Minutes from the OSPA Executive Board Meeting  
April 21, 2010  
Call to order: 4:45 PM

Members Present:

Linda Neiheiser    President  
Michelle Hathorn    Treasurer  
Ronald Lott     Secretary  
Terry Bendo    Past President  
Chuck Archer    Leg. Co-Chair; OSPAN Co-ordinator  
Jay Bahnsen    Central Rep/ Spring Conf. Chair  
Alison Bland    Student Rep. Kent State  
Ann Brennan    Dir. Leg. Services/Prof Relations  
Shayla Brown     PR Co-Chair  
Debra Buck     Southeast Rep  
Dan Dean     Cleveland Rep  
Rebecca Dingeldein    Awards Co-Chair  
Denise Eslinger    Elyria/Lorain Rep  
Gail Fadel     Cleveland Rep  
Laura Gabel     PR Co-Chair  
Gail Gallwitz    North Central Rep  
Jessica Gibbons    Cleveland St. Student Rep  
Krista Hickman    Proxy for David Lamb  
Brian Hill    Crisis Intervention Chair  
Susan Johnston    Fall Conf. Co-chair  
Sal Karanouh-Schuler    Spring Conf. Co-chair  
Aimee Kirsch    Private Practice Chair/Kent-Akron Rep  
Kelly Kowalski    Kent-Akron Rep  
Robert Kubick    TOSP Edit  
Ruth McLatchie    Multicultural& Diversity Chair  
Kathy McNamara    NASP Liaison  
Erich Merkle    Historian  
Reuben Mosidi    Nomination/Elections Chair  
Christopher Nelson    Maumee Valley Rep  
Ralph Pajka     Nominations/Elect  
Kristen Prough    Awards Chair  
Sharon Rieke    Southwest Rep  
Elaine Semper    President-elect/Spring Conf. Co-chair  
Mary Ann Teitelbaum    OPA Liaison  
Cheryl VanDenBerge    Business Manager  
Valorie Wolcott-Mendelson    Scholarship Fund Co-chair  
Gina Worsdall    Membership Co-Chair
Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved as presented
Motion: Sharon Rieke
Seconded: Denise Eslinger
Motion Passed

Adoption of Minutes
The minutes of the Feb. 1, 2010 were approved
Motion: Dan Dean
Seconded: Jay Bahnsen
Motion Passed

Officer’s Report
Linda Neiheiser welcomed all the board members, regional presidents and student representatives.

President-Elect
Elaine Semper also welcomed all the board members to the meeting.

Treasurer’s Report
Michelle Hathorn presented the Third Quarter Report that indicated a ending balance of $191,805.42. She indicated that OSPA was in good shape.

Business Manager’ Report
Cheryl VanDenBerge reported that OSPA has 436 members.

Director of Legislative Services and Professional Relations Report:
Ann Brennan reported on recent legislation. She indicated that there has been concerns regarding the reporting of BMI on individual child’s record to parents as part of the proposed Nutrition Bill.

She reported that the State Teachers’ Retirement changes are on hold till after the fall election.

The School Advocacy Committee has started to meet and will make recommendations by the end of July 2010.
Linda Neiheiser asked the regional representatives to give a short report on happenings in their area:

- CASP: Dan Dean & Gail Fadel
- ECOSPA: Chuck Archer
- ELASPA: Denise Eslinger
- KAASP: Aimee Kisch
- MVSPA: Christopher Nelson
- NCentral: Gail Gallwitz
- NWOSPA: Krista Hickman
- Central: Jay Bahnsen
- SPASEO: Debra Buck
- SWOSPA: Sharon Rieke

**Committee Reports**

Linda requested that all committees report in written form two weeks in advance of the board meeting. These reports were attached to the agenda. The following committees submitted their report: Membership Services; OSPA Crisis Committee; Scholarship Committee; Nominations & Elections; Private Practice; OSPA Public Relations and OSPA Technology Committee.

**Committee Chair Reports**

- **Awards Committee:** Kristen Prough told the board that the committee was working on the various awards and announced winners would be presented at a later time.

- **Crisis & Intervention Committee:** Brian Hill presented his report and indicated that the committee continues to use the e-mail list to generate support and participation through a monthly topic for discussion. At this point, no one has yet earned the OSPA Crisis Honor Award. The Crisis committee is working with the Public Relations Committee in reordering OSPA Logo Pins.

- **Fall Conference:** Jay Bahnsen indicated that the committee continues to work on the fall conference which be held at the Columbus Renaissance on Nov. 4 & 5th 2010. The speakers will be Robert Brooks and Sam Goldstein.

- **Member Services Committee:** Gina Worsdall reported that total membership is up to 903. 24 new members were nominated to be approved. A motion to accept these new members was made by Gail Fadel and seconded by Dan Dean. The motion was passed.

- **Multicultural Affairs & Diversity Issues:** Ruth McLatchie shared with the board that there are several web site regarding these issues. She plans to place the links on the listserv.

- **Nominations & Elections:** Ralph Pajka & Reuben Mosidi reported the results for President-Elect, Secretary and regional representatives. The following were reported:
  - President-Elect: Aimee Kirsch
  - Secretary: Krista Hickman
Regional Representatives
Central: Luci Secord
North Central: Debbie Libby
Cleveland: Julie Rabatsky & Karin Tinnon
Maumee Valley: Chris Nelson
Elyria/Loraine: Denise Eslinger
Southeast: Debra Buck

OSPA Scholarship Committee: Valorie Wolcott-Mendelson reported that letters had been sent to the universities about the program. First year students were encouraged to apply.

Private Practice Committee: Aimee Kirsch reported that membership has grown from 1 to 14 members this year and 7 out of the 10 regions are represented by members of this committee. Most of the communication continues through e-mail but face to face committee meetings will be held during the Fall and Spring OSPA Conference.

Public Relations & Community Service: Shayla Brown reported that they had collected over 2,000 books for the Cleveland Children Clinic.

Spring Conference: Elaine Semper indicated that conference has been sold out. Kathy McNamara will be available for a book signing. There are books available at a table outside the conference. In the packet that everyone receives, a folder of RTI & Classroom Behaviors and a disk of scripted interventions and training material will be included.

Technology Service: Jeff York submitted an update. He reported that new data fields to track relevant information and plans have been devised to begin tracking MCEs in the same database, starting with the 2010-2012 MCE cycle. The committee has also continued to work with the Membership Services Committee to seek out potential new members. The estimate of total potential members is 2500. This includes current members, non-OSPA NASP members and non-OSPA ODE licensed school psychologists.

Jeff indicated that the formal proposal to transition the OSPA listserv to Member’s Only was approved by the executive board (15:4) by an online vote, prior to the board meeting.

Historian: Rob Kubick reported that a catalog of past issues of *The Ohio School Psychologist* has been generated. Only a few issues are still missing including 1949-1951. Also over 500 photos have been found with many of the ones pictured not named. It is hoped that some of the pictures will be identified.

Delegate to NASP: Kathy McNamara reported that the new standards and ethics are available on the NASP Website. She also reminded members of the two summer conferences to be held in Nashville and Denver.

OPA: Mary Ann Teitelbaum reported that OPA now has ‘Web-in-ars’ available to get credits. They also have an award program for companies that provide services. Mary Ann would like
OSPA to consider a ‘Healthy School OPA Award’ program. It was discussed and tabled to a later time.

TOSP: Rob Kubick reported that articles for the next issue are due June 1, 2010. He also indicated that they have received many articles which will be published as needed.

New Business:

Chuck Archer raised the concern of shutting down the listserv to non-members even though an online vote of executive board members was conducted. The results had indicated support to a transition from the listserv to a ‘member’s only’ forum. A discussion continued. He suggested that the issue be looked at again in a year as to whether it affected members and non-members that used the system. Linda Neiheiser indicated that request might need to be considered by Elaine Semper since she would be president.

Linda Neiheiser presented NASP President Patti Harrison to the board. Dr. Harrison indicated that she was glad to attend the board meeting and again in the next day session of the conference. She mentioned that there are now over 26,000 NASP members. Nearly 6000 attended the NASP Convention. She indicated that NASP is moving forward with new publications and opportunities to work with Congress and the Dept. of Educations concerning school psychologists and kids.

Rob Kubick and Jeff York presented the possible changes to be made in the Constitution and the Operations Manual. They discussed in detail the word changes that would need to be approved at the Business meeting on April 23, 2010. A motion was made to recommend the changes at the Annual General Business Meeting. It was made by Dan Dean and seconded by Denise Eslinger. The motion passed.

A motion was made to accept changes in the Operations Manual. The motion was made by Debra Buck and seconded by Jay Bahnsen. The motion carried.

A motion of adjournment was made to adjourn at 7:16 PM by Kelly Kowalski and seconded by Gail Fadel. The motion passed.