Ohio School Psychologists Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
May 2, 2001

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<td>Krista Hickman</td>
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President Sharon Rieke called the meeting to order at 4:55 P.M. The following proxies were introduced: Juliette Madigan for Gail Fadel, Mary Ann Teitelbaum for Dan Bender and Laura Gabel for Helene Negrelli.

Sharon reviewed the agenda for the meeting and asked if there were any additions. Under New Business, several additions were added to the agenda: Professional Development, Dinner discussion. Additions were also added to committee reports: AFFIC, Crisis Teams. A motion was made to approve the agenda with the additions.

**Motion:** Jay Bahnsen  
**Second:** Brenda Stevens  
**Motion Passed**

The minutes of the March 30, 2001 Executive Board minutes were reviewed. Several corrections were made. Under the Awards committee report, the spelling of Carolyn VanderMeer’s name was corrected. Also, the final sentence was changed to read “A motion was made to accept this recommendation for the Best Practices Award.” Several changes were made to New Business. The sentence beginning “An opinion has been asked of the Attorney General…” was corrected to read, “The Board is considering asking the Attorney General for an opinion…” The sentence beginning “Sharon suggested we donate money…” was corrected to read. “Sharon reported there had been a request for OSPA to donate money from our organization. The board decided not to do so.” A motion was made to approve the minutes with these corrections.

**Motion:** Brenda Stevens  
**Second:** Pat Lehman
Motion Passed

President’s Report – Sharon Rieke
Sharon commended the Board, stating that this group does excellent work. She recognized the members for their hard work and presented president’s awards to several members.

Past President’s Report – Juliette Madigan
Juliette announced that she was donating money in the name of the Executive Board to the fund that Nadine Block started for us, and asked for the board’s approval to accept the donation.

President-elect’s Report – Antoinette Miranda
Antoinette reported that she called Cheryl and arranged a meeting with her at the OSPA office during the last week of April to discuss the day-to-day workings of OSPA. In the coming year, Antoinette wants to focus on “We’ve got a really good thing going.” Her goal for the coming year is to get more people excited about OSPA and to raise conference attendance. She plans to write to the university training programs to encourage them to have their students be OSPA members.

Antoinette also discussed using the planning conference in June to discuss how to make plans to get everyone excited about OSPA again. She presented copies of the book, Who Moved My Cheese? to board members, asking them to read it prior to the planning conference. The board discussed the dates and format of the planning conference. The discussion centered on whether to do one and a half days in June, finishing by 1:00 p.m. on the second day, or whether to do one day in June and one day in August. The group decided to do one and a half days in June. The board also discussed the dates of the conference and chose the week of June 18. Antoinette proposed that 25 people who are not directly actively involved with OSPA be invited for the full day session and asked board members to submit names to her. The goal is to involve new people and to bring back people who were previously engaged.

Treasurer’s Report – Pat Lehman
Pat reported that OSPA’s balance is down at the third quarter. She reminded board members that the rent has increased due to the new office location. OSPA has also spent money on computers. The current balance is significantly less than had been expected and OSPA will probably have to tighten the budget next year. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s report.
Motion: Reuben Mosidi
Second: Janet Brunecz
Motion Passed

Business Manager’s Report – Cheryl
Cheryl reported for the membership committee that OSPA has five new members this month. Membership currently stands at 937. She also reported that 175 registered for Spring Conference, which is down from last year. Ballots were mailed out the second week in April. Sixteen percent of OSPA members voted. NASP reported that only seventeen percent of their membership voted.

Cheryl reported that a new printer and a new i-book laptop computer were purchased for the OSPA office. It was also necessary to buy a USB card for the old MacIntosh so that the new printer would work. The File Maker system was also upgraded. A motion was made to accept the new members.
Motion: Brenda Stevens
Second: Juliette Madigan
Motion Passed

Spring Conference – Susan Johnston
Susan reported that Spring conference 2002 will be May 2 and 3 in Dayton. It will be a two-day conference, beginning with a panel discussion lead by psychologists from Cincinnati who are working with the early literacy materials. Roland Good will present on DIBELs in the afternoon and on the second day. The conference committee is hoping that schools will send teams (principal, first grade teacher, remedial reading teacher). There will be follow-up training in the fall at each of the SERRCS. Executive board meeting will be 4:30 to 7:00 the Wednesday before the conference.

Fall Conference – Janet Bunecz
Fall conference will be November 8 and 9. Scott Poland will present on mental health issues. George Knowles will present on functional assessment of behavior and academics.

Public Relations – Nina Andrews
Nine reported that she has a car-full of stuff to sell, including pencils, pens, post-it notes, sweatshirts, baseball caps, and lanyards.

Nominations and Elections – Reuben Mosidi
Reuben asked for ideas on how to elicit more valid votes. It seems that every year a number of ballots are mailed in blank, or with every name checked. No suggestions were given. A candidate dropped out at the last minute and Reuben would like to interview that person to see why. Reuben reported the following election results:

- President Elect: Chuck Archer
- Secretary: Mary Link
- Regional Representatives:
  - North Central: Holly Middleton
  - Maumee Valley: Reuben Mosidi
  - Southeast: Nina Andrews
  - East Central: Linda Kessler
  - Cleveland: Juliette Madigan
  - Central: Mary Link

A motion was made to accept the election results.

Motion: Reuben Mosidi
Second: Mary Ann Teitelbaum
Motion Passed

AFFIC - Valorie Wolcott Mendelson
Valorie reported that the mini workshop this morning with the field facilitators went well. IUC has taken an invigorating interest in field facilitators and the internship. There is the possibility of a separate web site or listserv for field facilitators. The internship manual will be revised and there will be more uniform usage across the state. It is being proposed that the field facilitators meet in February for training at the time of the intern’s conference. The focus will be on training interns to be “best practice” psychologists. This meeting will be jointly sponsored by OSPA, IUC and ODE. Valorie also reported that there is little research or information available on good supervision of interns. Mary Ann Teitelbaum expressed concern with the esoteric nature of the current manual and the difficulty of determining whether an intern had actually met the goals. The possibility of using the NASP blueprint
skills was discussed. It was also suggested that the revised manual contain performance indicators and objectives that would make clear what the competencies would “look like”.

**Awards – Louise Cardenzana**  
Louise reminded members that nominations for School Psychologist of the Year are due in July. These nominations must come from the regional associations.

**OPA/OSPA Liaison – Mary Ann Teitelbaum**  
Mary Ann reported that OPA discussed the sexual conduct law and the fact that disciplinary action by the Board of Psychology was not occurring due to plea-bargaining, which has stopped each case prior to board action. OPA has their journal, Ohio Psychologist, in electronic form. OPA reported a 90% retention in members. Their e-student membership is up, while handwritten membership is down. OPA noted that academics tend not to be members. OPA is concerned about Parity laws, the state budget, managed care programs. OPA discussed the laws being open, some of which limit OPA from practicing in the schools. Pat Lehman mentioned concerns about the recommendations we are seeing from hospital-based psychologists, which often are not appropriate, don’t follow the laws, etc. It was suggested that maybe we should have a small committee meeting with a few of our members and a few OPA members to discuss this. It was also suggested that we might write an article for the OPA journal discussing these issues. School districts cannot spend state money on psychologists who are not certified/licensed by ODE, but can spend local funds to contract non-ODE certified psychologists.

Ann Brennan raised the question of ODE certified psychologists who want to contract with a school district, such as retirees. Would they have to be licensed by the Board of Psychology? The Board of Psychology has been discussing this and may request the Attorney General opinion. There have been some complaints in recent years about licensed school psychologists (who work in the schools) and school related job duties. The assistant attorney general advised the Board of Psychology that someone could complain to the Board about a licensed school psychologist, even if the complaint was not a private practice issue. Member of the OSPA executive board commented the ethics issues would always count, or if the psychologist were contracting, rather than under an employee contract.

**Crisis Teams – Laura Gabel & Brenda Stevens**  
Laura reported that the crisis team training has occurred across the state and that the Northeast and Central regions have followed up on this. It was suggested that information be sent to the Ohio School Boards’ Best Practice Forum. Brenda said that the power point presentation could be used for this. It was suggested that we also send information to OPA, BASA, etc.

**Director of Legislative Services and Professional Relations – Ann Brennan**  
Ann reported on the current state of school funding, which is changing moment to moment. Intern funding is maintained at the same level in the latest round of funding discussions, although the amounts for each year of the biennium have been reversed. The education budget employs the 6 weights suggested by the Ohio Coalition, but it is not yet funded. The budget calls for the funding to be phased in over a 5-year period. Only 20 million is added to fund special education in this biennium. The budget also makes arrangements for state aid to districts for high cost handicapped children in any category except speech only. When a child costs a district more than $25,000, the state will pay the district one-half the costs in excess of $25,000 and the product of one-half the costs in excess of $25,000 multiplied by the district’s state share percentage.

Ann also reported on potential changes to HB 1. There is the possibility of eliminating the tenth grade tests and substituting end-of-course tests. There is also the possibility of eliminating academic achievement tests in favor of diagnostic assessment tests. This will probably come to a vote in two weeks. At this point all categorized programs are at risk. The Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy is
against the bill and is calling for a tax increase. They expect the Supreme Court to throw out the funding bill and then give the legislature a short deadline. Issues that are unresolved include: special education, vocational education, gifted, etc. and the over reliance on property taxes. The court may order the state to not flow funds until corrected.

**Office of Exceptional Children – Pete Tolan**
Pete reported on the Model Policies and Procedures. The revised version of the *Whose Idea …?* book is not yet complete/available. The transition to new forms is finished. All new work needs to be on the new forms. People using the forms need to have access to the manual. The forms alone do not tell you how to use them. Special Education Rules (Blue Book) revision – stay tuned. The revision is “on” again and several workgroups are working on this. Expect to see drafts in June. The hope is to have it to the state board of education this winter.

The OSEP report from the visit two years ago is out. OSEP commended the state for the SIR process. ODE hopes to run SIR on a seven-year cycle. They plan to visit 100 districts a year. OSEP cited Ohio for not providing counseling and psychological services to students who need to have this on their IEPs. The state was also cited for the inability to fill positions in related services fields. Pete feels this strengthens our School Psychologist Internship program in the eyes of the state.

**Unfinished Business**
There was no unfinished business to be reported. Insurance discussion was moved to the planning conference.

**New Business**
Dates for the next several board meetings were set. The planning conference will be the week of June 18. The August executive board meeting will be August 24.

A motion was made to adjourn at 6:30
**Motion:** Paul Soska  
**Second:** Elaine Semper  
**Motion Passed**

Respectfully submitted, Krista Hickman