Approval of Agenda
George Csanyi called the meeting to order at 10:12. He reviewed the agenda for the meeting and asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Valerie Wales, Proxy for Holly Middleton
Brenda Stevens, Proxy for Sharon Reike

Added Committee Reports:
Workshops / Professional Development

Added New Business:
Children’s Advocacy Nomination
Secretary Question
Ohio Coalition for the Education of Students with Disabilities Meetings

Approved with Amendments

Motion: Brenda Stevens
Second: Reuben Mosidi
Motion Passed

Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2003 Planning Meeting
Antoinette requested that “Multicultural” committee be changed to “Equity and Diversity”.
The Minutes of the June 13, 2003 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended

Motion: Chuck Archer
Second: Lew Sarr
Motion Passed

President's Report

George Csanyi

The NASP website has good information on national level issues. There has been a call for grassroots lobbying for IDEA. George encourages all to visit NASP website re: recommendations for IDEA and rationale therefore. Urges us to contact our legislators re HR 1350 and Senate bill 1248 – because as early as September, they will be putting together a joint committee to work out differences in the 2 bills.

Membership – continue to invite IUC members and their students to join.

Nadine Block, sent letter and picture thanking us for nominating her for the NASP Friend of Children Award.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn Brumfield

Fourth Quarter Treasurer's report

Workshops have added almost $10,000 income to our budget this year. Fall and Spring Conference also did well. Lynn reminded us that MCE is on a two-year cycle. Money comes in one year, expenses last for two. We won’t have that as income next year. Presidential expenses were cut last year, we sent a lot of OSPA people to regional NASP meeting here in Columbus out of the president’s budget. Printing and duplicating looks high because a lot of that was for conferences and not “billed” to them. We will move that expense to the conference budgets. We saved money by doing the printing in the office, rather than at Kinko’s like we used to. We went over on the newsletter budget because there were four issues instead of three. However, we saved money on postage and mailing budget because we sent out a lot of stuff with that. Conference income after expenses: Made $29,000 on fall 2002….&9,000 on spring 2003 Endowment Funds – $10,000 given to us by Nadine Block a few years ago. Juliette Madigan has added to that. Doesn’t count as income each year, but is carried over in our carry-over year to year. IUC – we are fiscal agent for them, they didn’t really overspend.

Bottom Line: we have recovered a lot in the past two years!

Motion for the Approval of Fourth Quarter Report

Motion passed

Budget for 2003-2004:
Similar to last year’s budget. FAC approved additional compensation for our staff (who voluntarily cut their hours last year to save money for OSPA). We gave a $500 dividend to each employee in December and would like to give another $500 dividend now for the second half of 2002-2003. Lynn pointed out that these dividends are not performance-based – Ann and Cheryl always are great! – but reflect our commitment to share positive budget trends as well as negative ones. We are looking at giving Ann and Cheryl approximate 3% raises for coming year. FAC recommends adding to the technology budget and replacing the office computer, which is seven years old.
Ohio Coalition has been asking us to increase donation to them. Board agreed to increase by $50.
Ohio Coalition for Healthy Children – has been asking for “dues” of around $200 - $300. Board agreed we will donate $100. This coalition keeps us informed about and lobbies for mental health issues.

Chuck Archer – requested that we increase presidential budget for 03-04 due to location of NASP regional and national conferences. We send president to NASP, we send president-elect and president to Regional NASP. NASP pays for the NASP rep to attend.
The board agreed to increase the presidential budget by $500 (line 102A from $1000 to $1500).

**Motion to Approve the Budget as amended and to approve the dividend for staff:**
*Motion:* Scott Gill  
*Second:* Mary Ann Teitelbaum  
*Motion Passed*

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

Highlights of Legislative Report:

**HB 95 – Budget Bill**  
Ann has posted an Update on the OSPA website.  
*Intern funding is secure for at least next two years.* Will be a continuing issue with each new budget in future. We will need to watch Blue Ribbon task force for recommendations for line item funding to be sure intern funding is not lost in the future.
Special Education funding weights remained the same. State share percentage to 88 percent maximum (was originally supposed to go to 100%).
Speech pathologists tried to get their ratio lower. Was taken out because expensive and unfunded.

New organization of regional delivery systems – in the next year the state department in consultation with stakeholder groups will be coming up with the new system of service delivery. OREDS – new acronym. Can’t be more than 19 of them in state. Will include old SERRCS, RPDC’s, Technology, etc.

Eye exam provision – odd requirement – came out of left field at last minute in an omnibus amendment. There was no opportunity for input/testimony.
There is a requirement for every student identified for Special Education for the first time to have a “comprehensive eye exam by an MD or OD”. This is now law. Child entitled to services even if eye exam doesn’t take place. Ann’s take on this – if the referral is a vision-related issue, it is the district’s responsibility to pay for it. If it isn’t vision-related, it’s the parent’s responsibility. There is no penalty if parent doesn’t get an eye exam. School districts will have to document that parent was informed.
Nina Andrews wonders if this is a push to get schools to pay for vision therapy.
Department of Ed will be working to clarify or remove the provision in the budget corrections bill in the fall. Ann has forwarded the e-mails from the listserve concerning this to the department of Ed.

For more information about the eye exam law:  
*LCS.state.oh.us*  
Click on Bill Analysis. Click on 125th General Assembly. Click on Budget Analysis (HB 95) – it doesn’t start until page 140ish – need to forward to that point for exact language. The exact language has been posted on the OSPA listserve. Ann will put the exact language in the next TOSP.

Lynn asks about the vouchers for students with autism. It remained in the bill with few changes since our last discussion. $15,000 dollars that comes from district of residence. May not be awarded for child who attends public education or community school under
contract with district of residence. May not be spent by parent to enroll child in special
education program other than the one offered by district of residence while IEP is in process
or mediation.
Could a parent get voucher for “home schooling”? Ann thinks they have to be in a program.
State department has to come up with regulations for this by this winter. Depending on local
and state shares of funding, some districts may find this costly to them. This is a two-year
pilot program. Lynn – parent could take the money and use it to defray their cost at a private,
residential facility. Ann says yes.

**HB 3 – Achievement and Diagnostic Tests (passed this week)**

Ohio compliance with No Child Left Behind Act. Ann will report on it in TOSP and on the
website.
Good things: Senate version – requires K-2 diagnostics for all school districts and that they
be tied to interventions. Will have to use the state diagnostics. (Ann hears there is a
movement to make use of local diagnostics in future legislation).
Kindergarten assessment info will be reported to state, so that they will have baseline
information.

Ann will put the diagnostic schedule on the OSPA website. State hasn’t finalized the
diagnostics, still working on them. Ann – Clarification of diagnostic assessments –
kindergarten readiness assessment will be developed by state dept and will need to be given
during 1st six weeks of school. K-2 diagnostics need to be given by all districts. Districts that
have met AYP can choose to use local diagnostics, even if the district has some individual
buildings that have not met AYP. Districts that have not met AYP must use state-wide
diagnostics.

Other major issue in bill – ADM. Senate version was going to require it to be calculated twice
a year. It will be the fall count we have always done; however, districts will no longer be able
to use three year averages. It will only be the October child count.

LSC analysis is on LSC website for info:

LSC.state.oh.us
Click on 125th general assembly
Click on house bill 3

They have changed the categories for achievement tests.
Advanced, Accelerated, Proficient, Basic, Limited (?Krista – double check)

A committee is debating the OGT cutoff scores – math results were dismal –
Steve Coolahan from OSPA is serving on that committee

**HB 2 – Professional standards board does not specifically include related services. OSPA
wants some kind of language specifying that one of the teacher members have
experience/knowledge of related services issues. OEA supports us on this.**

**Blue Ribbon task force on school funding**

Met August 7 for first time. An eclectic committee – educators, business people, legislators.
Ann will post members on website and TOSP.
First meeting – governor spoke for an hour or so on goals, they introduced themselves and
talked about how they are going to work together. Some were very agenda oriented, others
seemed open to new ideas. Will be interesting to see if they can really work together.
Chairman of committee would like to have report by end of 2003. Ann doubts this. Will go
over current funding during the next few meetings then divide into subgroups. Ann feels that
if this group can come up with a plan they agree on, it is likely to be approved by the legislature.

**Business Manager’s Report**

Cheryl VanDenBerge

Nothing to report.

**TOSP**

Mary Dixon

Mary received an electronic newsletter from Florida Association and forwarded it to executive board members. It is 44 pages and comes out nicely and in color. Question - Is this something OSPA might be interested in doing? Florida did this as a cost cutting move. Erich Merkle and Dan (who does our layout) both recommended this to Mary.

Chuck – physical copy has PR value when hand to non-members.
Mary Ann – OPA does their newsletter two times a year electronically and 2 times as hard copy.
Ralph – tried to print the Florida newsletter and it took forever.
Reuban – would we be cutting off a significant portion of our membership?
George – should we survey membership?
Lynn – do this at fall conference – save postage, get most of our active members there.

Consensus: George and Mary will work on a survey at fall conference and looking into the feasibility of an electronic newsletter for us.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Committee**

Cheryl VanDenBerge

Cheryl asked for a Motion to accept the new members at the request of the committee chairs who were not able to attend to day.

Motion: Jill Payne
Second: Lynn Brumfield
Motion passed

Chuck reminds us of IUC concern about our doing away with joint membership category. Several of them have spouses or partners who are members – they are not. Do we want to add a spouse/partner category? The old “common address” category was removed because it had been abused by some psych groups who signed up for one membership for an entire office.

**Spring Conference Committee**

no report

**Public relations Committee**

Nina Andrews

Executive board talked last spring about moving school psychologists day into fall rather than spring and having it at the same time as NASP school psych week. NASP has school psych week November 10-14 this year.
Ann – we will have to check governor’s policy on doing a school psych week rather than day. We will propose the week – then ask for November 13th as a day if we can’t get a week.
Janet – if we get it in time we can announce proclamation during fall conference? Yes.

Promotional materials – stock getting low – what kinds of things do we want?
Thermoses? Get a few and see if they sell
T-shirts – isn’t it time for them again?
Note pad – from your school psychologist or sticky pads?
Maybe something humorous?
Include a pen in fall conference packet (large current stock)?
Pencils – “a gift from your school psychologist” for giving out to students?
Lunch bags?
New pins (larger) with logo?
Jackets with logo? Sweatshirts? Polo shirts?
Denim shirt?

Children’s Auction – please have regions talk about donating something for each region for children’s auction. We donate things to NASP each year – done at NASP conference. Well attended
Ex – Cleveland does tickets to Rock ’N Roll hall of fame
Jewelry from region, basket of local foods, art, quilt, signed copy of art or book by local artist/author.

Nominations & Elections
Reuben Mosidi

OSPA nominated Kathy Schroeder to fill Cathy Telzrow’s position in the State Board of Psychology. Kathy is interested. She sent us her updated resume. Ann has been in contact with OPA to see if they would also nominate her. They did this with Cathy Telzrow. Ann expects an answer soon. Kathy would be the only member of board with school psych experience. She also has a private practice and has served on the Psych Board examination committee in the past.

George – got a message from the NASP delegate from Connecticut, John Desrochers, who requested that OSPA delegate a state liaison to a group working to support goals of the NASP futures conference. “The futures liaison will act as communicator and collaborator connecting the national agenda set at the Futures Conference to state efforts to promote that agenda…The person should be someone “fired up” about the Futures Conference or someone who wants to be part of moving school psychology into a new era in their state. The person will be someone (John) can funnel information to and receive news of state activities from.”

George was given the name of someone in Cleveland City Schools, who was involved in the futures conference, as a possible liaison.
Juliette Madigan – She was at NASP – Mike Curtis would like to use the states to forward the NASP policy on future of school psych. Juliette feels this should be a young person, new to field, who is recently from university who has had prep work on school psych…someone who will be around for a while and has been trained in newer roles than the old “test and place”. Might be helpful to have the person be on our legislative committee as well, so they know what’s up in the state. Mary Ann Teitelbaum agrees but would like time to investigate names.

Consensus: Please come up with names by fall conference exec board meeting. Send suggestions to Juliette Madigan. Preferably members of OSPA and NASP!

Awards
Louise Cardenzana

We had four nominees for School Psychologist of the Year Award –
Northwest Region – Teresa Gantz
Central – Bonnie Eckert
Cleveland – Susan Burk
Kent – Akron – Patrick McGowan
The committee met last week. Consensus was to offer the award to Patrick McGowan.

**Motion to accept Patrick McGowan as the Ohio School Psychologist of the Year 2003.**

**Motion passed**

Question - Would it be possible to look at some kind of award for Erik Fingerhut, Legislator?

Ann – There was a “Friend of...” award created four years ago. Only given it once.

Nominations should go to legislative committee. Mary Ann has recommended Erik. Mary Ann suggests we include national people as well as state. Maybe we should do this every year. Might be politically helpful for us as a way to get OSPA out. Ann prefers two years but will take to legislative committee. Mary Ann suggests we consider - not absolutely doing every year – but if there is a good candidate.

**Fall Conference**

Janet Brunecz

Brochure is ready and will be included in TOSP. She was not able to get book prices – because she wasn’t able to get a human on the phone over the summer – just voice mail. One book is on Amazon.com for a good price. Willis and Dumont have book available on their website (as CD or hard copy) – we will add a link from our website, so that members can order these for themselves if they want them. Chuck says the Dumont and Willis website has a lot of great stuff (some very useful, some humorous).

Possible speaker for 2004 – Cathy Pratt from the University of Indiana. She speaks on Autism – educational issues one day and behavior issues the next. The board agrees to ask her to speak.

**Executive board meeting will actually be at 7:30 at fall conference, not 7:00 as it says in the brochure.**

**NASP Update**

Juliette Madigan

Several new position statements out and several in the works.
One on ADHD is in the works. Respects the need for medication. Peg Dawson is working on this.
Character Education, Supervision of School Psychologists, Children’s Rights – also in the works.
New president of NASP, Dan Miller, is graduate of Ohio State and has ties to Ohio. He told Juliette that OSPA is one of the models of state associations.

A priority for NASP this year is the NCSP. It is 15 years old this year. It has not “taken off” as a credential in the various states. Concerned about maintaining NCSP – noticing decrease in people willing to continue their credential. NASP will have 12 modules of professional development on the NASP members only website. Will be a new one each month. There will be information to read, a test to take, and a certificate to print out. These could be sent to the LPDC’s for CEUs as well. The first module is on technology.

Juliette has copy of a video for competency on cultural diversity. Good for presentations to students and teachers as well as for psychs. This video is now at the OSPA office if anyone would like to check it out.

Futures Conference – Mike Curtis is leading up the group
Diane Smallwood is working with a group to continue to develop crisis training across US. The NEAT NOVA model needs tweaking and they are developing a curriculum for crisis training. Diane’s group will then arrange training for crisis group in each state. The NEAT
NOVA – one group who moves around the US – is out and they are looking to localize services in each state, rather than having a traveling group of expert crisis providers.

NASP conference is March 30 – April 3 in Dallas, Texas
2005 – Atlanta
2006 – Anaheim
2007 - ??
Then to New York and Boston

Mary Ann: NASP Government / public relations committee has downloadable presentations on the NASP website.
Now is a good time to contact our congressmen on IDEA re: FBA / MD – keeping it in the law, loan forgiveness for training for school psychologists, putting funds into intervention as well as for service deliver, having physician to diagnosis all sped (seems to be out now, but…), medication issue – some legislators seem to think schools can require meds.

Equity and Diversity Antoinette Miranda

We started our raffle last fall to raise money for minority students. Do we want to continue to do the basket from the board? Are we willing to bring something for fall conference so that we can raffle the basket? Ideas – books, wine, artifacts.
University raffle will continue at the fall conference. Dollar-a-chance.
Antoinette would like to have handouts and articles on diversity on a table for people to pick up at fall or spring conference.
If she can find some nice multicultural t-shirts, she would like to sell them at fall.
**Board is ok with these. All proceeds benefit NASP minority Scholarship.**

Workshop Committee Ann Brennan and Lynn Brumfield

Consensus of the general professional development committee was that we need to get a workshop committee going to work on one-day workshops and to develop a speaker’s bureau. It would be wonderful to develop these workshops with the regional associations – sort of a regional road show. Also some for OSPA to sponsor and perhaps some in collaboration with other organizations.

Some discussion of spring conference movement – maybe limit to Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton-Cincinnati triangle. If we do this, doing regional one-day conferences could help. One-day opportunities would be economical for members in terms of time away from job and cost to members.

Goals of the workshops:
- Offer quality professional development.
- Offer opportunities for people who are not able to travel to larger conferences.
- Outreach to our regional affiliates.

Louise Cardenzana –In the past, winners of best practice awards were required to present at spring conference minis. We no longer do minis. Perhaps a workshop could be a “best practices” day with several presenters.
Spring conference is planning to do minis again during some, but not all, spring conferences.

**Consensus: The board agreed to establish a joint OSPA Professional Development / Workshop Committee**
The committee’s task this year is to work out the logistics of working with the regions and getting ready to go for the following year.
Unfinished Business

Task force for OSPA History

Lew Sarr

Lew asks for a motion to establish a task force to continue to collect data and study ways to preserve and display the data, and eventually to establish a historical committee. We are at a point where we need to look back and be mindful of where we’ve been. Valorie Walcott-Mendelson and Mike Forcade have volunteered to serve.

Questions and discussion:
Where are the scrapbooks housed? Julia still has them. But…it is her stuff – she paid for some or much of it herself. She has them in zippered portfolios. Lew thinks we need to include other sorts of media in the future. Suggestion from Janet – invite Julia to serve on the task force.

George doesn’t think Lew needs a motion. Just thinks he can go ahead and do it. If he needs a budget will have to talk to FAC. Consensus of group is that a motion is not needed.

Could we document on a website? Could we talk to an archivist about means to preserve hard copies? Need to have hard stuff since technology changes so quickly.

Lynn – points out that some OSPA “stuff” should be put on CD, zip, or whatever – minutes, financial records, etc. The “box” is getting big!

Marshall University

Juliette Madigan

Who is our rep at state department? – It is not Greg Matthews anymore. Tom Smith?

Juliette wanted the board to know that there is a person employed in Cleveland Schools who went through school psych program in 1983. Has done a number of things. Is now a music teacher. Has some free time during the day during the literacy block. contacted the psych dept at University of Cleveland asking to see if could do a part time internship during that block. No Ohio universities were willing. Greg Matthews suggested he contact Marshall and do his internship in Cleveland Schools through Marshall. The teacher is not doing this, but….the suggestion came from the state department. The “Marshall thing” has moved out of the realm of helping the shortage areas of the state.

New Business

NASP Futures Conference

Chuck Archer

Addressed earlier in the meeting

Need a Chair and Co-Chair for Children’s Advocacy

Valorie Walcott-Mendelson is not here. George Csanyi brought up. Kristine Quallich – Valorie has e-mailed several people. Kristine is interested, but doesn’t know if others have expressed interest.

Question

Krista Hickman

Scott Gill approached Krista after the last board meeting and asked when board members could expect to be mailed the minutes. Krista said we haven’t been doing this. Scott suggested that minutes be e-mailed to board members in advance of the next meeting. Would the board like this?

Lynn – the treasurer’s report could also be sent out a head of time.
Consensus - board minutes and treasurer’s report will be sent to board members by e-mail prior to the next meeting.

Coalition for the Education for Students with Disabilities

Ann Brennan

The Coalition would like to have two people in attendance. Ann goes. There are usually 4 meetings a year. In central Ohio area. Always 1:00 to 3:30 or 4:00. Krista will check and see if she can be available. Nina Andrews is interested in sharing the “job” with Krista.

Announcements:

They had to cancel the CHINA conference completely due to SARS in China. So funds are low, since this was their major fund-raiser.

FYI - Lancaster School District is currently going to court re: a student who needs to have suppositories administered within 20 minutes of going into a seizure. The educational aides have filed a grievance – they do not want to be trained to do this. If court finds in favor of the aides, would need a registered nurse to do this. Could effect other districts as well.

Executive board adjourned at 2:40
Motion: Nina Andrews
Second: Kristine Quallich
Motion Passed