OSPA Executive Board
January 28, 2005

Members present:
Janet Brunecz President Elect, Fall Conference Co-Chair
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Kristen Prough Kent-Akron Representative, Awards Committee Co-Chair
Mary Ann Teitelbaum KASP Representative, OPA Liason
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Greg Jones Private Practice Chair
Juliette Madigan Cleveland Representative
Debra Liddy North Central Representative
Linda Secats East Central Representative
Jill Payne Northwest Representative
Sal Karanouh-Schuler Spring Co-Chair in Training
Jackie Jackson-Dean Guest - Lew’s Posse – Historical T.F.
Kristin Bowes-Strawser Guest - Lew’s Posse – Historical T.F.
Scott Gill Maumee Valley Representative
Valorie Wolcott-Mendleson AFFIC Liaison
Ralph Pajka Cleveland Representative
Jennifer Rafter Guest, Intern
Dhanashree Jadav Guest, Intern
Sarah Turner Guest, President of Kent Internship Group
Cynthia Lindberg Co-Chair Membership
Barb Sholl Legislative Co-Chair
George Csanyi Past President

Call to Order 10:12

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of November meeting

President’s Report Janet Brunecz

Recognition of persons resigning:
  Gail Fadel as Membership Co-Chair
  Karen Fisher will be taking the Co-Chairship
  Mary Dixon, TOSP Editor

Welcome: Kris Qualich taking over TOSP
  Greg Jones, Private Practice
Treasurer's Report
Lynn Brumfield
Second Quarter Report:
Our total balance looks healthy. This is an MCE year, so our balance is up. There will be MCE expenses next year. Overall, we have a very healthy bottom line.

FAC report
At the fall conference we took a membership survey about on-line registration for conferences and membership. Clear trends:
• About half would use
• Most would not pay surcharges, they see it as part of member services
Next step – we need to have info about PayPal, a secure way to use credit card on internet, and the cost to the OSPA per credit card. As of few years ago there was an upfront fee to be a vender, plus they charge a percentage (2-8 percent) of the amount charged. This is the wave of the future, we will be doing it in the future, the concern is about doing it well

Director of Legislative Services and Professional Relations Report  Ann Brennan

Legislative Update: Biggest issues right now:
Proposals for state funding caps, ballot proposals to limit to inflationary factor, with no override.  Ann thinks that one of these would pass. She thinks that these are very dangerous proposals. If this had been in effect in last biennium, would have been an $8,000,000 reduction in education funds.
Blue Ribbon Commission:  www.ohio.gov/blueribbontaskforce  the final recommendations are done. The whole report is supposed to be on their website.
State budget will be introduced by the end of February. She is keeping an eye on education funding and intern funding. She is sure that internship will be level-funded, as long as it is actually in the Governor's budget.

IDEA Regional Meetings:  One in Columbus February 3rd. Written comments can be submitted through the website:  www.regulations.gov  Deadline for submitting comments is February 28, 2005. Good analysis available on line, about 40 pages long.  www.cec.sped.org/pp/docs/CRSAnalysisofNewIDEAPL108-446.pdf

Results of professional development Survey at the fall conference:
Most people prefer:
• 2 day conference on a comprehensive topic or one day workshop
• Time of year: fall and winter (January or February)
• Place:  Columbus (note that the people were in Columbus at the time they were asked)

Committee Reports

Spring / Fall Conference Committee  Susan Johnston
The spring conference information is up on the website now. She wants to emphasize bringing teams – mental health people from your buildings

Fall Conference 2005 will be Steve Pfeifer – Neuropsychology of Reading the first day, and Neuropsychology of Writing the second day. People should know going in that it will not be light and fluffy. He has three books, which will be for sale.

Spring Conference 2005 – Kevin Dwyer – Safe Schools

Membership Committee  Gail Fadel
We have 804 members as of this week. We are still down, but catching up to last year. We still don’t have all the interns joining. We will be sending out a letter about 18 month membership for renewal notices for people who didn’t renew last summer.
Motion to accept new members was passed.

**Awards**

Becky Dinklebaum, the Ohio School Psychologist of the Year, is one of the three NASP School Psychologist of the Year finalists.

**TOSP**

Kristen Qualich

There was discussion about changing the look / format of the newsletter. Kristen shared examples from other states. Board minutes take up a lot of space, maybe it would be better to have highlights and a treasurers message.

**Suggestions**

- highlight what is happening in other states
- a book review section
- a university section
- Focus on different regions
- Short column that would be informative – Kristin was thinking excerpts from the listserv. When someone posts something profound.
- Ohio School Psych of the Year to do an article or an interview
- best practice winners too.
- a student corner.
- a first year school psych corner.

**NASP Update**

Juliette Madigan

Becky Dingledine is in the top three for National School Psychologist of the Year. Ohio has also nominated Alex Thomas for a lifetime achievement award. Juliette thinks we will be celebrating!

**NASP Conference** - There will be a children’s fund auction, which funds the teeny-tiny grants ($50 or less) for things like books that help students either directly or indirectly, mini grants, etc.

- There is an e-community through NASP through which you can download presentations.
- NASP has an RFP for students to apply for $1000.
- NASP website has welcome information for anyone who skates there – not just on the members only side.

**Signs of Suicide** – a federal prevention program. ..the grant money goes directly to schools

**OPA**

Mary Ann Teitelbaum

OPA issues have been diversity – APA is encouraging diversity training at state and regional levels – and insurance issues.

**Nominations and Elections**

Reuban Mosidi

Joint membership status information is still incomplete. Central and Cleveland need to elect a new representative to Executive Board. They are still trying to put together a slate of candidates for president-elect and secretary.
New Business

Retirement for IUC members
Valorie Wolcott-Mendelson
Motion -- the awards committee will develop guidelines for a “Recognition of Significant Contributions to the Field of School Psychology”.
The awards committee would need to determine how that person would be referred.
The recognition would be mailed, not presented at a conference.
Motion passed

Crisis Team Committee
Chuck Archer
The committee would like to become a standing committee. Tabled. Written proposal was not available.

New Regional Representation Progress
Ann Brennan
Tabled. Written proposal was not available.

All Hazards Leadership April Conference Update
Chuck & Janet
The OSPA crisis committee will be presenting a panel presentation about how schools respond to crises Thursday April 14 in Columbus from 3:30 – 5:00 as part of a two day workshop (April 13 and 14) for other crisis help providers. The conference is at the Worthington Holiday Inn and costs $40 for one day or $60 for both days.

Booklet on response to mass violence and terror information is available at website: www.samhsa.gov

Regional Mental Health Network Update
Kris Qualich
“Eliminating Barriers” - A training program for high school teachers to help them deal with the behaviors in the classroom - Five one hour Power Point modules - Can do 1 module or all 5.
Sample Modules:
• Mental illness – definitions, vignette about a kid
• Special Ed – IEPs, how teachers learn to refer for mental health issues.

The Network group is appreciative of school psychologists – until recently they had no idea we existed.

The “see me – hear my feelings” website is up. It is for kids. We can send kids to it. www.seemeanmyfeelings.com

Clarification of Panel Discussion at Intern Conference
Gayle VonderEmbse
There was some concern about a panel discussion at the conference among some of the Cleveland interns. The panel was dealing with interventions and moving away from standardized assessment.

History task Force
Jackie Jackson-Dean
Kristin Bowes-Strawser
We may be able to have an OSU archiving student work with OSPA as part of a practicum this spring.

State Positive Behavior Support Committee
Kristen Qualich
Kris is the school psychologist representative for the state PBS – Positive Behavior Support

The State Improvement Grant is now one of the top three initiatives in the SERRCs. There is an academic component and a behavior component. The academic focus is on reading literacy – STEPS – uses DIBELS and aspects of Baldridge and students using their own data to monitor data. There are 7 key elements to the behavior part including:
  Administration involvement and support
  Team based support
Clearly defined behavior expectations for students (3-5)
Direct teaching in context of the expectations
Reward system for all students
Consequences apart from the school discipline
Data based decision making process

There is a website www.pbis.org and the ODE website has information.

Sharing

Feb 8 evening and Feb 9 all day – Dan Reschley coming in to talk about Response to Intervention in Mansfield at NorthCentral SERRC – Free or nominal – the same presentation he did at NASP

North Central Ohio OSPA and the MidOhio ESC are sponsoring a presentation on the KABC, KTEA, and BASC-2. March 14 and 15
Brown Derby Roadhouse Restaurant (on 314 west of Mansfield)

Schools Attuned training (Mel Levine stuff) will be offered in Bellefontaine again the week of July 11 – It will be in Cincinnati, Bellefontaine, Bath in Akron area – go to the “All kinds of minds” website.

Adjournment at 2:20