there would be no banquet on Thursday night. A group dinner is planned for the board on Wednesday night. Thursday’s speaker is George Batsche. Friday’s speaker is Randy Sprick - and their topics are somewhat similar (classroom management). Half-day speakers on Wednesday. Districts will be interviewing interns at the conference again. Only having hospitality on Thursday night. May go to casino Thursday night.

Mike Fuller - Data Training Institute 26 - 3 day sessions offered. Mike reported that it has been well received and it teaches how to access and use data. Folks from all levels of education are participating, including superintendents. Very few psychologists. Chuck Archer added that it was a totally hands on training experience. You need not have any prior computer experience.

Motion to adjourn
Motion: Valerie Lee
Second: Pat Lehman

Adjourned at 2:25p.m.