OSPA Executive Board Meeting
April 17, 2013
Call to Order @ 4:44PM

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

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the February 1, 2013 Executive Board meeting were approved as corrected
Motion: Mary Ann Teitelbaum
Second: David Lamb
Motion Passed

President’s Report
Denise welcomed the group, especially the student reps from the universities. Kathy McNiel was introduced as co-chair of Ohio Supervisor’s of School Psychologists (OSSP) with Rachel Freeman-Hicks the co-chair. Kathy has worked as a supervisor of school psychologists for 4 ½ years. While Rachel serves as department chair of psychologists for Lakota Local Schools. They both hope to help represent OSSP as new executive board members of OSPA.

Denise then addressed the board for approval regarding A FRAMEWORK FOR SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS. Denise spoke about the Framework for school safety and the number of organizations that support this framework. OSPA is looking to link this framework and have the resource available on the website. Safe & Successful Schools was Adopted April 5, 2013 by the following organizations:
  - American School Counselor Association
  - NASP
  - School Social Work Association of America
  - National Association of School Resource Officers
  - National Association of Elementary School Principals
  - National Association of Secondary School Principals

Finally, Denise wanted to extend thanks to each individual on the executive board for their service this past year: Jeff York and his continuous efforts on the OSPA website. Thanked Ralph & Rubin for their continuous work. Brian Hill and the Crisis team, especially with all the recent events that have occurred within this past year, especially the timeliness of the delivery of crisis resources to the OSPA listserv. To all the conference committee chairs, Sue & Jay, Elaine & Sal. Julie for all the hard work with keeping the minutes. Denise thanked all the regional chairs. Mary Ann Teitelbaum & Chuck Archer for their colorful contributions to OSPA board. Aimee and her expertise as past president. Cheryl as her “right hand person.” She couldn’t say enough about the amount of hard work that Ann completes as well as Mike and representing our voice through the legislature. She described Rob, as a soft voice and welcomed his advice and guidance this year on the board as well as all of his hard work in the TOSP. Erich & his dedication to private practice, Kathy McNamara and her commitment with NASP and keeping us connected. Juliette and our new connection with ISPA. Valerie Wolcott-Mendelson-, Denise is amazed and humbled by her giving heart and proclaimed that Val was very giving; particularly the outreach that OSPA did for the recognition of the loss of school psych at Sandy Hook Elementary. Dan Dean, is organized and has a big heart too. Denise’s final remarks included the following: “You don’t even know how we touch others, the wake that we leave after working with individuals. Every moment we may do something that may have an impact on kids and the others that we work with. This is
essential to how we operate as a society and I encourage you all to keep going the way we are going and we will continue to be the voice that we are for the students we serve. My goal was to have an open, honest, and happy committee and continue with all the good work that people did.”

Past President-Report (Organizational Results)  Aimee Kirsch
Results from our OSPA organizational assessment are in our packets. In February 2012 the executive board first conducted the assessment. The tool utilized was provided by NASP to help identify where the organization stands to help assess and determine needs to improve program development. In February 2013, the executive board was surveyed through an online component. There was a total of 31 respondents. There were some changes in noted from the February 2012 to February 2013 assessment.

The hope is that this assessment will be taken over by the Planning and Development Committee to continue to utilize and assess the organization as we move forward.

President-Elect’s Report  Amity Noltemeyer
Not present as she recently had her baby! Amity submitted a report and indicated that her first priority will focus on diversity. Second, she would like to enhance the sustainability of our organization and our profession. She would like each committee within the organization to keep these two priorities in mind while developing their goals for the coming year.

Treasurer’s Report  Terry Bendo
Lynn reported on Terry’s behalf. $136,988.23 is the current balance. This includes spring conference income but not the spring conference expenses.

Motion to approve the 3rd quarter treasurer’s report
   Motion: Aimee Kirsch
   Second: Chris Nelson
   Motion Passed

NASP  Kathy McNamara
Summer Conference in Cincinnati this year, July 8-10th. July 8th is a pre-conference. Concurrent sessions go on for much smaller groups and more interaction. Much more informal than the large NASP Annual conference. If interested check the NASP Website.

There was an analysis of consulting firms regarding the organizational structure of NASP. As a result, NASP is looking to bring new leadership to the floor at the national level. This would be a good time to get involved if interested in getting involved in NASP in a leadership component. They are also looking at the financial accountability of the organization as well.

NASP 2014 will be located in Washington, DC.

The next series of Best Practices-VI is looking to be released in 2015. Alex Thomas is co-editing with Patti Harrison (a seasoned journal editor).

Kathy spoke on the Affordable Care Act and the effect it will have on school psychological services, as it relates to mental health. There were some board discussions regarding Medicaid expansion. There is a lot of discussion regarding the impact of this at the National level.

Executive Director  Ann Brennan
Ann spoke regarding the language of taking out ratios to promote flexibility in the schools. However as of 4/16/13, it was voted upon in the legislature to reinstate the ratio. Ann specifically thanked the following individuals who provided testimony before the Joint Senate Education and Public Safety Committees Special Hearing on School Based Mental Health and School Safety. Individuals that testified included: Ann Brennan, Chuck Archer, Erin Hull, Deborah Turner, and Frank Sansosti. Written testimony was provided by Frank Scarano, and the Akron Public Schools
school psychologists, collectively as a group.

MEDICAID EXPANSION – the house members could not get enough members to support it. They were 12 votes short to pass this in the budget. It is unlikely that it will go back in the Senate. This was hopeful for mental health services and is disappointing. The bill will be voted on in the house on 4/18/13 and it will move forward to the Senate. Hope to have it out of the Senate by May 28, 2013.

BOARD FEEDBACK:
Mary Ann Teitelbaum- the ratio of 1-2500. What is the possibility of having the ratio reduced? The majority party would need to recommend a reduced ratio. Lowered ratios has come up in the discussion previously in the legislature. School districts are in financial crises and although there is more focus on mental health services, the cost to school districts would be an unfunded mandate; which is a dilemma that we are still facing.

DENISE: She read that the line item of transportation into the cost of the school (this used to be a separate). So the illusion is that districts are getting more monies. However, the house eliminated this and it is again a single line item.

CHUCK: Everyone wants improvement of mental health services at no cost.

ANN: again thanked Debbie Buck, Nina Andrews, and Gail again for the testimony that was provided and those that sent letters and emails. This restoration of the ratio would not have occurred without the commitment of the members that sent emails.

Mary Ann Teitelbaum: it would be a great argument to use OMNIBUS survey data to report the caseload ratios (such as 1:1700) to help change the ratio from this perspective.

ANN: ODE is collecting information regarding caseload/workload in anticipation of the new Ohio Rules and Revisions.

VALORIE: Thanked Ann for creating the write-up to submit to the legislatures for electronic submission of testimony.

Committee Reports

Scholarship Valorie Wolcott Mendelson
Val has been trying to promote with the universities to apply for the scholarship. The current balance is a little under $59,000. She is creating a notebook with sample docs and a timeline of when thing need to occur. This is creating a paper trail for when someone will take over the Scholarship Committee. Suggestion to use twitter to update the progress on the raffle during the conference. Another suggestion was to post what items ahead of time for individuals to obtain purchase order from the districts.

Nominations and Elections Ralph Pajka/Reuben Mosidi
Solicited for a number of candidates with the following election results:
President Elect: Erich Merkle
Secretary: Christopher Sweeney

Regional Reps
CASP: Donna Valtman, John Clute, Nicole Huzl
Elyria/Lorain: Elaine Semper
Central: Patrick Kane
KAASP: Lucinda Thompson
North Central: (no N/C rep at this time)
Maumee Valley: John Biltz
Southeast: Debra Buck
Southwest: Sharon Rieke

Rep for Ohio Board of Psychologists: Rob Kubick

Motion to accept the election results:
  Motion: Jay Bahnsen
  Second: Steve Fricke
  Motion Passed

Membership

Jennifer Douglas/Aimee Kirsch

There are new members since the last committee meeting. Members listed in packet.

Motion to approve new members:
  Motion: Debbie Buck
  Second: Dan Dean
  Motion Passed

Working on starting a mentoring program. Working with tech committee to get a social networking relationship started as this may be easier to facilitate. This is the committee’s main focus at this point.

Private Practice

Erich Merkle

Erich reported having 11 phone calls and 3 emails regarding credentialing, ethics, and private practice questions. Strongly encouraged respondents to join OSPA. Many are interested in testing materials to help prepare for the exam. Would like to have an active private practice page up and running as a good resource for our membership.

ANN: NASP/NCSP testing: ODE will allow for school psych candidates to take the PRAXIS or the new PEARSON exam, which is going to be disseminated this coming school year.

Technology

Jeff York

Jeff reported out on the progress of the committee’s three goals outlined for this year:

1. The primary goal was to facilitate online membership renewal
   PROGRESS: Work has moved forward in the area of online membership renewals. This service is anticipated to be available for the 2013-2014 membership cycle.

2. To facilitate increased awareness of the Association’s LinkedIn/Facebook Groups.
   PROGRESS: Facebook is maintained by committee member, John Lamanna; which has 62 members. LinkedIn is maintained by committee member Racheal Folkman; which has 103 members. The listserv currently has 608 subscribers, which is maintained by committee member, Chris Sweeney. A Twitter account has been set up, just not yet utilized:ospa@ospaonline

3. To research and install a video component to the website.
   PROGRESS: The presentations of Tom Fagan and Alex Thomas from spring 2012 conference have been posted to the OSPA website.

Crisis/Intervention

Brian Hill

Brian reported out on the progress of the committee’s two goals outlined for this year:

1. To focus on increasing independent continuing education efforts by encouraging members to earn the Crisis Honor Award.
   PROGRESS: While the committee continues to offer continuing education chances through the Crisis Honor Award, few members have taken advantage of this opportunity.

2. To continue training by using the monthly Crisis Topic of the Month to review and discuss the book, School Crisis Prevention & Intervention: The PREPaRE Model.
   PROGRESS: Many individuals volunteered to take two chapters and summarize them for the group. Not many actually participated in the group discussion. Once the review of this book is completed, the committee will revisit monthly topics to generate more interest and
Cindy and Melissa reported that during Spring Conference they will present both the Bartlett and Early Career award. The Early Career Award is new and it will be a competitive award that will be due June 30th, that will be annually awarded at the Fall Conference in conjunction with the School Psychologist of the Year award.

Marina reported on behalf of the committee. Report is in the packet. She discussed her goals and progress made this past year; including a resource website, which is now linked through the OSPA website. The committee is scheduled to meet on 4/18/13 after the conclusion of the conference.

Due Sunday @ midnight for current issue. Other issue is at the printer and out to members soon.

Goal was to get test kits out of her possession. Books that were not needed at Archives were donated to Kirtland library on behalf of Valorie Wolcott Mendelson. With the passing of Polly Alexander, Nadine Block will assist in a memorial for her. This will be presented at the conference on Thursday 4/18/13.

JULIETTE: take up a donation for Polly Alexander. She was a previous president of OSPA and the first president of NASP.

BOARD FEEDBACK; Maybe simulate a collection that was similar to what the membership did for Sandy Hook tragedy.

ROB: There is an article that Tom Fagan is writing that is going to be submitted to the TOSP memorializing Polly Alexander.

“LIGHT IT UP BLUE WITH BARKLEY” Visit at the PR table and donate $5 to get a pin. Members of the committee developed an information packet that will be available for the membership. Puzzle pieces will be available for $1. Each person will put their name on it. There will be 3 randomly selected and get an Autism poster. All donations will be made to Autism Speaks.

Recommendation to combine both committees into one since the chairs conduct and do many of the same operations, just at different times of year. This may require an operations manual revision. The executive director will verify if modifications will need to be made and report back to the board. There was discussion regarding the Planning and Development committee and the relationship between that committee and the conference committees. The conference chairs were happy to report that they received list of speakers from the NASP speakers bureau.

CINDY THOMPSON: recommended PD for the new DSM reveal. The board agrees that this would be good to present sooner rather than later.

Neither chair was present at the meeting. The report was presented in the executive board packet.

Patrick Kane- Univ. of Toledo. A water table on 4/28/13 for the Glass City Marathon. Donate 20%
of proceeds to foodbank. Summer institute for local area professionals to earn PD. Last year did data management software. This is still in the planning phase, but scheduled for June 13th.

**Liaisons Reports**

**OPA Update**
Mary Ann Teitelbaum/Erich Merkle
Erich reported: Teleconference approach for a board meeting. Thinks this was a fantastic idea for a board meeting and he thought it was an effective way to communicate with others. This meeting focused on bullying efforts. Board certified ABA will be under board of psychology. The Early Career Psychologists and OPA are now linked with Kelly, our Task Force Chair to gain collaboration.

Mary Ann: reported concerns regarding Medicaid reimbursement. There is a decline in funding and the changing in the privatizing of prisons. There are concerns and issues that prisons will use social workers as opposed to psychologists. This is also being seen in the mental health sector. There is growing concern for psychologists in the public and private sector since they "cost" more than your social workers or other therapists. Many institutions that are trying to make budget cuts may go this route.

**ISPA UPDATE**
Juliette Madigan
NASP Children’s fund update. Ohio gave more than $12,000 (total) $1,600 (OH) was collected from Ohio. 2013 ISPA will be in Portugal. In 2014, it will be in Lithuania.

**Office for Exceptional Children**
Michael Petrasek
Final rules for seclusion restraint: It is now adopted. This will be in the update for the general membership presented on 4/18/13.

CHUCK: questions regarding dyslexia pilot project and if there were regional meetings held for feedback. Wants to know if ODE is going to have any sort of report to indicate the results of this project.

MIKE: He is unsure of this time whether there will be a report.

HEATHER: Her district submitted report in January and got notification that they needed more information from her in April. She was anticipating feedback by now.

SUE: was with Barb Murphy and new school districts can now apply for future involvement.

ANN: dyslexia was added in the federal level. There is a definition of dyslexia in the rules.

**New Business**

**DYSLEXIA**
Sue Johnson
SUE: Sue met with Barb Murphy. OSPA should do something: statement, model policy, to talk about Dyslexia and formulate a committee. Interested members are Sue, Barb, & Mary Gierhart. It was recommended that this be brought up to the Planning and Development Committee to initiate this approach.

ANN: look at focusing on appropriate reading interventions and intertwine this with dyslexia initiative. This is something that the Planning & Development Committee can consider. This needs to be carefully considered

School Psych Evaluation Program
Sharon Rieke
It is rough draft form and will have the board take a look at it when it is more polished.

**OMNIBUS SURVEY DATA**
Rob Kubick
Kathy McNamara will report on the Role & Function pieces of the survey results.
Skeleton Breakdown of Data presented:

On average the school psychologist in Ohio completes:
- 25 initials a year- with approximately 90% found eligible
- 50 reevals a year- with approximately 90% continue to be found eligible
- approximately 75 total evals a year is standard.
- When considering all cases (including consultations, interventions, 504s, etc.) the average was approximately 90 cases a year

Time spent on evaluations by Ohio school psychologists included on average:
- 12 hours for an initial eval
- 8 hours for a reeval
- 12 hours for a comprehensive reeval
- 4 hours for a review of records reeval
- 4 hours for a formal consultation
- 6 hours for initial preschool
- 8 hours for preschool reeval

CONSIDERATIONS FOR FUTURE SURVEY/STUDY DEVELOPMENT:
- look at excellent and excellent w/ distinction school districts and ask how school psychs in those districts operated
- look at total time invested in the case. Then ask the amount of face time actually spent with the students.

Adjournment

Motion: Rob Kubick PROXY for Terry Bendo
Second: Dan Dean
Motion Passed

Adjourned at 7:34PM

OSPA Executive Board Members in attendance:

Executive Board Members Present

Stacey Ambrose Public Relations Committee Co-Chair
Chuck Archer Legislative Committee Chair
Jay Bahnsen Central Ohio Regional Representative/ Fall Conference Committee Chair
Melissa Bestgen Awards Committee Co-Chair
Ann Brennan Director of Legislative Services/Professional Relations
Lynn Brumfield Southwest Regional Representative
Debra Buck Southeast Regional Representative
Dan Dean Cleveland Regional Representative
Jennifer Douglas Membership Committee Co-Chair
Heather Doyle Public Relations Committee Co-Chair
Marina Ergun Multicultural/Diversity Committee Co-Chair
Denise Eslinger President
Brittany Flynn Student Representative-Kent State University
Steve Fricke East Central Regional Representative
Brian Glenn Student Representative-Youngstown State University
Julie Griffith Secretary
Brian Hill Crisis Intervention Committee Chair
Susan Johnston Fall Conference Committee Co-Chair
Patrick Kane Student Representative-University of Toledo
Sal Karanouh-Schuler Spring Conference Committee Chair
Aimee Kirsch  Past-President/ Membership Committee Co-Chair
Katherine Klamut  Kent/Akron Regional Representative
Robert Kubick  TOSP Editor
David Lamb  Northwest Regional Representative
Kate Bobak-Lavik  Historian
Juliette Madigan  ISPA Liaison
Kathy McNamara  NASP Liaison
Erich Merkle  Kent/Akron Regional Representative
Chaquita Miller  Student Representative-Cleveland State University
Christopher Nelson  Maumee Valley Regional Representative
Ralph Pajka  Cleveland Regional Representative/ Nominations & Elections Committee Co-Chair
Michael Petrasek  ODE/OEC Liaison
Elizabeth Pugh  Student Representative- Youngstown State University
Sharon Rieke  Southwest Regional Representative
Elaine Semper  Spring Conference Committee Co-Chair
Meghan Shelby  Multicultural/Diversity Committee Co-Chair
Mary Ann Teitelbaum  OPA Liaison
Lucinda Thompson  Awards Committee Co-Chair
Karin Tinnon  Cleveland Regional Representative
Cheryl VanDenBerge  Business Manager
Valorie Wolcott Mendelson  OSPA Scholarship Fund Chair
Jeff York  Technology Committee Chair

Guests/Proxies:
Karen Stine, Guest
Amy Brumer, Proxy for Laura Kastein (Student Representative-Ohio State University)
Robert Kubick, Proxy for Terry Bendo (Treasurer)