Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved as presented.
  Motion: Sharon Rieke
  Second: Jay Bahnsen
  Motion Passed

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the November 3, 2010 Executive Board meeting were approved as corrected.
  Motion: Sal Karanouh-Schuler
  Second: Susan Johnston
  Motion Passed

President’s Report  Elaine Semper
- NASP is attempting to solidify the practice of school psych across the states. NASP Professional Standards Training Manual is available online
- Attended the NASP Central Region Meeting – Getting and retaining members in the state organizations is a big issue in our NASP region. The region wants to increase online communication and professional development (webinars) because some of the states are large and rural.
- Gina Worsdall – membership chair – is expecting twins this spring and is stepping down as membership co-chair.
- OSPA donated $150 to NASP for the walk-run at the NASP conference to support Girls on the Run, which supports girls’ self-esteem.
- The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities is interested in co-sponsoring a conference with us to have Rick Lavoy speak. The coalition is interested in having him speak at one of our OSPA conferences and they are willing to pay over half his fee.

Treasurer’s Report  Michelle Hathorn
We are still in great financial shape!
Discussion about the budget:
  • The line in the budget that has $1000 listed under scholarship - Have we been sending the $500 each year to the NASP Minority Scholarship as we had agreed at the time we started our own scholarship? Michelle isn’t sure if we have been; she will check.
  • Expenditures for the intern conference - We haven’t received the grant money for the intern conference yet. We will be getting $7500. The grant has been reduced from $9000 to $7500. We don’t know if there will be a grant next year.
  • Why is IUC in our budget? - We keep their money in our budget. It is a pass through; doesn’t cost us anything.

Motion to approve the first quarter treasurer’s report
  Motion: Debbie Liddy
  Second: Denise Eslinger
  Motion passed

Business Manager’s Report  Cheryl VanDenBerge
No report.

Director of Legislative Services  Ann Brennan
And Professional Relations Report
• **Gifted** – The state gifted council recommended specific spending rules for gifted. This is on hold until the budget process is completed.

• **Budget** – Ann has been working with the Ohio Coalition and sent us a document on special education funding principles, e.g. weighted pupil funding, etc. The document is final and has been sent to the legislature and governor. There is another document that they are working on, which will include specifics like the internship funding. Ann will continue to support internship funding.

• **The Retirement bill** has been introduced and had an introductory hearing. They took STRS’s recommendations and put them directly into the reform bill. The bill will almost certainly pass in its current form, or very close. **2015 is the key date when retirement changes!**

• **Senate Bill 60** was introduced late this week. It requires that all state boards have a cultural competency component within their continuing education requirements. The State board of Psychology is already considering adding this to their requirements anyway (see minutes of November 3, 2010 executive board meeting).

**State Board of Psychology update:**
The definition of the practice of school psychology that we recommended is in the draft. The group has agreed to almost everything in the draft bill, except the subpoena power that the board is requesting. The bill will be drafted since it requires law changes, but the committee will continue to meet and will make a recommendation to the state board of psych, which will then pursue getting a bill introduced this spring, but realistically it will need to wait until after the budget bill is introduced.

There was discussion of the changes in the State Board of Psychology definition of School Psychologist services. They took out counseling and put in intervention. We understand that counseling is an intervention, but do others understand that counseling is included? The definition does talk about interventions for mental health issues later on in the definition. Will removal of the term “counseling” make it more difficult for psychologists in private practice to bill for these services?

**Committee Reports**

**Legislative** Chuck Archer
The committee doesn’t want to make waves until we see if intern funding is included in the budget. If not, this will be their first priority. After the budget comes out, maybe we can push gently for increased school psych ratios. There may be opportunities to push for more mental health services in the schools.

**Nominations and Elections** Reuben Mosidi
The committee was asked for nominations to fill Becky Dingledeine’s vacancy on the Board of Psychology examination committee. They sent Linda Jordan’s name (Trumble County) to the board, which meets next week.

**OSPA Elections** – we have a full slate of candidates

- President Elect: Shayla Brown and Denise Eslinger
- Secretary: Amity Notemeyer and Krista Hickman
- Treasurer: Terry Bendo

**Regional Representatives:**
- Cleveland - Dan Dean
- Central – Jay Bahnsen
- KAASP – Eric Merkle

This is an additional representative for KAASP. Joint membership numbers are up, so they gained a rep.
Motion to accept the ballot
  Motion: Jay Bahnsen
  Second: Valorie Wolcott-Mendelson
  Motion Passed

Membership
Elaine Semper presents
Wine and Cheese at fall conference seems to continue to be a good place to solicit OSPA members and committee members. OSPA had 880 members as of 2-3-2011.

Motion to approve 22 new members
  Motion: Sal Karanouh-Schuler
  Second: Julie Griffith
  Motion Passed

Spring Conference
Sal Karanouh-Schuler
The brochure is ready to go. There will be a copy in the TOSP and brochures will also be sent out separately.

- Day one: Kimberly Vannest will speak about behavioral issues; how to move through the tiers; screening; how to address designing intervention for each category on the BASC.
- Second day: Kevin McGrew will speak about assessed strengths and weaknesses and how to use them to address reading weaknesses.
- Saturday – half a day: Lisa Langell will talk about AIMSWEB, both behavior and academic. She says she will be inclusive so that both veteran users and people new to AIMSWEB will benefit. Saturday's AIMSWEB will be a separate price and will cost OSPA members $50. Normally, AIMSWEB charges $100 to $150! Good Deal!

Technology
Jeff York
A written report was provided. High Points:
Upgrading of the website: During fall conference they met with a possible web designer. Some possible components include the ability to do financial transactions, webinars, on line voting in the future, mobile apps. They will be getting proposals from other designers.
They implemented a procedure for the database to be backed up off site daily: to be sure all data is safe and secure before we add financial transactions.
2009-2010 EMIS data was cross-referenced with our OSPA database; the names and work addresses of 70 individuals not previously in our contact list were sent to the OSPA office for membership invitation. OSPA’s contact list includes approximately 2659 individuals.
The Listserv has about 410 subscribers.
Jeff is defining and perfecting a protocol to share membership information between OSPA and the regionals.

Crisis/Intervention
Written report in executive board packet
Another positive report for wine and cheese! This committee has been very active. We are pleased with what they do and the information sharing.

Private Practice
Kathryn Rodecker
The committee doubled in size, from 14 to 29 members, as a result of the wine and cheese!
12 of the 29 are actively looking for state Board of Psych licensure and are working together as a cohort. The committee sent out a newsletter on passing the PRAXIS II. It looks like only four or five school psychologist licenses have been issued in the past year or two by the State Board of Psychology.
Ron Ross, Executive Director of the State board of Psychology, would be willing to do a small presentation or table during one or both of our OSPA conferences. He is lively, humorous, and dynamic! Kathryn spoke with him the other day about a question she had. He was very helpful.

Scholarship
Valorie Wolcott Mendelson
We have raised $25,000 in the past four years for the scholarship. We have over $30,000 in the scholarship account! Valorie went to a staff meeting in an ESC recently and met the first scholarship recipient there. She is doing fabulously and is very thankful for the recognition.

Discussion of ways to generate more applications for the OSPA Scholarship:
We never get more than four applications a year, no matter what information we send out. Valorie did not send out hard copy letters to this year’s first year students because they have not generated any applications in the past. She did get e-mail addresses and she will publish the application on-line and in the TOSP. The applications and letters that the Columbus foundation sends out do not reach the students. Some students were given the applications in June, two days before the deadline! Some members have interns who were not made aware of our scholarship. Suggestions:
- Send the applications to the head of the student group at each university.
- Use the content management system that Jeff is working on. When people join and are flagged by student, interest, area of state, etc. it will automatically funnel the right stuff to the right people.
- Have OSPA members contact the university professors if they have personal connections with them.
- Use Facebook.

"I can't imagine choosing a better profession or group of human beings with whom to associate. Words fall short of expressing my respect and gratitude, so I'll simply say thank you.”
Valorie Walcott-Mendelson, speaking of OSPA

Awards
Kris Prough
The committee is looking at doing a multi-media presentation during the next rounds of award presentations. The presentation can play on the screens at conferences and posted on line afterwards. Submitting video could be part of the nomination requirements, at least starting next year.

Multicultural & Diversity
Marina Ergun
The committee met January 29 and discussed role of the committee as advocate for the needs of ELL students (English Language Learners). The first step would be sharing information and data to highlight the needs of ELL students. The recent issue of the NASP Communiqué has a lot of information. The committee is going to put together an FAQ document for school psychologists who are working with ELL students and families. The committee has been putting together a list of bilingual school psychologists. There was discussion of how bilingual evaluations are handled. Who pays the psychologist? Do districts exchange as a courtesy? Could materials be shared regionally? Will ODE do Whose IDEA in languages other than Spanish? The Spanish language forms were pulled from the website because people using the forms were uncomfortable using it. The scope of the committee is broader than ELL. That is just a current issue.

TOSP
Rob Kubick
- The current issue will be large – 76 pages: 3 research reports; a regular I intervention column; 6 committee reports; 4 regional reports; lists of the donors from the fall conference. Nadine Block sent a piece on Janet Liston, who passed away. Rob spoke with IUC at fall conference, after which he got lots of unsolicited manuscripts!
- Rob is re-doing the publication schedule for the TOSP. He wants to send the issues out in advance of the season, like magazines. The layout editor is very busy with other projects that have been delaying the winter and summer TOSP.
- Four more TOSP articles have been accepted for the Communiqué online for a total of 26! The next highest state is California with 4 articles. Some state journals are using articles from TOSP for over a third of their state journal!
University of Dayton student organization  Dana Doran-Myers
The group is delving into the international diversity realm. Students will be going to Buenos Aires, Argentina. They will be working in the schools, and taking online courses as well.

Historian  Kate Bobak
Rob reports that Kate got dozens of names for the photos she had out at fall conferences. She will have them out at the spring conference as well. She is working with Jeff to have an excel data base on the OSPA website, so people will know what is in our archives. Kate put another batch of items in the archive recently.

Public Relations and Community Service  Heather Doyle
The committee:
- Will continue with the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, doing a virtual on-line food drive. Every regional association would be a team, and the teams will be awarded points based on the donations per member (to weight the size of teams). The winning team will get an award at Spring Conference. Will work to put together a list of different events in every region of Ohio and getting regions to support charities in their areas.
- Sent out a press release to all the news organizations in Ohio for school psych week in November.
- Wants to get some literature and resources out to OSPA members to promote who school psychologists are and what we do.
- Would like to move toward more active charity actions. Another long term goal would be to get the regions to report their community services activities back to the committee and incorporate them into a yearly campaign.

Fall Conference  Sue Johnson
We will have Matthew Burns speaking on RTI tier interventions.

Liaisons Reports
OPA Update  Mary Ann Teitelbaum
Public Psychologists are concerned about budget cuts at jails. Privatization of jails has been recommended by the governor and the public psychs are concerned.

Ohio Supervisors of School Psychologists  Perry Clark
Perry is the supervisor for Akron City and would like to point out the prevalence of Akron People on the OSPA board and the fantastic people he has working for him!

When the supervisors meet March 10, they will probably talking about staffing issues: how many to hire; how do you divvy up the work load; how do you handle it when a psychologist goes on leave? He also expects them to talk about beefing up technology and streamlining record keeping.

Perry requests that all of us who have supervisors point them to the website and suggest they join the group. Membership is free. He invites anyone interested in delivery of school psych in Ohio and who supervises several Psychs. They meet at OCCALI three times a year from 9:00 to noon.

Office for Exceptional Children  Ann for Barbara Murphy
Barb had a mandatory staff meeting. She sent Ann a memo on staff changes at ODE.
- Wendy Stoika is now assistant director for procedural safeguards – Ann Guinnan’s old job.
- Ann Guinan is working on getting facilitated IEPs organized and going.
- Jamie Nash is the new assistant director of monitoring services and student supports.
- Christina Cline is a consultant in services and procedural safeguards. She’s a good person to go to if we need to ask questions.
- Barry Mahanes- consultant for low incidence handicaps
- Bernadette Laughlin – consultant for speech and language pathology & audiology

Notes from the regions:
- KAASP has another workshop coming up March 11. Karla Ann Holt will be presenting.
- ELASPA – Had a workshop with Betty Maxio – professional counselor out of Sandusky Schools -on girls and self-respect, bullying, and how to be a young lady. She focused on relationship bullying and on cultural differences things. She is African-American and has a lot of experience.
- SWOSPA – workshop on March 4 - interventions for behavior
- Cleveland –Doing a social for their interns prior to NASP, so that they know each other and have a group of people they know when they go to present at NASP. Their spring meeting is on April first. They always have a spring banquet, which gets a huge turnout.

IUC

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

The February executive board meeting conflicts with Ohio Association of Pupil Service Administrators (OAPSA) meeting every year. Could we schedule for the second Friday in February next year?

Discussion of the push for shared service:
- There are bills that would require schools to go into cooperatives for certain services – like purchasing services – but there probably won’t be bills to look at consolidating school districts. There have been rumors about related services being privatized, but Ann feels that the Ohio Coalition would strongly oppose. There is also some talk about shared personnel services, transportation, and janitorial services.
- Ann thinks that special education vouchers are also likely to come up again, with more of a possibility of passing than the last time.

Kristy’s district is drafting a letter about the autism vouchers.
- They have bunches of kids coming back to the district who have made NO progress or have regressed while on home instruction or scholarship programs. Kids are coming back who now need communication devices and personal aides who never needed those things before!!! She invites anyone with similar experiences to join their letter.
- From the ADAMH board in Columbus - there is suspicion that many of these agencies are bilking the ADAMH board of millions of dollars for “case management” that is being billed simultaneous with education time and with no proof of services provided.
- Ann feels that the line between private education and traditional public education will continue to be blurred, which would be OK if the private schools and programs are held to the same accountability standards. In her experience that has not been the case, e.g. the autism scholarship. Everyone should have to be accountable.

Adjournment
Motion: Sal Karanouh-Schuler
Second: Susan Johnston
Motion Passed
Adjourned at 1:58 pm

OSPA Executive Board Members in attendance:
Chuck Archer Legislative Committee Chair
Jay Bahnsen Central Rep/Spring Conference Chair
Ann Brennan Dir. of Leg. Services/Pro Relations
Lynn Brumfield Southwest Rep
Perry Clark OSSP Liaison
Dana Doran-Myers U of Dayton Student Rep
Heather Doyle PR Committee Co-Chair
Marina Ergun Multicultural/Diversity Co-chair
Denise Eslinger Elyria/Lorain Rep
Beth Gaubatz Maumee Valley Rep
Julie Griffith Cleveland Rep KASSP
Michelle Hathorn Treasurer
Krista Hickman Secretary
Susan Johnston Fall Conference Co-chair
Sal Karanouh-Schuler Spring Conference Co-chair
Linda Seekatz East Central Rep
Aimee Kirsch President-elect
Kelly Kowalski Kent/Akron Rep
Robert Kubick TOSP Editor
Debra Liddy North Central Rep
Reuben Mosidi Nominations/Elections Chair
Linda Neiheiser Past president
Kristin Prough Awards Chair
Sharon Rieke Southwest Rep
Kathryn Rodocker Kent/Akron Rep
Elaine Semper President
Mary Ann Teitelbaum OPA Liaison
Valorie Wolcott-Mendelson Scholarship Fund Co-chair
Jeff York Technology Chair, Proxy Deb Buck

Guests/Proxies:
Nicole Shannin Intern (Akron Public Schools)
Esther Intern (Gahanna City Schools)
Susan Johnston Proxy for Lucy Secord
Sal Karanouh-Schuler Proxy for Dan Dean
Valorie Wolcott-Mendelson Proxy for Gail Fadel