OSPA Executive Board Meeting
November 3, 2010
Call to Order 4:38 pm

Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved as presented.
  Motion: Sharon Rieke
  Second: Dan Dean
  Motion Passed

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the August 17, 2010 Executive Board meeting were approved as corrected.
  Motion: Chris Nelson
  Second: Gail Fadel
  Motion Passed

President’s Report  Elaine Semper
  • Kate Bobak and Elaine attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Psychology History Museum. The Akron Beacon Journal had a great article.
  • Appointed Aimee to the ODE gifted education committee.
  • Appointed Erck Merkle to the Healthy Choices for Healthy Children Council.
  • Attended a great presentation for interns from a group from Cleveland about how to get a job.
  • NASP is asking us to donate to the “Girls on the Run” 5 K run at the NASP conference. They are asking for $150, which is what we have donated in the past. We will do so again this year.

Treasurer’s Report  Michelle Hathorn
  Presented the year end report from last year (in detail as requested at August board meeting) and the first quarter report from this year.
  Motion to accept the Year end treasurer’s report
  Motion: Beth Gaubatz
  Second: Julie Griffith
  Motion carries
  Motion to approve the first quarter treasurer’s report
  Chris Nelson
  Gail Fadel
  Motion carries

Business Manager’s Report  Cheryl VanDenBerge
  488 registered for fall conference.

Director of Legislative Services  Ann Brennan
And Professional Relations Report
  Intern funding – state board has it in their recommendations for the state budget. Ann hopes it will be included in the new governor’s budget. Don’t expect the budget to be introduced until mid to late March and then it goes to budget committees. Ann plans to continue her current plan to push on the intern line item funding.

School Funding Advisory Council – continues to meet. Subcommittees have made recommendations re: special education funding and gifted funding but the full committee hasn’t adopted any of the recommendations yet. However, the new governor has indicated that he is dumping the evidence-based model of school funding, so…
Gifted – working on spending recommendations – drafted a spending rule, not finalized yet. It is now a public document and Ann can pass it on to us for review if we wish. The response so far to the draft, is that it is being opposed by school board association, association of principals etc. because of budget concerns. The rule would require spending for gifted coordinators and gifted teachers. Their concern is that we don’t know what the state budget will be. OSPA will advocate for good gifted services. Ann will keep us posted.

State Board of Psychology update:
- New interpretation for dually licensed (ODE and State Board) individuals who only supervise interns. Previously the interpretation was that those persons needed to list the interns on their license. The new interpretation is that these dually licensed psychologists who supervise ONLY ODE interns don’t need to list them under their state board licenses; HOWEVER, if that intern later wants to apply for board of psychology licensure and count the internship year toward that license, the intern would need to have been listed on the supervision license of the psychologist who supervised them. Board licensed psychologists supervising interns will need to discuss this with their intern early in the internship to add the intern as a supervisee if desired.
- Ann has represented OSPA on the Rules Revision task force. The practice of school psychology has been updated to new language – the language recommended by us. Removes the words “school setting” from our practice.
- Change in the MCE requirements – not to increase them, but to include 4 hours that must be among the areas of role of cultural practice and identity in assessment, professional conduct and ethics, and psychological supervision within the 23 required hours.
- They are talking about requiring a supervision course for psychologists before they can supervise interns. This course would be a one time requirement, not something that needs to be retaken every two years like the ethics requirement. If such a course becomes a requirement, the Board of Psychology would develop it.
- Board wants subpoena power for investigative purposes when a complaint is registered. As now worded, the OPA is ok with it. It would allow documents to be subpoenaed. It would not allow the psychologist him/herself to be subpoenaed.

Committee Reports

Nominations and Elections Ralph Pajka
We will be having elections this year. There will be nominations forms at the fall conference and at the Wine and Cheese.

Membership (in packet) Gina Worsdall
Motion to approve 81 new members
  Motion: Dan Dean
  Second: Julie Griffith
  Motion passes

Spring Conference Sal Karanouh-Schuler
- Save the date! April 14, 15, 16 – two and a half days
- At the Hilton Columbus/Polaris
- First day – Kimberly Vannest will speak on the topic of behavioral interventions. She collaborated on the BASC and on an intervention book about how to design, implement, progress monitor, and evaluate the success of behavioral interventions. She will touch on the new Aimsweb behavior, but that is not the main focus of her talk.
- Second Day – Tracey Boney and Kevin McGrew will speak about academic interventions. We are still negotiating the specific content.
- Third Day – Saturday half day – Lisa Langell will present Aimsweb training for the behavioral component– not basic, more expert training on the reports and things – 3.5 hours, will be separate charge and registration
• Speech therapists came back from a conference at the Hilton Polaris and had fantastic comments about the venue! Several people have heard the same from their speech therapists. We are there for the next two years, fall and spring.

Technology

Jeff York
Written report in executive board packet

• Will be meeting with a web designer during the fall conference for options for a re-design of our website. Jeff presents a list of the things we want to change on the website such as accessing our individual continuing education credits maintained by OSPA, registration and paying for membership and conferences, etc. They are meeting with a variety of potential designers before choosing one.

• Listserv demand keeps growing. Jeff is adding new persons every day. The current chatter is good and comfortable. We currently have 524 listserv subscribers.

• Working to incorporating new listserv members to our OSPA contact list and extending invitations to join OSPA.

Crisis/Intervention

Brian Hill
Written report in executive board packet

Private Practice

Kathryn Rodecker

The focus of the committee this year is to get people who want to be licensed by the Board of Psychology working together to prepare and apply. The idea is to have a cohort moving through monthly activities to prepare. Topics might include checking Praxis scores and retaking if necessary, background checks, getting ready for the exam.

Scholarship

Valorie Wolcott Mendelson

• The recipient of this year’s scholarship will be presented at the luncheon. Three university reps on the committee, Val, and the OSPA past president independently agreed on this year’s recipient.

• $28,640.95 is the current balance after the current scholarship was deducted. This includes $1043.95 that was given by individuals and by two regionals – Cleveland and Maumee. Cheryl has also about $700 that will be added that was donated by members with their membership renewal. Individual donations have increased and the scholarship is now “institutionalized”; it’s what we do.

• People who donate $25 or more will now receive a lapel pin. Valorie has been writing personal thank-you notes to donors. Donor’s names will also go on a “Wall of Fame” in the TOSP.

• 7 of 9 universities have now given Val names of all their first year students. Rob will send them an e-mail version of the TOSP with the application for the scholarship. The application will be on the website as well. We are still only getting 4 applications a year, despite sending out 104 last year.

Awards

Kris Prough

Kris will be presenting the School Psychologist of the Year award tomorrow to Dan Dean. Best Practice, Horn and Bartlett awards are given in the spring. They are not competitive awards; the application just has to meet the requirements. There can be more than one “winner”.

Multicultural & Diversity

Marina Ergun

The chairs are looking to revitalize the committee. They plan to continue the directory. They are meeting with Ann Brennan to talk about some ideas.
TOSP
Rob Kubick
The current issue is out. Deadline for the next issue is Thanksgiving weekend. It will be out mid to late January. NASP Communiqué online now has picked up 22 of our articles! Apparently a number of states have been reprinting our articles without crediting OSPA.

Historian
Kate Bobak
Kate is working on a project in collaboration with Jeff York: they have tons of old OSPA photos that they would like to have identified. They want to digitize the photos and have them available online.

Public Relations and Community Service
Heather Doyle
- The committee is collecting food for the mid-Ohio food bank at the fall conference. There will be a box set up near where the committee is selling merchandise. They are accepting monetary donations for the food bank as well. For spring conference, they would like to do something with Habitat for Humanity. They are looking to do something more active.
- The committee plans to continue selling OSPA merchandise at the conferences. They may run a survey to get an idea of what merchandise people want.
- School Psych awareness is next week
- Always looking for more committee members!

Fall Conference
Sue Johnson
Next year’s fall conference will cover academic interventions of some sort. They are still in negotiation on topics. They are considering having Mathew Burns and Amanda Vanderhayden next year. Mr. Burns presented to SPCO and was good.

Liaisons Reports

OPA Update
Mary Ann Teitelbaum
OPA has put her on a committee dealing with Public Psychologists - many non PHD people – people in public mental health, prisons, court system. The committee is concerned with topics such as services accessible to incarcerated persons, funding for public mental health systems. She has been enjoying being on this committee, feels that it is a good group and that the group is interested in advocating for school psych interests as well with APA and OPA.

Ann Brennan – there will be a bill introduced in the next legislature – a pilot program through the Veterans Administration.

Mary Ann – VA allows psychologists to do prescriptions and the pilot would be a way to look at psychologists writing prescriptions in other areas as well. The PhD level psychologists have seen their reimbursement rate drop by over 1/3. A lot of the public PhD level psychologists are no longer accepting insurance reimbursement since the rate has dropped so much. Psychologists are thinking that if they can expand to prescription privileges, it would allow them to both monitor medications and provide counseling services through the same provider, rather than passing information and suggestions back and forth to a psychiatrist or other physician. (Incidentally increasing the amount the psychologist could request for reimbursement from insurance.) Psychologists would be required to get a lot of additional schooling in order to be eligible for prescription privileges.

Supervisors of School Psychologists
Perry Clark
Meeting Dec 1 and are interested in getting involvement from the supervisors. Perry asks the interns to let their supervisors know that this group exists. It meets 3 times a year, and he can send information to them. The group has field level school psychs representing their regions. In most cases, the members do not have school psychologists as their supervisors. The idea is to meet and bring information back to their areas, to try to shape the future of school psychologists in Ohio. Sharon Rieke explains it as a way to help shape school psychology in the state. The Dec 1 meeting will be at OCALI on Glenmont Ave. in Columbus
Lots of really exciting things happening! Ohio got Race to the Top money; everything is about data and decisions around data. The model curriculum people specifically asked sped, ELL and Gifted to participate in the discussions of model curriculum. Barbara feels that our school psych skills are really valued, but that many people are not aware of our potential input. She feels that for the first time since she has been with ODE, there is a lot of change.

IUC

- John Carroll is practically “requiring” students to present at NASP.
- Rob will be speaking to IUC tomorrow about using the TOSP as an outlet for student and professor research.
- There was a strong article dealing with internship in the recent issue of Psychology in the Schools.
- Rob will bring up the issue of dual licensure and supervision to IUC tomorrow, so they are aware.

Unfinished Business

Ann Brennan announced a quick organizational meeting for people helping at the fall conference immediately following the meeting.

New Business

None

Adjournment

Motion: Debra Buck
Second: Linda Nieheiser
Motion Passed

Adjourned at 5:53
OSPA Executive Board Members in attendance:

**OSPA Executive Board Members**

- Ryan Allen: IUC Liaison
- Kate Bobak: Historian
- Ann Brennan: Dir. of Leg. Services/Pro Relations
- Lynn Brumfield: Southwest Rep
- Debra Buck: Southeast Rep
- Perry Clark: OSSP Liaison
- Dan Dean: Cleveland Rep
- Dana Doran-Myers: U of Dayton Student Rep
- Heather Doyle: PR Committee Co-Chair
- Marina Ergun: Multicultural/Diversity Co-Chair
- Denise Eslinger: Elyria/Lorain Rep
- Gail Fadel: Cleveland Rep
- Beth Gaubatz: Maumee Valley Rep
- Julie Griffith: Cleveland Rep
- Michelle Horth: Treasurer
- Krista Hickman: Secretary
- Brian Hill: Crisis Intervention Committee Chair
- Susan Johnston: Fall Conference Co-chair
- Sal Karanouh-Schuler: Spring Conference Co-chair
- Aimee Kirsch: President-elect
- Kelly Kowalski: Kent/Akron Rep
- Robert Kubick: TOSP Editor
- David Lamb: Northwest Rep
- Barbara Murphy: Liaison ODE Office for Exceptional Children
- Linda Neiheiser: Past president
- Christopher Nelson: Maumee Valley Rep
- Ralph Pajka: Nominations/Elections Co-chair
- Kristin Prough: Awards Chair
- Sharon Rieke: Southwest Rep
- Kathryn Rodocker: Kent/Akron Rep
- Luci Secord: Central Rep
- Elaine Semper: President
- Meghan Shelby: Multicultural/Diversity Co-chair
- Mary Ann Teitelbaum: OPA Liaison
- Cheryl VanDenBerge: Business Manager
- Valorie Wolcott-Mendelson: Scholarship Fund Co-chair
- Gina Worsdall: Membership Co-chair
- Jeff York: Technology Chair

**Guests/Proxies:**

- June Leasure: Proxy for Linda Seekatz
- Amy Davis: BGSU Student Rep
- Robyn Kuhlman: BGSU Student Rep
- Amanda Lotycz: Miami U Student Rep
- Sarah Maurizi: Bowling Green Intern
- Melissa Beshina: Cleveland Intern
- Alma Whitmore: John Carroll Intern
- Alex Thomas: – a legend!