**OSPA Executive Board Minutes**  
**November 1, 2006**

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Call to Order  

Approval of Agenda  
The agenda was approved some changes in sequence since some members had to leave, and with the addition of a report from Janet Brunecz on the Mental Health Action Network for School Success.  
Motion: Sharon Rieke  
Second: Juliette Madigen  
Motion Passed  

Approval of Minutes of August meeting  
The minutes of the August Executive Board Meeting were approved as corrected.  
Motion: Jay Bahnsen  
Second: Janet Brunecz  
Motion Passed  

1st Quarter Treasurer's Report  
Lynn Brumfield  
Lynn reminded the board that $750 in membership dues came in early and was reported in last year's report. She also noted the addition of new accounts in the budget for credit cards and e-commerce. The credit card account is now up and running well. Income from credit card transactions comes into a separate account so that we can track it. Kris Prough will edit the treasurer's report and publish it in the TOSP for our members.  
Motion to approve the first Quarter Treasurer's report  
Motion: Elaine Semper  
Second: Steve Vonderhaar  
Motion Passed  

Business Manager's Report  
Cheryl VanDenBerg  
Cheryl submitted a written report of her activities. She said that we have 491 registered for fall conference. Cheryl LOVES her credit card machine!  
Motion to approve 95 new OSPA members  
Motion: Kris Prough  
Second: Deb Liddy  
Motion Passed  

President's Report  
Rob Kubick  
Rob has two major initiatives this year as president.  
• OISM model – Rob has sent notifications to regional presidents regarding presentations to their regional groups. George Csanyi wrote an article for the TOSP. Don Saracusa wrote a piece for Highlights in Special Education. Rob has been out to speak to three regions already. The interns got a presentation today.  
• Website & Technology – Rob wants OSPA to use these to communicate more efficiently. Our OSPA website got 35,000 hits last year. Rob told the board that Erich Merkle has requested assistance with the website, since he feels he is not able to give it enough attention at this time. Rob appointed Jeff York, who has been providing web services for OSPA recently, to be the Technology Committee Chair and webmaster. The board approved the appointment. The next step for the website will be a map that people can click on and be automatically directed to information about their local regional affiliate.  

Website issues: Jeff York  
There was discussion of requests Jeff has been getting, asking him to post non-OSPA events on our website or listserv. The consensus was that we will only post OSPA and Regional things on our website and listserv. Other requests will be directed to the OSPA office.
The board also discussed whether the job section of the website should be kept as “members only”. Discussion revolved around the whether there is more benefit to our members from having access to job information that non-OSPA members might not be able to access or more benefit to us from providing easy access to Ohio jobs for out-of-state school psychologists who might want to move here and help alleviate the current shortage. The consensus was that we will keep the job opportunities in the “members only” section. Rob and Jeff will research the ODE employment site to see if we should direct out-of-state people there.

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

Ann’s current legislative update is already posted on the web. The legislature is slated to come back the week after the election and intends to stay in session up through Christmas. There may be pressure on current legislature to pass their current priorities. Pending legislative issues of interest to OSPA include:

- **Special education voucher bill** —The IDEIA regulations say that private school teachers do not have to be highly qualified. This makes the proposal more troublesome to OSPA.
- **Core curriculum legislation** —This will almost certainly pass in some form. There is currently an opt-out provision in the bill allowing students to opt out of the core curriculum. There is a lot of opposition to the opt-out and it may be removed. The requirement for 2 years of foreign language raises a capacity issue — finding teachers. This will be a problem for math and science too. There is an amendment to add foreign language to the electives.
- **Licensure Issue** —Ann missed a big licensure change which impacts school psychologists licensed by the state board of Psychology in addition to holding the ODE license. These psychologists can renew their ODE licenses by presenting evidence of a current board of Psychology license. Ann does not know how this will work with the Local Professional Development Committees (LPDCs). There may be collective bargaining implications. Psychologists will need to check with their districts. The attorney for the school boards association isn’t sure how collective bargaining will work with this.
- **There will be an update on the IDEIA regulations soon.** A memo will articulate where the Ohio procedures are out of compliance — a compare and contrast document, looking at the differences. The memo will be sent to superintendents and will also be on the ODE website.

**Committee Reports**

**Fall Conference**  Jay Bahnsen & Susan Johnston

Fall conference 2007 will have speakers on Bullying and on Classroom Management, Susan Swearer and Beth Doll.

**Nominations & Elections**  Reuben Mosidi & George Csanyi

They sent reminder letters to regional presidents in October and will be reminding them again. Nomination forms will be given to fall conference attendees on Friday to help generate nominees for the two state positions up for election this year: president-elect and secretary.

**Spring Conference Committee**  Elaine Semper & Sal Karanough-Schuler

They are working on the 2008 conference now. There was discussion of the pros and cons of holding the 2008 conference at the Marriott North (the same hotel as fall conference) versus holding the conference at another, more expensive hotel. Some board members were concerned that many of our members are no longer having conference expenses paid by their employers. Others expressed concern that having conferences in the same place gets old. Several other venues were proposed, including the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center in Mansfield.
SEND HER STUFF!!!  Kris is writing an editorial piece that she thinks/hopes may be causing controversy.  Cathy Telzrow will be writing a response.  Please, Please, Please send her articles!  The next deadline is December 15.  Cleveland is the only region that routinely sends regional updates.

**NASP Update**

- The board discussed the annual donation for the NASP Children's Fund Auction. The auction did not bring in as much money last year as previous auctions. There was discussion about sending a monetary donation rather than actual items for the auction.
- NASP Website – The updated website went live on October 30:  [www.nasponline.org](http://www.nasponline.org). It combines the NASP site, Career site and store in one easy location. It has a new resource library (where information for both members and nonmembers can be accessed.)
- The NASP convention *Responsiveness, the Fourth “R”*, will be in New York City March 27 to 31. The Block of rooms that have been reserved is a great price.
- The 2007 NASP Executive Council and Delegate Assembly meetings will take place from July 12 to 15 at the Marriott Cleveland at Key Center (Downtown).
- Cleveland will also be one of the sites of the NASP/AHI Summer Conference to take place July 9 to 11 at the Cleveland Marriott. This summer conference agenda is not yet set, but it has run with full days and half-day sessions. This will be a great opportunity for students as well as practitioners. Juliette will have more information soon.
- The International School Psychologists Association (ISPA) will be holding their annual colloquium in Tampere, Finland in 2007. Tampere is a beautiful seaside community. The dates are July 24 to 29. More information is available on their website:  [ISPAweb.org](http://ISPAweb.org).

**Awards**

Nominations for the Best Practices and Bartlett awards are due by Feb 28, 2007. The awards committee will meet before the March OSPA Executive Board meeting. They will not accept nominations that arrive in the OSPA office after the February 28.

The Committee has chosen Don Saracusa as School Psychologist of the year for 2006. He will be receiving his award at the Fall Conference. Don's work has been in the area of encouraging his buildings to use data (which he has collected and maintained) to drive instructional decisions. Using data from DIBELS, one of his buildings has increased passage on the third grade achievement tests from 20-some percent to 80-some percent. WOW!

**Ethics**

NASP has launched a professional practice (ethics) initiative. State associations are expressing concerns about adjudicating ethics complaints (liability, level of expertise). NASP will adjudicate ethics complaints about members and holders of the NCSP. Kathy is now chairing the NASP ethics committee. NASP will be providing ethics information we can use on our website (advocacy, position statements on professional practice, etc.). Kathy would like to see OSPA revitalize our ethics committee toward advocacy for professional practice.

**Children’s Advocacy**

Gayle Vonderembse

Last fall she had a very good committee meeting and they exchanged some good e-mails, but after the meeting involvement in the committee quickly dropped off. Chairs and members have struggled with the question “what is the role and function of this committee” for some time.

- Lynn Brumfield reminded the board that it used to be called the Children’s Services Committee and that the current Advocacy Committee combined two older
committees. The idea at that time was that the committee would take a topic, explore
the topic, and put together a statement, article for TOSP etc. The last topic she
remembers was ADHD. The group put together a physician’s survey. Since NASP
now puts out such great stuff, this may not be an appropriate function of the
committee. Maybe the committee could look at issues specific to Ohio.

- Janet Brunecz reminded the board that this is how OSPA got involved in the Mental
  Health Action Network for School Success, a policy development advocacy group.
  When Janet started going to Network meetings, people there did not know that there
  were school psychologists in the schools or that we are trained in mental health. The
goal of the Network is for every school district to provide a minimal level of mental
health service to children. Janet encouraged them to use the OISM model and
positive behavioral support. She let them know that school psychologists are out
there. A lot of the people there are from private agencies and they want to get their
people into the schools. They are also concerned that kids aren’t getting the mental
health services they need in schools. There was one school psychologist at the most
recent meeting – Janet.

- George Csanyi informed the board that there are six regional Network offices. They
  have been in collaboration with ODE. All six regions have had speakers on OISM.
  We don’t want to lose contact with this organization. The Network tends to focus on
children in need of tier 3 supports. They are concerned about children who have
internalizing problems and who don’t get the support/services that they need. The
Network members weren’t sure how to partner with schools and with each other, so
that we are not stepping on each other.

Consensus: The committee will coordinate the activities at these regional groups and
network back to OSPA

- Barb Murphy told the group that this will be very helpful for ODE as well. There has
  been a disconnect to mental health even within the special education department and
Positive Behavior Support.

OPA Update

Mary Ann Teitelbaum

- Anthem insurance decided to reduce rates by almost a third for psychologists.
  People who have a lot of Anthem clients just took a 1/3 cut in pay. OPA also recently
did an average salary for psychologists – the average was around $50,000. It might
be important for us to reflect on the benefits we have and that our bargaining units
are reimbursing for mental health at reasonable rates. Once one insurance company
reduces rates, the rest tend to domino.
- APA has some nice programs on bullying, stress in the workplace, etc. available.
- OPA does on-line courses. People can write the programs and be reimbursed
(small) for developing on-line MCE classes.
- OPA has a committee that does with MCSs what Cheryl does for OSPA. There is a
committee that goes over the information and decides whether people have enough
hours.
- There is a foundation for psychology in Ohio that provides scholarships for minority
students, prizes for psychology-related science fair projects, research awards, etc.
- Juliette Madigan asked how comfortable OPA is with OSIM. Mary Ann has spoken to
the board about this and feels OPA would be receptive. There is an insurance
agency thrust toward using evidenced based therapies.
- Mary Ann will talk to the OPA board about IDEIA and 504, since we get a lot of
referrals from private practitioners along the lines of “this student has ODD, therefore
he is ED.”

ODE Update

Barbara Murphy

- ODE has a student intervention workgroup that was formed to look at writing
standards for interventions. The group first perceived it as a special education
model. The workgroup now understands that you can’t look at intervention in
isolation. Need to look at prevention and what is done early on to prevent problems. The understanding of the group has increased.

- There will be a major presentation on OISM to high level ODE people. Janet Graden and others will be talking to them about the research base of three tier model. They will be stressing the application of OISM and that it is a general education model. People will be talking / sharing actual results from districts in Ohio doing it for past 5-6 years. OISM has been happening out in the districts at a grass roots level.

Unfinished Business
 Completion of President’s Report:
- Rob passes around copies of the NASP Blueprint for Training and Practice III at the request of Cathy Telzrow from Kent State University. It is now available on-line. Cathy would like ideas from OSPA as to how we will make people aware of the Blueprint, which is a model for service delivery strikingly similar to OISM. The Blueprint is a succinct statement of the role and function of the school psychologist. Rob asks for volunteers to meet and talk about the Blueprint. John Biltz volunteers to head up the group.
- Ohio School Psychologists Day is November 8, 2006 in Ohio. The whole week is National School Psychology Awareness Week.

New Business
OSPA Scholarship

OSPA Scholarship Raffle – Valorie has almost $4000 worth of contributions from publishers. She has regional baskets this year from 10 of our 11 regions (the last region is brand new). IUC will be bringing things from their universities. Last year the raffle made $2500 for the NASP minority scholarship. OSPA added the $500 we always budget for this and sent a total of $3000 to NASP. Over the last three years, OSPA sent $8000 to NASP.

- Last spring we started talking about who gets the scholarships. Valorie contacted IUC about pumping up their students to apply. They already do that. Turns out the application is lengthy, time consuming. IUC felt they had well qualified students, who submitted excellent credentials, and then the students never heard anything. There is now almost a reluctance to encourage the students to apply. An IUC member suggested, as Mary Ann did last spring, that we have an OHIO scholarship. Valorie put out the question to the executive board list serve. The response so far has been positive.
- LynnBrumfield brought up questions regarding our tax status and accounting for the money. Val contacted her CPA who found a way to do it without affecting our tax status.
- If it becomes an Ohio scholarship, we would need applications, standards, the selection committee, etc. all set up and organized.
- Antionette Miranda talked to IUC about starting an OSPA scholarship for Ohio students. They suggested at least two IUC members should be on the decision committee. There was an agreement that the application process should match the amount of money.
- Valorie has made the scholarship (NASP minority and now Ohio) her mission for the past several years. She plans to eventually move to Indiana to be with her grandchildren. She has created a trail and “how to” for the raffle. We will need to have somebody other than Valorie to step in and do the scholarship. We will need a standing committee. Val is giving us this year of her time and expertise to get it off the ground. Something needs to be officially put together for this group. Valorie suggests the scholarship selection group should consist of two IUC members, two OSPA board members, and maybe the school psychologist of the year, so that it isn’t the same people making the selections all the time.
Lynn Brumfield was originally thinking about giving away all the money raised in one year, given away in that year. She suggests we hold the money raised in this fall’s raffle in a restricted account, give NASP the $500 we have budgeted. We need to, by the end of the year, to have policies in place, a decision, the tax law, the infrastructure, and have decisions.

Mary Ann Teitelbaum did some investigation into the scholarship issue when she was manager in Cleveland. She talked with Illinois. They work it through a separate organization, committee, and give scholarships from the interest generated from about $50,000 in principal. She looked at this about 5-6 years ago. She thinks they did not give scholarships at first when they were collecting the seed money.

Valorie has two potential donors from the Cleveland area.

Lynn suggests we might want to find a foundation in Ohio to administer, invest, donate to another nonprofit and given them direction on how to disseminate it.

Consensus – for now we will honor our $500 commitment to NASP and will research how/if to develop our own scholarship. We will need to get a committee up and running for next year.

Motion to adjourn:  7:48
Motion: Lynn Brumfield
Second: Janet Brunecz
Motion Passed

Adjournment