Members present:
Rob Kubick President
Janet Brunecz Past-President
George Csyan Nominations Co-Chair
Krista Hickman Secretary
Lynn Brumfield Treasurer
Ann Brennan Director of Legislative Services & Professional Relations
Cheryl VanDenBerge Business Manager
Chuck Archer OSPAN Chair
Reuben Mosidi Nominations/Elections Chair
Elaine Semper Elyria/Lorain Representative, Spring Conf Co-Chair in Training
Sue Johnston Fall Conference Co-Chair
Jay Bahnsen Central Representative, Fall Conference Co-Chair
Juliette Madigan Cleveland Representative / NASP Liaison
Sal Karanouh-Schuler Cleveland Representative, Spring Conference Co-Chair
Kristen Prough Kent/Akron Representative, Awards Co-Chair
Heidi Devore Kent/Akron Representative
Gail VonderEmbse Maumee Valley Representative
Chinnon Jaquay Private Practice Chair
Greg Jones SPCO President
Jason Auganese ODE Office for Exceptional Children
Barb Murphy North Central Representative
Nancy Ruhe North Central Representative
Deb Liddy North Central Representative
Carolyn Fowler Guest (NCOSPA)
Cathy Csanyi Guest, Psychologist
Valorie Walcott-Mendelson AFFIC Liaison
Mary Ann Teiltlebaum OPA Liaison
Christie Hoellerich Maumee Valley President-Elect
Karen Fischer-Donovan Membership Committee Co-Chair
Don Saracusa Guest

Call to Order 10:00

Approval of Agenda With the addition of a report from the Nominations and Elections Committee

Motion: Janet Brunecz Second: Nina Andrews Passed

Approval of Minutes of May meeting

Motion: Elaine Semper Second: Juliette Madigan Passed
President’s Report

Rob Kubick

Reconciling membership databases between OSPA and NASP: NASP is asking states to share databases. They will cross check our data base against theirs and share information so that we can contact Ohio people who are NASP members and not OSPA members and they will do the same. This is a one time cross check.

Juliette – we have done this before

No one has issues

Motion to allow this to go to membership committee to make it happen

Motion: Kristen Prough
Second: Reuben Mosidi
Passed

Treasurer’s Report

Lynn Brumfield

Fourth Quarter – year end report – for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006:

• The association is financially healthy. Our goal is to carry over a year’s worth of budget, so that if we have a bad year we can carry on.
• The Pete Gross Account and the Legal Fund are now closed. They were separate accounts. The bank was going to charge us for all the separate savings accounts. The money in them has been moved into our other accounts. Both accounts have had basically no movement for 20 years.
• We now have a credit card account. The office will be doing experimental processing soon.
• Miscellaneous income looks high because old checks that no one ever cashed were returned to the budget.
• The money in one of our accounts really belongs to IUC. We hold it for them.
• We really don’t make a profit on the Intern Conference although it looks like it. We use staff time and expenses. Because of the way the money comes and goes from ODE, it is hard to line-item in our budget, so the money that shows on the budget as “profit” is money we actually spent from other accounts.
• Scholarship fund is where we list the extra money we sent for NASP minority scholarship.
• Lynn compliments the conference committee for successful conferences, which have improved our bottom line over the past few years.

Motion to accept the 4th quarter report: Jay Bahnsen
Second: Sue Johnston
Passed

Budget for 2006-2007:

• FAC has authorized a raise for our employees, Ann and Cheryl, of $2.00 per hour. They had no raise last year and this amount is in keeping with cost of living.
• Changes to budget for some accounts:
  - Presidential NASP – added money to this account to be sure that the OSPA president attends NASP
  - Added a little to e-commerce account
  - Affiliate accounts – the OSPA donation to Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities has been the same forever. We will be increasing our donation by $100 this year.

Motion to approve the budget: Janet Brunecz
Second: Gail VonderEmbse
Passed
Business Manager’s Report
Cheryl VanDenBerg

**Motion to accept new members:** Lynn Brumfield
**Second:** Deb Liddy
**Passed**

We have been sending conference registrations with TOSP. This didn’t happen this summer because of timing of the TOSP. The office will be mailing fall conference brochures around the first of September.

**Director of Legislative Services and Professional Relations Report** Ann Brennan.

Barb Murphy was here from Office of Exceptional Children. She is going to try to come to all our meetings.

On June 26, 2006 there was a meeting between OSPA and ODE. Rob Kubick, George Csanyi, Janet Graden, Janet Brunecz, and Ann Brennan represented OSPA. Deb Telfer, Janet Metzger and Tom Lather represented ODE. Purposes of meeting were to strengthen OSPA’s relationship with the ODE staff (mend fences from a conference a while ago where people talked loudly through the ODE presentation) and to discuss how OSPA can further the OISM implementation.

Ann and Janet felt meeting was productive. Janet feels we are beginning to get on the same page. George pointed out that the Office for Exceptional Children supports OSPA’s internship conference and feels that OSPA and our conferences have supported OISM. ODE is going to implement OISM into teacher and administrator pre-service as well as psychologist internship.

Pending legislative issues:

- **Special ed voucher bill** – keep a close watch! OSPA is working with a group that is opposing it, but we can’t actually oppose because of our tax status.
  - Chuck – will it be mandated that IDEA be part of any such legislation?
  - Ann – we are advocating as an interested party that the bill is a bad idea, but that if Ohio does it we are advocating that private schools must have to minimally comply with state standards and IDEIA.

Passing is probably forgone conclusion in the House, but there is opposition in the Senate. Ann asks our members to send letters expressing our concerns.

- **Core curriculum legislation** is moving. Ann expects it to pass eventually, but doesn’t know what the final version will look like.

- **Tax Expenditure Limitation Bill** – is likely to be coming.
  - Movement on some of these bills is dependent on the outcome of the Governor’s Election this fall. The rumor is that if the Republicans lose the Governor’s seat, the legislature will try to push through all the controversial legislation before December 23.
  - Ted Strickland is a psychologist and pro-education and pro-reform! (Political sidebar from Ann)
  - There is still a major movement toward putting a school funding constitutional amendment on the ballot. There is a coalition working on this. The concept will be on cost based funding for general education and then different kinds of students (special ed, gifted, children of poverty, etc.) Still will be a local share, then state will pick up full cost beyond local share. We have already cost-out special education.
  - ODE is working on state budget request – will come out in February after the change in governor. Intern budget is still on the ODE recommended line item budget.
Committee Reports

Spring Conference Committee      Elaine Semper & Sal Karanough-Shuler

- OSPA is paying for the speaker (Dawn Flanagan) one day and AGS is paying for the other day. Dawn does a lot on using cross battery assessment to design interventions for kids who are not responding to intervention. She has a web site that cross references testing, kids problems, and interventions.
- Spring conference 2007 will be at the Beechwood Hilton (Cleveland).
- Prices of hotels have gone up. For 2008, Columbus, hotel costs will probably go up. Marriott is pursuing us to have both fall and spring conferences there, but we think it would be nice to have different hotels.
- Elaine and Sal got lots of positive comments about last spring conference.

NASP Update       Juliette Madigan

- The 2007 NASP conference will be in NYC. The regional conference will be in Omaha. This year’s theme for NASP is “Responsiveness, the Fourth R”. The goal is to provide information about Response to intervention (RTI).
- The NASP strategic plan is being completed in 2007. The recent NASP Blueprint III was done by a hired think tank and is not the “official” NASP plan at this time. Blueprint II was put into place during Bill Pfohl’s first presidency. He took it on himself to have the think tank (including Cathy Telzrow) do Blueprint III. NASP is now saying that they see this as an expression of an ideal situation, but that they aren’t expecting it to change training of school psychologists. This makes no sense to Juliette or George – Juliette thinks it is a money issue. The document just exists – the elephant in the room. They aren’t going to print many copies, but you can read it on the NASP website. Juliette thinks the Blueprint reached too far and universities don’t have adequate trainers. Universities aren’t paying trainers enough and change is costly. She is not expecting training sites to close, but there is a shortage of trainers.
- Are there any particular areas that would balloon costs for training?
  - Possibly mental health. RTI is in curriculum (education department) – would change what comprises school Psych standards.
  - NCATE standards are changing and are getting so difficult that some universities are pulling out of NCATE (national certificating). New accountability is so data driven no one can afford the personnel to provide NCATE the data required.
- Mental health – NASP has some data on Positive Behavior Supports to use to “sell” it to parents and school staff.
- Delegate assembly developed some position statements:
  - Corporal punishment
  - GLBTQ Youth
  - School Violence
  - Interagency Collaboration – The thrust is that mental health providers in schools from communities should be supplemental, and not supplant existing school services
- NASP has some new interest groups:
  - Consultee centered consultation
  - Working with students from military families
- NASP Minority Scholarship –
  - The scholarship has been collecting money for 11 years.
  - NASP started giving scholarships in 1998. The first years they gave away all money as they got it. Now are saving some to build the fund. They have given out 16 scholarships and are planning to give out 5 next year.
What are they looking for in the applications? They are not all black females!!! It is very important that applicants be NASP members. They look for statements of goals and statements of financial need. They would probably give to someone who is the single support of their family, over someone who is single and on their own. They do look at transcripts.

Of the 16 scholarships, none have gone to Ohio students. There has been no preponderance of any one state.

For some students, the hardship is how far they have to travel to get to a school psych training program. Ohio has lots of programs scattered around the state.

Discussion:
- Some board members are having problems with no scholarships to Ohio students, since we provide so much financial support.
- We don’t know how many Ohio students have applied.
- Students who apply are already in school psych training programs.
- Valorie will encourage IUC to “market” the scholarship to their first year students and coach them to complete the applications and submit them.
- There is no attempt to market the scholarship to pre-first year students, because they aren’t NASP members yet.
- Antoinette Miranda talks to as many university psychology undergrad programs in Ohio as possible each year to “market” school psychology as a career.

The GPR committee and NASP advocacy - Among the top five states that send e-mails for political purposes, Ohio is the fifth. Of the top ten members who sent letters through NASP advocacy, Mary Ann Teitlebaum was number 10. Heather Halasz was number 5 and Terry Crogan was number 4. They are from Ohio, Living proof that we can advocate.

NASP wants to offer some bonuses in reduced cost for NASP members to get access to some web bases that students have access to, but practitioners don’t. NASP would like to provide access to some in 07-08 on a subscription basis – ERIC, SOCindex, PsychInfo, Medcare, etc.

The NASP website is being updated.

APA is talking on spending time on children’s issues and children’s mental health.

NCSP issues: We talked about CPDs and who is paying for what. NASP is talking about promoting the CPD on the website - $200 to be approved as a NCPD approved provider with $100 yearly update fee.
- Some smaller states only have a handful of NCSP holders.
- NASP provides some programs through the web.
- Member can submit request for program approval – will be cost to individual members.
- This is still in discussion – not a done deal yet.
- NASP is talking about making a change so that 25 of the 75 professional development hours to renew the NCSP would have to be NASP approved and 3 of those 25 hours would have to be in Ethics.
- Juliette has communicated our concerns with NASP.
- NASP is trying to align themselves with APA requirements and approval. Juliette thinks NASP will move to reciprocity with APA, but APA won’t care.
- Ann says NASP wants Ohio to accept NCSP as an alternative route to licensure. She doesn’t see the state standards board and ODE being interested because of the Ohio approved CEUs not being NASP approved. She doesn’t think it will be easy to get NCSP approved in Ohio since no other related service has that route approved. There are a lot of substantive and legitimate obstacles to NCSP, but adding the NASP approval requirement just makes it more complicated.
- Boards of education can apply to be NASP approved…RIGHT…..
- What NASP really wants is to market to the companies that provide professional development. That’s what they should stick to!
So many districts are limiting professional development and the companies are so expensive and we get no stipend for being NCSP.

The “no stipend” is not true across the country. Oklahoma psychologists get a $5000 bonus for having the NCSP.

That ain’t gonna happen in Ohio. How can we express our serious concerns to NASP? Juliette wrote a letter to the NASP group working on this.

**Nominations and Elections**

Kris Prough

The committee has two nominations for school psychologist of the year. Kristen wants to extend the deadline for nominees to September 3, 2006. Please send nominations for your regions. Nomination forms are on the website. Don’t forget the other awards for spring!

**OPA**

Mary Ann Teitlebaum

- OPA had a huge discussion re: endorsing Strickland for Governor. Tons of vitriolic backlash!
- OPA is raising money through a silent auction for minority scholarships and stuff, are auctioning off things like a week at someone’s timeshare in the Bahamas!
- OPA received an award from APA for efforts to increase minority involvement in OPA.
- Sofia Teitlebaum was born this morning in Washington DC!!!

**TOSP**

Kris Prough

The deadline for submissions is September 15!! Send articles!!

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Motion to adjourn:**

**Motion:** Kris Prough

**Second:** Reuben Mosidi

**Passed**

Adjournment 11:12