Approval of Agenda  (before minutes)
George Csanyi called the meeting to order at 10:06. He reviewed the agenda for the meeting and asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Added New Business:
- Constitution – amending it
- Spring Conference – are changes necessary?

Approved with Amendments

Approval of Minutes
The Minutes of the April 30, 2003 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Motion: Chuck Archer
Second: Elaine Semper
Motion Passed
President's Report

George thanks Linda Sterling for service to OSPA – she is retiring and moving out of state, possibly out of the country for a while.

George thanks board members who have been working for OSPA for years and thanks Ann and Cheryl. We are one of the few states that have a paid office staff. Thanks committee chairs for the work they do.

George views school psychologists as leaders. This will be his emphasis during his presidency. The state has new procedures and new forms – school psychologists will end up answering a lot of the questions others have about these. Change is the only constant we have! Reauthorization of IDEA is coming and is likely to drive even more change.

Membership – there will be applications in TOSP. The application will be included in every issue of TOSP with an envelope to mail it in. Please encourage our regional membership to be members of OSPA and to read TOSP. There is a possibility of including voting within TOSP.

Louise has been awards chair for 13 years. She would like to pass this on. Encourage our people to get involved.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn Brumfield

Third quarter report was at Spring Conference in May. Fourth quarter isn’t over yet. We DID make some money at Spring Conference, which was a concern. We will be doing fourth quarter report and budgets in August. We made a contribution to NASP minority fund of $2000 (money raised through the raffles and donations).

Director of Legislative Services and Professional Relations Report

Ann Brennan

Budget:

Ann talked about the state of the state budget. Has passed house and senate committees. Joint committee is meeting. Issue – collecting sales tax in time to offset current deficit. Want to collect it right away. The department of taxation needs the bill passed by June 24. Senate version is better in some ways than the House – worse in others - about $500 million more. Positive change to school funding – calculation of school attendance. House version –05 average daily attendance – loss of 300 million statewide, particularly large urban districts. Senate version – calls for ADM continued, but the current 3-year averaging is out. Looks like House will agree to that. There are negative impacts on local funds for school district – changes in tangible property tax for businesses – eliminating that and accelerating the elimination – big losses to districts with a lot of manufacturing in their property base. We are looking at a probable loss of about half a billion dollars statewide. Revenue sources – sin taxes, video gambling, sales tax increase, etc. – are back on the table. Sales tax alone does not bring in enough to offset the deficit. All revenue sources have been coming in at less than estimates. About a billion dollars short of funding the current Senate version of the budget. Probable huge deficit in 06. There is a vocal minority of House Republicans who are violently opposed to ANY new taxes.

Education issues in budget – interns appear to be safe- too little $ to make a difference in budget. Possible cuts in foundation $ to schools.

George asked if there was any discussion of school funding issue. Ann – no, DeRolph hasn’t been addressed at all. The governor’s blue ribbon panel has yet to be appointed (can’t get people to be on it.) Window of opportunity was about 3 years ago.
House Bill 3 – pending in senate ed committee
This is the bill to bring us into compliance with No Child Left Behind. Makes some changes in when the changes from Proficiency to Achievement tests. Website: lsc.oh.state.us – good summary of bill and details.

Highlights of bill (passed the House) in Senate Education committee and will be voted out of committee in 2 weeks – fast track
No longer requires intervention or diagnostic assessments for all school districts. Only those districts not making AYP would be required to do these. Will have to match interventions to diagnostic assessments. Senate Bill One had language that required this for all districts – progress monitoring requirements, classroom based interventions – this language has been taken out. It also takes out the "end of course exams" as an alternative for OGT. This leaves OGT as the only way to graduate. There is an option that if you pass 4 of 5 of the tests and a GPA of 3 point-something, a student could still graduate. Alarming statistic – 24 percent were proficient or above on last admin of OGT! Clearly we are not going to deny 76% of our students a diploma! Something will happen.

Sharon – is there any talk of dual diplomas? A district high school diploma and a state diploma for kids that pass the OGT?

Ann – there is pressure from the business community to keep high stakes – No Child Left Behind does not require high stakes testing- many states have other options. Colleges may be reviewing OGT as applies to admission standards – idea: maybe dump high stakes, but get higher ed involved as far as admissions so there would be incentive for kids to take it and do well.

Many districts aren’t crazy about state models. House bill 3 does not require kindergarten baseline data. We’d like it back in. Incremental growth factor – the department of ed. is asking for that – not in the bill yet – something will probably be in. Value added issue – bill requires that by July 2005 – department has to come up with a value added factor progress dimension.

Governor’s teacher success commission bill – senate bill (a, 2, or 3?)
Just introduced in committee. Major recommendations: Department create professional development models and districts adopt professional development plan as part of their CIP. Recommends an advisory Professional Standards board to the department of ed. Would advise on certification, professional development, etc. for all educators. Ann will recommend that one member of the board be related services related. Will make specific recommendations on certification requirements.
The board will be advisory, but will have a lot of influence.

Mary Ann – librarians and guidance counselors were also concerned and different.
We might want to look at going with them, rather than as “related services” per se.
Ann – possibly include gifted teachers. She will raise the issue with the guidance counselor’s group. Won’t be easy to change since OEA is already on board.
Valorie – would it help to have one of the university training people on the board?
People who know the NASP standards? NASP standards are very high and interns are coming out extraordinarily well trained.
Ann – would be ideal if we could get another person added to the board – a gubernatorial appointment and OSPA and guidance counselors could recommend appointees.

Just introduced in Senate – on fast track. We will have more time to influence the House – although that committee is more diverse.

IDEA – follow NASP updates closely – They are good - it is on the OSPA website.
Issues with federal funding level and manifestation determinations and how to define “qualified professionals”.
It is on a fast track – they are trying for by labor day. Has passed House and is in Senate Education Committee. Senator Dewine is very influential with this issue. Ann suggests we write to him. She wrote letters to both senators re:OSPA’s position. The superintendents
and school boards association are the major proponents of the discipline issues, so don’t know if we can make much change. One of the issues is where FAPE occurs for students who are disciplined.

**Business Manager’s Report**

Cheryl VanDenBerge

132 registrants for ethics workshops in June (90 in Cleveland, 42 in Cinncy)
May 5 board meeting will be at 4:30 not 7:30

**TOSP**

Mary Dixon

The current edition just went to printer. There was too much to put in! All original articles! She got a call from Tennessee School Psych organization to go to their conference and write up for our newsletter.
A book review that came out in TOSP is going to be published in the NASP Communique

Idea – pdf size of business card
Idea – do newsletter as online
Suggestion – individuals send excerpts from TOSP to colleagues who are not members to encourage them to join.
Ballot and envelope included in TOSP? Tear off. Do we want to do this?
Membership form included in every edition.
Possible brochure for fall conference in fall issue? There was discussion regarding:
- The date it would come out, whether people would notice it, the possibility of putting it on the listserve, sending a reminder postcard to let members know to look in TOSP, possible problems with reproducing for non-OSPA members.
- Lynn – only 300 members are on listserve.
- Cheryl – we only have 50% of our members with e-mails addresses
Could we do conference registration on line? Problem is the credit card issue. The brochures are currently placed on line for people to print and send. Cheryl gets a number that are from website. More each year, but still not a significant percentage.

**Agreement – we will put the brochure in September TOSP, it will be a different color than rest of brochure, there will be headline on cover drawing people’s attention, there will be an envelope in the issue to mail stuff back to OSPA office. We will put a heads up half-sheet bright colored notice in the membership mailing that is going out. Send same half sheet out again reminding them with the membership stuff going out.**

Other deadlines for TOSP:
- Deadline August 15, mailed out September 1 (with fall conference brochure)
- Deadline Jan 15, mailed out January 30 (with spring conference brochure)
- Deadline March 15, mailed out March 30 (with election ballots)
- Deadline August 15, 2004, mailed out September 1 (with fall conference brochure)

Should we keep these dates from here on out? Consensus: yes

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Committee**

Gail Fadel

Total of 910 members. Got a few recently that are being held for new year July 1
Full 595
Full First year post-intern 44
Interns and students 164
Retired 72
Honorary 35
Goal this year was 900. We made it!
Spring Conference Committee
Susan Johnston & Jay Bahnsen
We made $5400 on spring conference.
Susan has fall and conference info for past 6 years.
Lynn: Remember that we changed our fiscal year, so the bills weren’t always paid in the same fiscal year in the past, so each year is not necessarily accurate reflection of cost and profit.

Nominations & Elections
Reuben Mosidi
Thanks Chuck for answering some questions on the listserv about the elections. There was no controversy. We run a clean election. All candidates were informed in a timely manner. It continues to be discouraging – only about 20% of our members vote. We sent a listserv reminder to vote – didn’t seem to help.

Awards
Louise Cardenzana
This was an unusual year. She got bunches of thank you letters from people who won awards which was nice. Letter and nomination forms for Ohio School Psych Award were late getting out. Nominations need to get to Louise by August board meeting. We have been running 4-6 nominations a year out of our 10 regions. The nominations are made by the regions.

Fall Conference
Janet Brunecz
H. Joseph Horacek, JR, MD, Center for Neurological Health and Learning, Charlotte, NC
The Brainstorm guy – will be speaking one day about ADHD. We will have books. Valorie Lee and Susan have heard him speak and say he is good. Willis and Dumont will be speaking the other day about LD.

AFFIC Liaison
Valorie Walcott-Mendelson
IUC is working with Greg Matthews at the state department (subbing for Pete Tolan) on updating the manual for interns. It will be based on the NASP standards.
Purpose of AFFIC was to see that the field facilitators had a voice in training. Val is looking for volunteers who supervise interns to review the draft manual for possible oversights. She will meet with Greg Matthews later this month to give him the background/history. Wants to be sure that the facilitators continue to have a voice. She strongly feels that the internship is a make it / break it year in terms of whether the intern becomes a future “psychologist” or retreats to being a “psychometrician”.
Language needs to be changed to reflect the fact that IBMFE is no longer in the Ohio Standards. Being approved to be an internship site is supposed to be a process of interviews and submission of portfolios. This will probably be dropped. Apparently no one (except perhaps Valorie and Reuban) were doing the portfolios and some of the university personnel were not aware that this was supposed to be the process. Val does not want to see the “good old boy” system of internship site approval to come back.

Val Lee – concern came up a few years ago in a survey of interns re: lack of training in psychopharmacology. This is not in NASP standards – might be worth bringing up in IUC.

There was discussion about internship sites. Since we will have 15 more interns next year, Chuck suggested that we adding 15 new sites in parts of the state that have crying needs for psychologists. Mary Ann pointed out that there has been a tendency to have sites close to the trainer’s address. Antoinette feels the bigger issue is getting the interns to be willing to move to go to an area away from the university. Some districts are offering scholarships to students who are willing to work there after graduation. They sometimes create internship sites near the student’s home and family. Most universities create sites within 45 minutes of the university.
Other internship issues include recruitment of school psychology students from areas of need and the wide disparity in rate of pay for interns, which can vary by $20,000. OSU has leveled intern salary – all participating districts agree to pay the same. IUC needs to address this across the state.

Unfinished Business

Chuck was asked to go to IUC and talk about membership in OSPA. 50% of IUC are members of OSPA. They ask their students to have 100% participation in OSPA, but the professors at the universities don’t maintain that percentage. He went to IUC and brought this up. There was debate. There are several IUC members who are strongly in favor (Alex) and some who are strongly against requiring university professors to be members. (Note – OSPA president is always invited to attend IUC) Alex did a letter to the various university professors re: internships for next year and gave the percents of student and professor membership in OSPA. There was concern about spouses/partners who are members, but the university professor is not. The old common address membership category used to handle this. There are 4 or 5 IUC people who are not members who fit in this category. Valorie pointed out the rationale (of a particular member) which was that the professors make contributions by all the training they do, and they should be honorary members. Chuck -It was squashed. But the feeling may be out there among university staff.

OPA – MaryAnn Teitlebaum

There will need to be a nomination for the Ohio Psych board. Cathy Telzrow’s term is up. Medicaid – private psychologist practitioners are probably going to be blocked out of funding. They will need to go through the mental health board.
Janet asks about CAFS. Mary Ann says CAFS comes from a different funding block – that’s still on.

Marshall University

Mary Ann Teitelbaum (at Chucks’r request)
MaryAnn and Chuck: Marshall University has long distance sites. It is centered out of West Virginia. Has school psych interns in Virginia, PA, Ohio, West Virginia. Same advisors are supposed to be supervising in all those sites. Quality of supervision at that distance is questionable. The class is huge – 70 some students. The clinical college is concerned that they are not following APA standards requiring close supervision. Problem – this is a money maker for Marshall, so they are hesitant to make changes. Areas in southeast Ohio – superintendents approached Marshall (or Marshall approached them?) – and are doing internships in Ohio, paid by the locals, The oversight with Ohio has been broken by the superintendents who have had things approved by the state department, who told Pete to back off when he tried to bring them into the Ohio fold. Very little consistency in the Marshall Program. Three professors supervise the 70 interns long distance. Some of their people are good, they are filling a need in a southeast corner of Ohio. Gail Fadel says some of the Marshall interns came to our internship conference – none of them were not able to tell her the name of their supervisor! They don’t know. Chuck Archer says there is nothing IUC or OSPA can do, because state department of education is telling us to back off. According to Antoinette IUC has tried to bring Marshall into the fold. The head of the program attended an IUC meeting. He kept saying “we’ll keep taking your crumbs” (internships). Since education in W.Va pays much less, many of their graduates will be coming to Ohio, PA, etc. according to Marshall officials. Ann Brennan says there have been preliminary talks about Marshall teaming up with Shawnee State. If they do this, we can get some handle on them.
Valorie expresses concern that we require students to have master’s degree prior to internship and some of the Marshall students do not have their degree before starting internship. MaryAnn feels the issue is lack of adequate supervision. If Marshall is really looking for NASP certification, maybe we need to go to NASP. Juliette asks if we know if these graduates are being hired in Ohio. Chuck says yes. They get Ohio certification.
State board of Psych appointment Ann
We have formally approved to nominate Katie Schroeder. Ann is working on getting OPA to recommend her as well, so that we maintain our school psych on the board.

OSPA Historian Susan
She found two school psych interns, Kristin Bowes (cincy) and Jackie Jackson (Gahanna) who would be willing to take up the historian job in the future, take the pictures etc. Susan will get them together with Julie Wright. Valorie will try to get together our missing 1990-2000 history. Lew Sarr brought 1990-2003 things to Valorie today. Mike Forcaid has offered to help Valorie. Maybe we need to articulate the position of historian. Lynn Brumfield asks what will happen to the books when Julie can no longer care for them. They belong to OSPA. We need to clarify this.

Children’s Advocacy Committee Valorie Lee
We need a new chair for Children’s Advocacy. Can this be a non-board member? (yes) She may have some suggestions for people not currently on the board.

New Business

Amending the Constitution George Csyani
The organization is for advancing school psychology and providing services to its membership. Need resources – people and money – to make organization work. Current constitution doesn’t speak to requirement for Executive Board members to be dues paying members of OSPA.
Jay – what about the statement that Exec Board members must be voting members of OSPA?
Valerie – the issue is – does the person have to be a member at the time their name is placed on a ballot for Exec Board? This is not in the constitution.
The question becomes “Should people be allowed to run who are not members of OSPA at the time of running.” Discussion:
– Limits pool of people who might serve and serve well.
– What happens if they don’t join after being elected?
- NASP – does have this as a requirement. What about people who say I’ll join if I win?
– Do they continue to be members once their term is up?
– Problem would be that if someone runs without joining first, would membership go down in the future?
– One concern is that we might get executive board members who have no investment in OSPA, no involvement.
– However, they could have been very involved at a regional level prior to running or could have been OSPA members in the past.
– Questions whether a non-member is entitled to run.
- The person who was approached this year to run, offered to pay immediately to join OSPA. We are asking people to pay to run.
– At this point we don’t have a pattern, we have one case – do we need to make a rule?

Consensus – no need for action to be taken on the constitution. We will encourage such persons to join.

Spring Conference George Csyani
We’ve had fall conference in central location – Columbus and generally have higher attendance. Spring moves from city to city and is at a “hard” time of the year, when we are all busy. George would like the group to consider a one-day conference with a big name speaker. People can often break away for a day. Saves districts and people money – no overnight, lower fee. Look at having it in a central location. Also we could create marriages between regions – we are having pretty good response to workshops offered in different parts
of state. What if we continue to do that and do it in conjunction with regions and possibly universities.

Susan – we don’t make more money when it is centrally located. It gives the different regions a chance to show case their region and offers people an opportunity to come who don’t travel as far.
Ralph – used to be higher attendance when we did the breakout sessions and mini-workshops.
Susan – switched to all day because no one was willing to do the mini’s.

Discussion of spring conference included:

IUC thought perhaps it would be a good idea to have posters or minis at both conferences, so that interns and IUC can get more involved. But...break out rooms and AV equipment for multiple presentations is a nightmare.

University staff generally will not go to conference unless the topic is one of their research interests. Suggestion that the universities get their students to set up poster sessions as part of hospitality – (4:30-6:30, maybe with cash bar).

Some of the universities require that their interns or practicum students submit a proposal to NASP – every Kent practicum student had their proposals accepted and presented at NASP. This would be neat to set up at spring conference! Good way to meet prospective employers.

Are we even aware of the research being done in Ohio by our professors? Should we be having them as speakers more often?

Mini conferences by area – would we be stepping on toes with the SERRCs? Some regions do/used to bring in big name speakers...often their members often don’t have to pay.

Concern was expressed about the amount of work involved and who would do it.

If we don’t have opportunities as OSPA members to be face to face, we won’t get commitment. States around us who only have 1 conference don’t have the committee numbers, commitment that we do. If we merge too much with regions, we’ll lose sense of self as an organization.

We have always made money at spring conference (4800 – 15000).
Maybe hook up with different universities and offer a course during the summer on topics of interest to members

Ann – says the department of Ed sees void in educating principals and psychs together on alternate assessment and identification issues. They approached Ann to see if we would be interested in hooking up with the principals’ organizations.

Perhaps a one-day conference in spring would be a good thing. Doing the principals and psychs together may help the principals be more cognizant of what we are up to.
We need to talk “professional development” for the second half of the school year.

Need to have some organization, road map as to how we approach this.

Money – pay more for facility if one day than 2

Susan – we still have Akron out there for 05. Columbus in 04 is an established contract. It will cost us to break it. She does not think this will wait for August board meeting. Akron is holding space for us. We need to let them know if we are coming.

Susan – we could do away with hotel if we go to one-day. We can book places like Fawcett Center, etc for flat 700 fee. Do box lunches or lunch on your own.

George – Executive Decision – DO AKRON, Don’t do 2006 until after August meeting.

Executive board adjourned at 2:28
Motion: Elaine Semper
Second: Jay Bahnsen
Motion Passed