OSPA Executive Board  
January 30, 2004  

Members present:  
George Csanyi     President  
Lew Sarr     President-Elect  
Krista Hickman     Secretary, Fall Conference Co-Chair  
Lynn Brumfield     Treasurer  
Ann Brennan     Director of Legislative Services & Professional Relations  
Cheryl VanDenBerge     OSPA Business Manager  
Jill Payne     Northwest Representative  
Elaine Semper     Elyria/Lorain Representative  
Erika Daniel  
(Proxy for Sharon Rieke)     Intern  
Kristine Quallich     Kent/Akron Representative  
Gail Fadel     Membership Co-Chair,  
(Proxy for Ralph Pajka)     Cleveland Representative  
Juliette Madigan     Cleveland Representative, NASP Liaison  
Virginia Switzer, Proxy for Holly Middleton     North Central Representative  
Jay Bahnsen     Spring Conference Co-Chair  
Kristie Prough     Intern  
Kershini Naidu     Kent/Akron Representative  
Valorie Walcott Mendelson     AFFIC Liaison  
Barbara Scholl     Legislative Co-Chair  

Call to Order  10:11  

Roll Call  
Krista Hickman  

Approval of Agenda  

Approval of Minutes of Nov 5, 2003 meeting  
Addition: Jill Payne as attending for Northwest Rep. (came after roll call)  
Correction under spring conference – spelling - Koevaleski  
Motion to accept corrected minutes  

President's Report  
George Csanyi  

Barb Scholl has stepped down as Ohio SPAN coordinator. Thank you, Barb, for years of service as Ohio SPAN coordinator. The SPAN coordinator gets information from NASP about federal level legislation. The coordinator’s responsibility is to get that into out to the membership, provide templates for letters to congressmen, etc. George is appointing Chuck Archer as our new SPAN coordinator.  

OSPA ONLINE – There was lengthy discussion about the OSPA website, which has been managed since its inception by Erich Merkle, a graduate student of Caven McLaughlin. Erich will be graduating soon with his Ph.D. Executive board has been discussing the possibility of doing the newsletter (TOSP) on line, selling things online, and making it possible for conference and workshop registration and payment online. Gail and Cynthia are looking into the cost to OSPA for us to be able to handle credit card purchases through our website. George has tried to set up meetings with Erich and Caven, but schedules conflict so they did Q and A by e-mail.
Executive board discussion included: what happens when Erich graduates? Should we have a paid webmaster or should a committee run the website? What are OSPA's financial commitments/obligations to the website?

Erich expressed an interest in continuing to be involved with the website after he graduates. George will appoint Erich chair of technology committee if he is willing. Erich has offered to write a proposal for the website. There was discussion whether to pay Erich (or whoever) to be webmaster. We will need documentation of time if we are going to pay a stipend. George comments that our website is generating responses from all around the world! He is getting people from out of the country contacting him as OSPA president because of the usefulness of the things they are getting from our website.

TOSP online – results from membership survey were overwhelmingly in favor of going online. We will be moving in that direction. George read the surveys. Although the majority of respondents think it’s a good idea, there are some who want a hard copy, do not want to download/print out/save on disk or CD. Erich told George he could get TOSP online up in a day. There was considerable discussion whether to charge extra for a hard copy, what to do about members who do not have reliable access to computers/printers, needs of retired members, learning curve anytime things change, and that we recently put the conference registration information into TOSP and we are not yet able to take registration and payment online. Consensus – this is the direction we are moving, but let’s move as a process. Have an “online only” box on the membership application for next year. People who mark the box will be responsible for accessing it on the website. We can send out an e-mail notification that current issue is available online. Need to make it clear that can’t register on line yet.

Internship conference: ODE did not plan internship conference for this year, since there is no Psych Consultant. Last year Alex Thomas did most of the content and ODE handled facilities, etc. and he had time in advance to plan. Last year’s intern conference was an extensive 2 day with field facilitators – very expensive. FAC is thinking we should do intern conference at fall conference next year as long as we get $$ from ODE. Fall would be more convenient for interns. Ann will attend Feb IUC meeting and tell them that it is too late for this year. ODE is willing to help financially if we do it with fall or spring conference. IUC is favorable with helping with fall conference.
Bottom line – we all agree the intern conference is very important.
It has never been an OSPA responsibility.
It has always been ODE and IUC.

CONSENSUS – for this year only:
1. Spring conference will be the intern conference and will follow the program already set up.
2. At Feb IUC meeting, we will get intern and field supervisor names so that they can be invited and told this is their required conference.
3. There will be no registration charge for the interns, provided ODE comes up with the money. They will register and get their own room.
4. Ann will call Stephanie Metzger at ODE to confirm $$
5. IUC will be asked to plan and pay for social event for interns and will deal with Cheryl and Jay.
6. Special raffle for interns and field supervisors on Friday.
7. Job board – post a job board with district flyers.
Treasurer's Report  
Lynn Brumfield

Second quarter treasurer’s report. We are in excellent financial position, especially compared to 2 to 3 years ago.
FAC report- we will be sponsoring NASP run with $150 from Executive board fund.
FAC is asking for approval for $500 mid year bonus for Ann and Cheryl.
Planning for technology and financial aspects thereof.
Future fiscal planning and investment – FAC will be bringing in speakers in June to educate the board

Motion to upgrade employees budget to give $500.  
**Motion passed**

Motion to add line item for intern conference.  
**Motion passed**

Motion to approve treasurer’s report:  
**Motion passed**

Business Manager's Report  
Cheryl VanDenBerge

Relatively quiet at OSPA office. 69% of OSPA’s MCE registrants have completed the Ethics requirement. OPA is at 39%. Half of our registrants have completed all their requirements. TOSP should be mailed out within next week or so.
There will be an ethics workshop prior to the spring conference like we did in fall. Kathy MacNamara is presenting.

Committee Reports

**Children's Advocacy Committee**  
Kristine Quallich

Kristine will be e-mailing members to get ideas for direction of committee.

**Membership Committee**  
Gail Fadel

819 members – about 60 fewer than last year. Total last year was 910.
First full year intern – we have 31 this year, 90 interns last year. Why are they not joining?
Would like to have online, credit card ways to join. Cynthia is investigating various costs.
We will be doing the intern raffle again this year. Let’s see what we can get. Kent state may be able to donate bag…or NASP. Only open to intern members.
Motion to accept new members:  
**Motion passed**

**Nominations & Elections**  
Reuben Mosidi

Reuben called in his report. (weather)

After sending notices to regions re: joint membership – only one change, Southwest Region has reduced joint membership from 100 to 90 which reduces reps from 3 to 2.
Joint local and OSPA membership:
Northwest 29  Southeast 9  Southwest 90  ?missed one
East Central 28  NorthCentral 14  Central 79
Elyria/Loriane 15  Kent 75  Cleveland 119

Dr. Katie Schroeder was appointed to State Board of Psychology. She was our nominee.
Spring Conference

Jay Bahnsen & Susan Johnston

Spring will be at the Embassy Suites in Columbus. Committee meetings are at the same time as state department update. The committee has received 10 requests to do mini presentations. There will be 8 – 4 each morning. If we get that good response in future, will continue minis. The brochure will be out in TOSP. Mini topics include:
A community of readers
Metanalyisis for the practicing psych
Treatment integrity
Round table discussion for Field facilitators
Outcome based mental health services in the schools
What every educator must know about the brain
Crisis intervention
Agents for change – a kalidoscope of change agents in the north west schools

The committee visited Cincinnati and will be making hotel decision for 2006 - Really nice place (Hilton) – expensive vs “regular” place (Embassy Suites)

Spring conference will be in Akron in 2005.

Liaison Reports

ISPA - NASP
Juliette Madigan

Juliette – NASP is in Dallas on March 30, 2004. (She has red cowboy hat and flashing red star). NASP membership is 31,961 this year. From January on, you can pay for 18 months worth and be a member for 18 months – pay 1.5 the membership rate. In past three years they have had 11,000 non-renewals. A lot of people who are members don’t renew. They checked for every other year members. That is not most of it. In Ohio have 921 NASP members this year, 197 non-renewals from Ohio. The concern from NASP is that the youngest of our members do not stay. Research – 30 % of NASP will retire, will lost 9% to attrition. We are shifting who is joining. Thrust will be on young members who sign up and then don’t renew. Nationally, they are seeing the same pattern as we are in OSPA.

OPA
Mary Ann Teitelbaum

Director of Legislative Services and Professional Relations Report
Ann Brennan

****For Special Ed 1% cap rule re No Child Left Behind: ODE is requesting a waiver from feds based on EMIS data for 1.27% to be allowed for Alternate Assessment. They expect it to be approved.

OREDS – Ann passed out draft proposal – dated January 7, 2004
1. ESCs will retain current structures and will be outside this reorganization.
2. Everyone else will be reorganized into 10-12 regions (SERRCs, LPDCs, etc.).
State Board hopes to approve by March board meeting. The draft is likely to be the final form (or close). Ann will send suggestions to Roger Nehls – he will coordinate through the end of March – then he is retiring.

School funding – Blue Ribbon Task Force – 3 subcommittees – hope to be done by late March
Revenue and taxation subcommittee:- How the money will be raised
Two major proposals under consideration: Both are built around 20 mil statewide collection of property tax, distributed to school districts on a new formula. Local districts could retain millage beyond 20 for local purposes. The thought is that the state foundation money would be mostly state funded by this.
Funding for success subcommittee – how the money will be spent
Working toward an input model – way to target districts with high percent of low income students who are in need of intervention to improve student success -and what is a good foundation amount for other districts. “Inputs” = Teacher quality, student-teacher ratios, time on task, and 5 other inputs.

Legislation:

Senate Bill 2 – Governor’s commission for teacher success bill.
State Teachers Board for recommending professional development and teacher licensure. 3 higher ed people on professional standards board, about a 19 member board. Ann will put info on the website.

Autism voucher – clarifies that the $ all must be used for alternative schooling – can’t be used for wrap around services.
Ready for Governor to sign.

House Bill 106 – just passed the house this week.
Requires the DYS to be sure that district has all info when the kid comes back. The child cannot be placed anywhere without that record transfer. Some people thought that districts would have to do alternative placement for these kids. Ann’s says no.
Does the bill address communication while the kids are incarcerated? Ann thinks no, she will check. If child cannot be admitted until superintendent receives records, who is responsible in the interim for FAPE purposes? Ann – doesn’t know. ODE would need to let us know. She is thinking DYS would have to keep the child until records are received.

House Bill 225 – Mental Health Parity Bill
We are part of a coalition that has been pushing this for years.
Could be voted as early as Wednesday Feb 5. Need to communicate ASAP. She has a letter we can send. The governor issued a directive not to pass through legislation that would incur expenses for businesses for health issues. This is such legislation! Very important to write to our legislators!

House Bill 102 – Being heard in senate education committee – passed house – allows for hours instead of days, flexible schedule, allow districts to change schedule. Will allow for high schools to reorganize in ways that they are limited in now. Also could allow 4 day school work.

House Bill 174 - Nutrition issues. Coke machines, etc. Probably will not go far. Ohio PTA is major advocate. National concern with youth obesity – esteem issues and bullying may result, which concern us as school psychs. There are other products those companies could put in those machines that would raise $ and have better nutritional value. Other states who have banned them have maintained revenue with water and juice.

House Bill 265 – We are opposed. Ann gave testimony.
Gives immunity from prosecution to all school employees if child is harmed during discipline.
In committee – the committee seems to want to pass this out. Seem to feel that there are lots of frivolous lawsuits against school staff (although there is a lack of evidence). OEA is neutral. No education organizations have taken a stand on this. As far as Ann knows only 2 school superintendents came out in favor (Mercer County and one other). Three hearings. Hopefully won’t come out of committee, but the committee seems to want it out.

ODE is looking for educators, parents, stakeholders interested in participating in assessment committees – content advisory, fairness, range finding.
Shawnee State – Satellite program (“Cohort” program)
Met January 6 and will meet again in February.
University of Dayton is seriously considering doing this. Are looking for funding through grants. Shawnee State would host. Idea is to generate school psychs for southeastern Ohio. Would start in 2005-06. Would recruit from southeastern Ohio and encourage graduates to locate and work in that area. Plan to use our intern process. UD would be in charge, issue credits, be NASP approved, be fiscal agent. Would need to be sure that we have enough internship $ down the road. Would follow UD’s intern guidelines. The idea now is that Marshall would offer a few credit hours at Marshall, some preliminary courses that would transfer to UD. This is in place of the program Marshall University had planned to start at Shawnee. Marshall has not specifically said they will stop sending unqualified Marshall grads to intern in Ohio.

What ever happened to that vision thing?
Ann – It is still law. There is discussion of further law to clarify it. No one seems to be following it. No one will even tell Ann who is supposed to notify the parents.

Question about kindergarten readiness prior to admission to K: some teachers don’t want to break up the first few days of school. Some are worried that classes won’t be balanced. There is an OSPA person on the state task force reviewing the diagnostics – Stephanie Stollar – is on the task force.

School Psych Liason – ODE position (formerly Pete Tolan, Cindy Reighard)
Ann asked Stephanie Metzger – they have re-posted it to allow for non-school psychs to apply. Krista gave her 2 cents on the process, interview, and what they are looking for.

Unfinished Business

History task force update: Lew Sarr contacted Dr. Farling, who gave most of his stuff to NASP for their archives. He suggested contacting Pauline Alenxander. Valerie, Lew and Mike Forcaid are trying to set dates to get together and go through the stuff in OSPA office. Caven McLaughlin has a complete set of TOSP hard copy and willing to donate it or let us use it. Lew floated idea of establishing a room somewhere for OSPA history stuff – maybe one of the training institutions? University of Akron has a museum of Psychology – maybe this would be a good site, they seem to have room. Lynn has virtually all the financial records from the beginning of OSPA. It would be good to have it on DVD and off her shelf.
Planning and Development Conference: Lew is thinking of coordinating ways to increase family and child services within the schools…increasing mental health services in the schools…meets 5 of the NASP goals…looking at having model programs presented in the morning and looking at ways OSPA might support this.

New Business

None

Adjournment at 2:12