OSPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
August 3, 2009
Call to order: 10:00 AM

Members Present:

Linda Neiheiser .................................................... President
Michelle Hathorn .................................................... Treasurer
Ronald Lott .......................................................... Secretary
Terry Bendo .......................................................... Past President
Jay Bahnsen .......................................................... Central Rep/ Spring Conf. Chair
Ann Brennan ......................................................... Dir. Leg. Services/Prof Relations
Chuck Archer ......................................................... OSPAN Coordinator
Gina Bando-Worsdall ............................................ Membership Co-chair
Lynn Brumfield ...................................................... Southwest Rep
Debra Buck .......................................................... Southeast Rep
Dan Dean ............................................................ Cleveland Rep
Rebecca Dingeldein ............................................... Awards Co-chair
Laura Gabel .......................................................... PR Co-chair
Dave Gustafson ..................................................... Southeast Rep
Brian Hill ........................................................... Crisis Intervention Co-chair
Chinnon Jaquay ..................................................... Maumee Valley Rep
Aimee Kirsch ........................................................ Private Practice Chair/Kent-Akron Rep
Kelly Kowalski ..................................................... Kent-Akron Rep
Robert Kubick ...................................................... TOSP Editor
David Lamb .......................................................... Northwest Rep
Shana McCormick ............................................... Student Rep. Bowling Green
Ruth McLatchie .................................................... Multicultural & Diversity Chair
Reuben Mosidi ..................................................... Nomination/Elections Chair
Barbara Murphy ................................................... Liaison/Office for Children
Kristen Prough ..................................................... Awards Chair
Sharon Rieke ........................................................ Southwest Rep
Luci Secord .......................................................... Central Rep
Elaine Semper ....................................................... President-elect/Spring Conf. Co-chair
Mary Ann Teitelbaum .......................................... OPA Liaison
Cheryl VanDenBerge ............................................ Business Manager

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

Adoption of Minutes
The minutes of the April 22, 2009 were approved
Motion: Chinnon Jaquay
Seconded: Michelle Hathorn
Motion Passed

President’s Report
Linda Neiheiser welcomed past president, Terry Bendo and president-elect Elaine Semper. In her comments to the board, she used the analogy of the ‘Three Musketeers’ to compare to OSPA. Like the Musketeers, Linda said we all should be ‘All for OSPA and OSPA for all’.

As a short fun activity, Linda had all the board member, at their tables add up their years in school psychology and the number of years served as an officer or member of the board.

Linda reported attending the NASP meeting in Maryland during the summer. She heard what other states organizations were doing. The leaders offered several recommendations which should be considered:
   a) Like Texas, we should have more training in mental health in the schools.
   b) We should address T.B.I. to a greater degree.
   c) Offer portal entry on the Web for Exec. Board members, so they can take of business when there are no scheduled meetings.
   d) Electronic balloting is not any better than using paper balloting
   e) We should consider using Meeting.com to conduct board meetings.
   f) We should send personalized invitations via e-mail to all Ohio school psychologists about meetings and conferences rather than sending brochures.
   g) Offer perks to join OSPA
   h) Be careful about litigations.

Treasurer’s Report
Lynn Brumfield presented the Fourth Quarter Report. In her remarks, she indicated that OSPA has a loss of $10,000 due to several factors: money lost at the spring conference; Ann Brennan spending many more hours in the legislature; the cost of fees related to credit cards for payment increased; we received less interest bearing on accounts and some of the promotional items purchased did not produce revenue to off set the cost.

Lynn indicated the OSPA may anticipate a loss of between $40,000 and $50,000 over the next year or two. The organization may need to be attentive to cost and seek to maximize the revenue streams currently used. Several questions by board members were made concerning credit card usage and the fees associated with them. Also there was a question regarding the food contracts and guarantees.

Lynn presented the Fourth Quarter Report that indicated a balance of $152,100.67. A motion was made to adopt the report of the Treasurer.
Motion: Jay Bahnsen  
Seconded: Dave Gustafson  
Motion Passed

**Business Manager’s Report**  
Cheryl VanDenBerge gave her report to the board. She indicated that since April 2009, 282 members and 10 new memberships have been processed.

**Director of Legislative Services and Professional Relations Report:**  
Ann Brennan presented her report on the state budget. At this time, it looks like the intern budget will be cut by 9%. That means that school districts would receive $25,000 rather than $27,000 for funding an intern. The legislature finally passed the physical punishment bill that had been pushed by former board member Nadine Block for many years. Board members and others were encouraged to send letters of thanks to her for her work. It was learned that Charter school funding is to receive a funding cut in the state budget.

**Committee Reports:**

**Spring Conference:** Elaine Semper presented her report. She indicated that the committee is looking for possible future sites and the costs associated with a conference. Questions of whether to have one hotel serve our needs over several years; food contracts and the cost of school districts in letting people attend were discussed.

**Fall Conference:** Jay Bahnsen presented her report on the fall conference. She indicated that the information had been sent out to the members.

**Member Services Committee:** Gina Bando-Worsdall reported that ten new individuals had been proposed for membership in OSPA She moved that these individuals become full members. The motion was passed.

**TOSP:** Robert Kubick reported on the TOSP publication. He indicated that advertising is increasing and color has been added to the journal. He indicated that advertising for the conference will help offset the price of printing. He indicated that in a survey, 80% wanted a paper copy of TOSP and 90% wanted the size to remain. The logo was also discussed and more feedback was requested. Rob also indicated that because the intern poster papers had been done so well, TOSP was planning to publish several in each issue as articles.

**Nominations & Elections:**
Reuben Mosidi presented his comments. There continues to be concern regarding getting members to participate in the elections. He thanked the board members for all they are doing to help.
**OPA Update:**
Mary Ann Teitelbaum reported on OPA and APA activities. The question of requiring school psychologists to have a Ph.D. has been placed on hold. OPA is concerned that children have access to mental health care. There is now concern about the status of mental health issues in the state budget.

**Office for Exceptional Children:**
Barbara Murphy reported that the Special Education Leadership conference would be held Oct 1 & 2. She encouraged members to review the online site for updates on the I.E.P. & ETR. Barbara indicated there has been a change in the State Performance Agreement with emphasis now on special education. She also reported that the Office of Exceptional Children will undergo a major re-structuring.

**Crisis Committee:**
Brian Hill presented his report. He indicated that the ‘Wine Meet and Greet’ was a great opportunity to jump start a membership drive. The committee added 20 new members. It was decided that instead of having committee meetings, it would be useful to communicate via e-mail. This was started in Feb. 2009 and has begun to use a monthly topic. The committee hopes to continue to expand membership in the committee. Finally, the committee plans to focus on having resources available on the Web.

**New Business:**
Mary Ann Teitelbaum brought up the issue of online schools that are training school psychologists. This may cause some issues in the future.

The morning session concluded by having a small group activity called “Who wants to be a school psychology millionaire?” At each table members were asked to answer questions related to the OSPA constitution and the OSPA operations manual.

**Afternoon Session**
In the afternoon the board addressed four questions to problem solve for the OSPA Challenges and Solutions. Each table worked on the questions and reported at the end. The following questions were asked:
1. Looking at the spreadsheet of membership history, discuss reasons why our membership numbers have remained under the 900 mark for a state in which there are more than 2000 school psychologists. Offer strategies for increasing membership in OSPA and indicate specific steps that need to be taken by each of us on the Executive Board to make this a reality.

2. While the Fall and Spring Conferences have been successful in raising revenue for OSPA, the amounts have varied considerably each year. Spring Conferences have consistently presented with lower registrants than the Fall Conference and have not produced as high of profits; in fact, the most recent Spring Conference (2009) resulted in
a loss for OSPA. Discuss variables involved in the aforementioned challenges, inclusive of venue and city location, and offer suggestions for solutions.

3. OSPA’s web presence is user friendly and offers extensive information for members. Yet, it can be improved to meet the needs of our 21st century-minded younger school psychologists, coupled with social networking expansion. What suggestions do you have for enhancing our web page and what contributions can you make to improve your area of OSPA-related work on the web site?

4. Committee participation by non-Executive Board members is strong on some committees and weak on others. What are some the reasons for non-participation? How can these be resolved? What can you do, as a committee chair and/or Executive Board member, to encourage non-Board members to participate and attend meetings?

Toward the end of the meeting, Linda asked each committee to review Chapter II, Planning Process of the OSPA Operations Manual. The Annual Goals for this year were:
   a. Adherence to the OSPA Constitution and OSPA Operations Manual
   b. Greater fiscal responsibility
   c. Ensure OSPA services are fully relevant to members’ needs
   d. Develop stronger relationships with Regionals
   e. Encourage university trainers to become more involved
   f. Increase committee participation and involvement
   g. Increase OSPA membership

The Financial Committee met and reviewed the proposed budget. It indicated a projected income of $107,500 and expenses of $166,250. A motion was made to approve the budget by Terry Bendo and seconded by Dave Lamb. The motion passed.

The Nominations Committee met and suggested that OSPA change it’s date in electing the School Psychologist of the Year to align with that of NASP so it could be submitted.

A motion of adjournment was made Lynn Brumfield and seconded by Dave Lamb. The motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Submitted by:

Ron Lott NCSP
Secretary