Call to Order 9:30

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2004 meeting

Corrections to minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes as amended:
Motion –
Second -
Motion Passed
President’s Report

Lew Sarr

Lew thanked Chuck Archer and Barb Scholl for their assistance at the June workshop and Krista for synthesizing the proceeding of the June workshop. He also thanked Cheryl for getting materials, making arrangements, and arranging for lunch.

Lew made appointments to IUC/OSPA joint meeting. This was contingent on the ODE funding. The group should be meeting soon and appointed members should be getting their letters.

He attended two All Hazards advisory meetings through ODMH and ODATIS and other agencies to discuss a disaster plan, but it is more related to physical aspects, not mental health issues. They are developing a plan to deal with disease outbreaks also. Lew is trying to link OSPA with this. Ann Brennan and George Czanyi are responsible for getting OSPA involved in this. Leadership advisory is to provide a behavioral response plan. Chuck Archer added that he is involved with the ODE/ODMH project that is providing statewide training. They are using a chemical response scenario and some are not happy with that. OSPA crisis response training is trying to develop other scenarios and trying to be involved. ODMH is trying to involve OSPA.

Lew has contacted the Ohio Historical Society about storing the history of OSPA and is dealing with them about this.

Lew’s goals for this year are:

1. Promoting school based mental health services. This is on the website.
2. Updating the technology, possible online registration, committees posting information on the practitioners’ page, adding pictures. Erich Merkle is the Technology Committee: an army of one. www.casponline.org is a site to visit as is www.ilspa.org
3. Conducting an omnibus survey related to the future of school psychology. Lew obtained some information from the regional NASP meeting. This might be done on line as well as in a mailing. Alex Thomas has offered to help. Lynne Brumfield was appointed to research online registration costs and will report in November.
4. Finding a site for historical items at no cost, if possible.
5. Providing in-services that deal with emotional health and impact achievement. Letters promoting the Speakers’ Bureau will be sent soon.
6. Encouraging the Executive Board to contribute more to the newsletter. He would like to have two committees sign up per edition to write an article about each committee or an area of interest.
7. Visit regional organizations, if possible, and also talk with school psychology students, if possible.

Treasurer’s Report

Lynn Brumfield

Lynn distributed the fourth quarter report and the proposed budget for 04-05. OSPA had an outstanding year due to the wonderful conference response. The Public Relations account went over due to leftover inventory. The Intern Conference went over budget due to some confusion. NASP went over but the Presidential account was not used at all. Most items were within budget. We had a carryover of $116,996. The IUC account was discussed: it looks like a negative but is not because they have their own money.

Motion to approve the fourth quarter report:

Motion – George Csanyi
Second – Juliette Madigan
Motion Passed

The projected 04-05 budget was discussed. The carryover amount is significant, but we still need to be cautious. An Intern Conference account has been added and OSPA has added money to be used at the Board’s discretion. The Contract account has been raised for possible technology assistance and possible clerical help. Erich Merkle currently receives a free membership for his
webmaster services. Lynn will be talking with him further. FAC approved raises for our employees. Bonuses were paid in the past. This year these will be eliminated and the employee rate will be stabilized. Cheryl's salary reflects the MCE account as well as the other account. Minor adjustments between printing and duplicating and an adjustment to the Ohio Coalition account were made. Minority scholarship donations may need to be increased because Valerie Wolcott-Mendelson will not be adding her usual donation.

**Motion to approve the fourth quarter report:**
Motion – Elaine Semper  
Second – Janet Brunecz  
**Motion Passed**

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

Ann passed out the latest legislative report. Ann also distributed an article on suicide prevention. OPA is sponsoring a workshop presented by Kevin Arnold on Integrated Functional Behavior Assessment Protocol for Deafblind students. Ann distributed the information on this. OSPA applied for a $10,000 grant from ODE to fund the Intern Conference in conjunction with IUC. This was approved. Plans will proceed to make arrangements and this will be held at the Fall Conference. ODE will not fund meals. If we do not have lunch at the hotel, we will have to pay for the room. However, the room fee will be within the budget.

Bill Harris will be the next Senate president which will be good for education, according to Ann. He is reasonable and accessible.

The biggest issue pending in legislation that is important to OSPA is HB 265. It has passed the house. Many of the listed bills in Ann’s handout may not pass. HB 265 will allow for all educators to be immune from liability if they injure a child but the injury did not rise to the level of child endangerment. The issue of child endangerment has to deal with permanent injury. OSPA has joined a coalition of groups which have communicated concerns about this bill. It has not been referred to committee yet. Ann is hopeful it will go to the Education Committee. The coalition is meeting with Sen. Harris soon. Perhaps after that meeting it will not get referred. OEA has supported the bill.

The Blue Ribbon Task Force met on 8/9/04 and discussed where the three subcommittees are at. The intent is to have a final report by the end of the year. They are discussing where current indicators and the foundation level ought to be. They are fine-tuning Special Education funding. They are talking of weighting students, counting some students as two people in terms of class size. They may require certain ratios (possible 15:1 in K-3 in districts in academic watch). In this case, the Special Education kids might be weighted as two children. This is very preliminary.

The upcoming year is a budget year. The State Board of Education has drafted their preliminary recommendations. These will be finalized in the fall. Concern is where the intern money will be. Ann has a meeting tomorrow and will know more. She will post this on the website.

One of the professional development goals is to establish a Speakers’ Bureau. Lew is sending a letter to regional presidents with a survey to be distributed at regional meetings. The Professional Development Committee would like the Executive Board to either volunteer in an area of expertise or to recruit members to be part of this. The desire is to have low-to-no fee speakers. The Speakers’ Bureau would then be on the web and a booklet would also be developed. The form will eventually be on the website.

The State Board of Education passed SB 2 which allows it to appoint 17 members to the Educational Standards Board. Those appointments have been made.

Check IDES of ODE frequently for updates. A new assessment/school psychology person has
been appointed and will begin the end of August. Ann does not know the name of this person.

HB 106 has already been signed by the governor. Mary Ann Teitelbaum stated that OPA has expressed concerns about the confidentiality of transferring records from the Department of Youth. The bill allows the records to go to the superintendent. Originally the records would have gone to the school psychologist. Mary Ann said there was also concern about confidentiality and where the records would be housed.

**Business Manager’s Report**

Cheryl VanDenBerge

It has been a busy summer with MCE and membership registrations. Many have been surprised by the requirement of 3 hours of ethics for licensure. The following committees are meeting today: nominations, legislative, spring conference, professional development, multi-cultural, membership, fall conference, children’s advocacy, and public relations.

**Committee Reports**

**TOSP** Mary Dixon stated that work is currently being done on implementing the electronic newsletter and on getting articles from committee members.

**OPA Liaison** Mary Ann Teitelbaum stated that OPA is pursuing early childhood mental health initiatives. If interested contact Bobbie Celeste.

**Membership** Gail Fadel - The committee may survey nonmembers about why they did not join. She spoke with students about membership. Gail will try to provide charts of membership at upcoming meetings. We have 340 members now with more to register. Sometimes people think that they are members when they are not.

**Motion to accept new members:**
Motion – Juliette Madigan
Second – Mary Ann Teitelbaum
**Motion Passed**

**Children’s Advocacy** Kristine Quallich attended the North Central Advocacy Group. Kris was the first school psychologist there. They are creating a Speakers’ Bureau of children with mental health issues. They need a place to practice and OSPA conferences may be a good place to do it. Kris encouraged members to go to regional committee meetings. Kathy Oberlin, the North Central Region leader, is creating website for kids to talk about their mental health issues, [www.seemehearmyfeelings.com](http://www.seemehearmyfeelings.com) The goal is improved mental health services for kids. A manual is also being created to use statewide. It is entitled “Eliminating Barriers” and is designed to educate students about mental illness. It can be presented as a series of lessons. Kris will put this on the Child Advocacy page of the website. Kris will go to the training to be a presenter. Mary Dixon stated that Central Ohio also had a regional meeting. Others have not been contacted. There seems to be confusion about meetings. Kris is looking for students who might be good speakers. Kris and Ann Brennan have the names and addresses of the regional contact people if anyone needs them.

**Awards Committee** Louise Cardenzana

Committee met last week along with other board members. There are four nominations. Jay Bahnsen, Rebecca Dingledine, Jill Payne, Dawn Seragussa. Consensus was that Rebecca be selected as Ohio’s School Psychologist of the year.

**Motion to select Rebecca Dingledine as OSPA’s School Psychologist of the Year:**
Motion – Ralph Pajka
Second – Janet Brunecz
Juliette Madigen

Juliette distributed NASP position statements which were approved in July. She also attended the Public Policy Institute in Washington, DC, this summer. NASP has some goals that overcome OSPA. Some people are members of NASP but not OSPA. She will be contacting them. Juliette reminded all to send their NASP membership. NASP will continue to be online. The new catch phrase is “nimble” as opposed to “flexible.” New president, Lee Huff, is stressing the organization’s need to reach members’ needs; make decisions from members not for members. NASP is offering a one time NCSP renewal for those who were previously approved. Position statements for safe environment for sexual minority youth were distributed. Position statements on evidence based practices, periodic re-evaluations, employing school psychologists for school comprehensive services will be forthcoming. Lifetime award nominations are due 10/10/04. Tameka Green, minority recruitment chair for NASP, is developing guidelines for culturally affirming wording in position statements. Lee Huff wants to recruit high school and undergrad students. He is working on a sponsorship and a mentorship for students. The Crisis group spoke. They will be meeting in Atlanta to develop a cross state response to crisis and hope to present it at the conference in 2006. Several states will be merging models that work on postvention. Juliette received a letter from NASP thanking us for the donation to the Children’s Fund. We need to keep thinking about what we would like to do to raise money for further donations. NASP is developing e-communities to communicate rather than the listserv. They would like our membership list provided electronically. They will not share that list. It is used for membership purposes not sales.

Motion to provide NASP with an electronic listing of OSPA membership. This will only be used for membership purposes.

Motion – Juliette Madigan
Second – Scott Gill
Motion Passed

Lynn Brumfield suggested that the regions be contacted to see if they would provide their lists to NASP.

Research/Technology

Erich Merkle

There was a discussion about purchasing a better digital camera (5 megapixel) which would be in the $400-600 range. Saving information to a CD or a DVD was discussed. Lew stated that archivists are pushing DVD format. Printing is relatively inexpensive (18 to 24 cents per print). Resolution may be an issue for the newsletter. A better camera would allow for large pictures. Three megapixels will work for web pictures and the newsletter. A photographer is needed. Two people from the task force are willing to pursue this. This could be put on the webpage and pictures could be sent to the recipients of awards. Rachel Ripstein volunteered to take pictures. It was decided there would a task force to take pictures and the purchase of a camera would be postponed.

Erich is creating an executive listserv. The question is: who should be on this listserv. Discussion of this followed. The listserv would eliminate the need to have everyone’s e-mail address. Sometimes the whole board is not involved in the issue at hand. It was decided that all board members will be put on. Erich said this will be up in the next day or two.

Erich would like to redo the practitioners’ page so that each committee can have space to provide information about what is going on. The caveat is that he needs committees to give him something. It was suggested that the people who receive best practices awards write something
about what they did to receive the award. Erich will obtain a list of committee chairpersons and contact them about putting things on that page. There are regional webpages also.

Erich would like to move the website to e-commerce. There are a couple of options: basic – get a merchant account; most complex – redesign with custom programming; middle – use external service. Online registration for conferences and membership is a goal. The first step is getting a merchant account to process credit cards. This would entail a yearly fee as well as calling in on each card. This could cost about $2000 per card. Would we have enough participation potentially to offset the cost or would we add the excess cost to fees? Lynn will develop a survey to gather more information. The next step would be to offer OSPA merchandise. Preliminary contacts show at least a $30 per month fee. It was decided not to proceed with e-commerce until further information is obtained. In the future user name and password for website, members only section will be printed on membership cards.

**Unfinished Business**  
Lew stated that he will table the motion to establish a historical committee until the November meeting.

Ann Brennen stated that a school psychologist is needed to attend the meeting tomorrow on the recommendations from the task force for improving high schools.

Juliette Madigan checked on the NASP presentation in Chicago and stated it went well. No OSPA members present. Antoinette Miranda presented.

**Adjournment at 12:07**

Executive board adjourned

**Motion:** Elaine Semper  
**Second:** Kristine Quallich  
**Motion Passed**