Ohio School Psychologists Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
August 24, 2001

Members in attendance:

Mary Dixon     TOSP Editor  
Stephanie Stollar  Southwest Rep.  
Paul Soska MVSPA Rep./Multicultural/  
Diversity Chair  
Sharon Rieke  Past President/OSPA  
Nina C. Andrews  Southeast Rep./PR Com. co-chair  
Laura Gabel PR Commitee Co-chair  
Juliette Madigan  Cleveland Rep.  
Linda Sterling  KAASP Rep./ Nom/Elections co-chair  
Elaine Semper  ELASPA Rep.  
Holly Muddston  NCOSPA Rep.  
Janet Brunecz  KAASP Rep./Fall Conf. co-chair  
Barb Scholl  Legislative Chair  
Susan Johnston  Spring Conf. co-chair  
Jay Bahnsen Spring Conf. co-chair/Central Rep.  
Kristie Falk  Spring Conference  
Dannell Bagnol  Membership/Nominations com.  
Gail Fadel  Clev.Rep./Membership chair  
Bill Stencil  Professional Dev. com.  
Brenda Stevens  Professional Dev. chair  
Mike Forcade  NASP Delegate  
Valerie Lee  SW Rep.  
Mary Link  Secretary/OSPA/Central Rep.  
Antoinette Miranda  President/OSPA  
Lynn Brumfield  SW Rep.  
Cheryl VanDenBerge  Business Manager/OSPA  
Louise Cardenzana  Awards Chair  

President Antoinette Miranda called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. Antoinette reviewed the agenda for the meeting and asked if there were any additions. Under New Business, Mike Forcade requested that we add an item regarding A Shortage of School Psychologists and Juliette Madigan requested an item on International School Psychologists. A motion was made to approve the agenda.
The minutes of the June 19th Board Meeting were reviewed. A correction was suggested by Brenda Stevens. Under the Professional Development report, Brenda asked that what was reported be deleted and the following insertion made: Brenda reported that this year the committee will be focusing on revitalizing the committee. A survey of the membership will be conducted regarding member’s professional development needs and several public relations articles will be written this year. A motion was made to approve the minutes with this correction.

President’s Report - Antoinette

Antoinette said that she would be talking this year about some of the initiatives and that one is to make people aware of what OSPA has done for you. She is currently focusing on the Fall Conference and initiating some new ideas. There will be a raffle held with the proceeds going to a needy family for the holidays. Prizes include a longaberger basket, a facial from Charles Penzone, etc. Antoinette is asking the universities to donate T-shirts as door prizes and publishers to donate their books. Antoinette plans to put all these innovative ideas/activities for Fall Conference on the Web site. She said that she has been checking into Ohio becoming a NCSP State, which probably will not be accomplished this year. Antoinette mentioned that Chuck Archer suggested that we hook up an OSPA member to the university outreach programs to get students involved. This would involve a member going to the university and meeting with interns/students.

Treasurer’s Report

Lynn Brumfield reported for Pat Lehman and said that the fourth quarter report ending June 30th can be found in the packet. OSPA has lost $30,000 with the carry-over for this year. She said we will need to be looking at the budget very closely. Income has been staying steady with the output rising. Pat will meet with the FAC committee to discuss the budget and possibly propose some budget cuts. The committees have been keeping within their financial allotment; there is no concern with what the Board members have spent. Lynn said that we have had some large expenditures this year.
Business Manager’s Report - Cheryl

Cheryl reported that we have spent half of what we spent last year on conference brochures. The cost this year has been around $300.00. Approximately 1500 brochures have been printed and sent out on August 20th. At the 9/25 workshop, brochures will be available. A motion was made to accept new members to OSPA as listed in the Board’s packet.

Motion: Brenda Stevens
Second: Juliette Madigan
Motion: Passed

Committee Reports

Spring Conference - Sue Johnston

Sue reported that there has been discussion of eliminating the spring conference. Spring conference is scheduled for 2002 and 2003 but a decision will need to be made for the year 2004. Mike Fuller suggested that we survey the members regarding this issue. Sue said we need to make $10,000-$15,000 per conference. It is possible that we may need to look at increasing fees. FAC will need to help the committee with planning out the costs. The Spring Conference flyers will definitely be available at the Fall Conference. Spring Conference is set for May 2nd and 3rd.

Fall Conference - Janet Brunecz

The Fall Conference is set up, except for the AV equipment. Dr. Poland needs a laptop that is IBM compatible. Lynn Brumfield may be able to get one for him. Brochures have been mailed out. Mike Forcade suggested sending the information to the Web Master for adjoining States.

Public Relations - Nina Andrews

Nina reported that her committee will be sending out a letter to the regions regarding donating to the Children’s Auction. The committee will also be sending out a letter to advertise for the Ohio
School Psychologist’s Day - May 10. Nina said that she would like to post on the Web site things that will be available at the conference. Brochures will be made available to guidance counselors and college advisors.

Nominations and Elections - Reuben Mosidi

Reuben said that vacancies for the State Board of Psychology went unfilled. Reuben then asked the Board for their opinion on resubmitting the same candidates names again. The Board was in agreement to resubmit those same candidates names.

Membership - Gail Fadel

Gail reported that the goal of her committee this year is to increase membership to 1000 through increased knowledge and involvement at all levels, student, intern, current practitioners and retired school psychologists. Letters will be sent to University co-ordinators requesting a student rep be recruited. The raffle will continue to be held at the Intern Conference. Only interns who are OSPA members are eligible. University trainers will be recognized at the Fall Conference. The membership form may be revised for next year. Discussion was held regarding the membership fees for interns and students. The membership form will be inserted in TOSP.

Multicultural Affairs - Paul Soska

Paul reported that his committee will be focusing on student health issues and will solicit articles for TOSP.

Professional Development - Brenda Stevens

Brenda asked two committee members, Jill Payne and Bill Stencil, to give a brief report on a specific activity that they will be initiating this year. Jill reported that the committee will be conducting a survey to find out what the membership’s needs are in the area of professional development. Another survey will be conducted on what would entice school psychologists to join OSPA? Bill reported that letters will be sent to district administrators regarding the importance of school psychologists joining OSPA. Articles will be written about why psychologists should participate in OSPA and sent to the Ohio School Board newsletter publisher and TOSP.

Children's Advocacy - Valerie Lee

Valerie reported that her committee will be looking at the relationship between school psychologists and the medical profession. She said that APA is also pursuing similar issues. A draft of the survey her committee put together regarding this issue is now available. Another
survey will be created and sent to physicians. Valerie said her committee is interested in getting it out as soon as possible.

The concern was raised about the fact that several committees will be sending out surveys this year and the cost involved in doing so. Suggestions were made that perhaps the surveys could be put on the Web site, perhaps committees could combine their surveys and/or perhaps the regional rep’s could take the surveys to their regions for distribution.

**Legislative**

Ann Brennan was absent due to her attending an 09 writing team meeting on the draft of the new Rules. A final draft of the Rules is expected to be due at the September Ohio School Board meeting. Mike Forcade spoke about the SLD writing group and it’s current status. He said the committee recommended to the Advisory Group that the discrepancy score would no longer be used. However, the LDA are opposing this recommendation. He said it appears that a confrontation may happen at their next meeting. Mike also said that a consensus from the group may be difficult. He feels that the committee recommendation to eliminate the discrepancy score allows for greater flexibility. The LDA wants to be specific on the identification of categories for learning disabilities.

**Awards -Louise Cardenzana**

Louise reported that copies of nomination forms for the R.A. Horn Honorary Life Membership and the Clyde V. Bartlett Awards were in the Board packet. She said that her committee met in August to select the Ohio School Psychologist of the Year and that they selected Janet Brunecz. A motion was made to accept the committee’s recommendation to the Board that Janet be the recipient of the Ohio School Psychologist of the Year Award.

**Motion:** Elaine Semper  
**Second:** Nina Andrews  
**Motion:** Passed

Louise reported that Janet will be our nominee to the National School Psychologist of the Year Award. Nominations for another award entitled the Lifetime Achievement Award for NASP are due in November. Jay Bahnsen suggested that we resubmit Polly Alexander’s name as Ohio’s nomination.

**Office for Exceptional Children - Pete Tolan**

Pete reported that under the umbrella of the Evaluation Rule, they are struggling with issues of caseload, SLD identification and the cost of interventions (shall occur versus should occur). They are also struggling at the differential referral stage and does it change from preschool to school age and the cost of interventions. During the evaluation, should or shall interventions be
given? The committee is looking at the criteria for determining a disability. They want teams to understand the definition of the disability and plan/conduct the evaluation to determine eligibility, rather than specify this test or that test. Pete said that they are trying to have one set of evaluation procedures for both school age and preschool evaluations. For parent referrals, they are suggesting the use of the differential referral system. Copies of the Evaluation Rule will be available after the 9/12 meeting.

Pete reported that funding continues to be available for the School Psych. Intern Program. The projection for next year’s intern program is 100 students. Mike Forcade spoke up and said that he would like to propose the organization of a Task Force to discuss/look at the shortage of interns in Ohio. He suggested that we think outside of the box.

A discussion followed regarding the shortage of school psychologists. A task force at the national level is looking at retraining issues. At the universities, a shortage in faculty also exists to train school psychologists. Most programs in school psychology are full time. NASP is trying to design standards for retraining which would evaluate the credentials of the applicants. NASP is looking at actually recruiting from other professions to get them into the work force quicker. Perhaps we need to look at retired school psychologists and how to do training for them? The Board agreed to create a Task Force and to work with IUC on this issue of “Shortages in School Psychology.”

Pete reported that the project on Intervention Based Assessment continues this year with approximately 700 teams participating. There is very good work coming out of this project. Intern sites are only being approved by the State if they have an Intervention Based Assessment Team.

Lastly, Pete spoke on the Positive Behavior Support project. There are teams which focus on positive behavior and a component is an individual behavior plan. The SERRC’s are going to try and combine the IBA and PBS projects. Training is being put together at the State Level which is headed by Greg Matthews. When OSEP did a State Level site review, there were deficiencies found in our counseling services. Thus, action needs to be taken in order to comply with OSEP.

**NASP Update - Mike Forcade**

Mike mentioned that he hopes to see many of us at the NASP Convention this year which is in Chicago and begins on 2/26. Mike is looking forward to many of us helping him celebrate his birthday on 2/28!!! The President of NASP is supporting what’s important to the States. Current issues in NASP are membership retention and money. Also, recruitment and shortage of school psych’s are national issues.

**OPA Update**
Juliette Madigan reported that OPA is extremely interested in obtaining speakers from OSPA. Please contact Mary Ann if you are willing to speak or have speakers for their fall conference.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

TOSP- Mary Dixon

Mary reported that there will be three issues of the newsletter per year, instead of four which was a decision made by FAC. More than likely, there will be no summer issue. Mary presented both printer and newsletter quotes to the Board. Articles can be submitted to Mary through e-mail. Her e-mail address is rdixon 5@columbus.rr.com. The first newsletter article due date is 9/15. A motion was made to accept the formatting and printed image proposal with a standard contract.

Motion: Brenda Stevens
Second: Reuben Mosidi
Motion: Passed

Deadlines for the Newsletter are as follows:

- 9/15  first newsletter printing
- 2/9  second newsletter printing
- 5/15  third newsletter printing

NASP (con’t)- Mike Forcade

Mike mentioned that the Fall Regional NASP meeting will be held Nov. 16,17,18 and that all committee chairs will be invited to attend. It will be held at the Embassy Suites in Indianapolis.

International School Psychology - Juliette Madigan

Juliette reported that ISPA met in France this summer and that the President of ISPA is Peg Dawson. A liason is needed for ISPA. The school psych. shortage is worldwide. Juliette proposes that we have a raffle at the Fall Conference to give away one membership to ISPA. Next year’s conference will be held in Denmark. A motion was made to appoint Juliette as OSPA’s liason.
Motion: Brenda Stevens  
Second: Janet Brunecz  
Motion: Passed  

A final motion was made to adjourn at 3:33 p.m.  

Motion: Gail Fadel  
Second: Nina Andrews  
Motion: Passed