OSPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
August 14, 2008
Call to order: 10:20 AM

Members Present:

Terry Bendo  President
Linda Neiheiser  President-elect
Lynn Brumfield  Treasurer
Ronald Lott  Secretary
John Biltz  Past President
Rob Kubick  TOSP Editor
Jeff York  Technology Chair
Nina Andrews  PR Chair
Jay Bahnsen  Central Rep/ Spring Conf. Chair
Debra Buck  Southeast Rep
Matt Ciancillo  Membership Co-Chair
Dan Dean  Cleveland Rep
Denise Dimaria-Lopardo  Cleveland Rep
Wendy Eckert  Cleveland Region Rep
Michelle Hathorn  Treasurer-Elect
Brian Hill  Crisis Intervention Co-Chair
Chinnon Jaquay  Maumee Valley Rep
Susan Johnston  Fall Conf. Co-Chair
Greg Jones  Private Practice Chair
Sara Jones  Maumee Valley Rep
Juliette Madigan  Cleveland Rep/NASP Liaison
Reuben Mosidi  Nomination/Elections Chair
Barbara Murphy  Liaison/Office for Exceptional Children
Sharon Rieke  Southwest Rep
Nancy Ruhe  Northwest Region Rep
Elaine Semper  Spring Conf. Co-Chair
Mary Ann Teitelbaum  OPA Liaison
Cheryl VanDenBerge  Business Manager
Steven Vonderhaar  Southwest Rep
Gail Weygandt  North Central Rep
Emily Winders  Cleveland State Rep
Valorie Wolcott-Mendelson  Scholarship Fund Co-Chair

Guest:
Shane Myers

Approval of Agenda:
The agenda was approved as amended
Motion: Sharon Rieke
Seconded: Steven Vonderhaar
Motion Passed

Approval of Minutes of May Meeting:
There were no minutes from that meeting

President’s Report
Terry reported that the Operations Manual had been reviewed. Two changes were suggested: to add the position of ‘Treasurer-elect’. This individual would be voting member and serve as a member of the Fiscal Advisory Committee. The ‘Treasurer-elect’ would also fill the term of the Treasurer, if necessary. The second change was to re-name the newsletter ‘The Ohio School Psychologist’.
Motion: Terry Bendo
Seconded: Jay Bahnsen
Motion Passed

Treasurer’s Report
See the print-outs. Lynn talked about the deficit areas which included: drop in membership, Fall Conference expenses is down due to smaller numbers of attendees and the drop in attendance at the Spring Conference. She indicated that the Salaries have remained the same for the year. The use and cost of a credit card machine was also discussed.
Motion to approve the Fourth Quarter Report:
Motion made by: Debra Buck
Seconded: Nita Andrews
Motion Passed

Motion to approve the Budget without any changes:
Motion made by Nancy Rieke
Seconded: Sara Jones
Motion Passed

Business Manager’s Report
It was reported that there are about 350 current members. Some individuals have applied for membership. Other information was provided in a packet.
Motion to approve new members:
Motion made by John Biltz
Seconded: Wendy Eckert
Motion Passed

Legislative Issues:
Although Ann Brennan was unable to attend, there was some discussion on the Governor’s Conferences being held though out the state. Several individual who attended, indicated it was good opportunity for the public to express their concerns.
Committee Reports:

Fall Conference:
Susan Johnston reported on the fall conference that is to be held Nov. 6, 2008 and Nov. 7, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The featured speakers will be Judy Elliott and Jack Fletcher. Flyers have been distributed to the membership.

Nominations & Elections:
Reuben Mosidi had no report at this time.

Crisis & Intervention Teams:
Brian Hill reported that committee members would be receiving some on-line training.

Spring Conference:
Elaine Semper indicated that the conference will be in Cinn. and the committee is looking for a speaker through the NASP speaker’s program.

Research & Technology:
Jeff York reported that the committee is recommending the current WebHost. The committee is looking into a new section for the Web page. This section would have an area for regional professional development.

OSPA Scholarship Committee:
Valorie Wolcott Mendelson reported the guidelines had been written and approved. There was a question regarding U.S. Citizenship. The individual applying for the scholarship must have U.S. Citizenship. The winner will be announced at the Fall Conference.

NASP Update:
Juliette Madigan reported on the Goals and Priorities. Copies of these were passed out. She urged members to send out letters to congressmen regarding mental health. She also mentioned that registering at the Boston Conference would be different. Read carefully about rooms when you register.

OPA Update:
Mary Ann Teitelbaim reported that OPA is looking at what Psychologists do in the public. OPA plans to focus on diverse populations.

Office for Exceptional Children:
Barbara Murphy indicated that the OEC had a new director, Kathe Shelby. She indicated that the OEC Special Education Leadership Conference would be held on Sept. 24 and 25th.

Awards Committee:
The awards committee met with Terry Bendo and Robert Kubick during the lunch hour. Two nominees were discussed. The Winner will be announced at the Fall Conference. Motion to approve the winner:
Motion made by Linda Neiheiser  
Seconded: Nina Andrews  
Motion passed

**TOPS:**  
Robert Kubick reported that the mid-Oct issue would have changes in its layout. There would be some color added and some advertising would help pay for the changes. There also will be a change in the Logo. A survey conducted indicated that the copy should stay the same size and that it should be mailed.

**New Business:**

**OSPA Goals:**

Terry discussed the idea of eliminating, consolidating, and establishing committees to more accurately reflect OSPA’s current and future activities. Much discussion continued among the members and some agreements were made. These changes in duties revolved around changing several standing committees as identified in the operations manual. These recommendations have been sent to executive board member to consider and will be finalized at a later time.

**Motion to Adjourn:**  
Motion: Gail Weygandt  
Seconded: Nina Andrews  
Motion: Passed  

**Adjournment:** 3:17