OSPA Executive Board
November 5, 2003

Members present:

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Antoinette Miranda IUC Liaison, Equity & Diversity Chair
Susana Johnston Spring Conference Co-Chair
Jay Bahnsen Spring Conference Co-Chair
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Gail Fadel Membership Co-Chair
Barbara Scholl Legislative Co-Chair
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Laura Gabel Public Relations Co-Chair

Call to Order 7:40

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of August 16, 2003 meeting

Welcome Guest – Merrit Waters

President's Report George Csanyi

We will survey the membership at Fall conference about going electronic with the Ohio School Psychologist. Advantages include: reaching a large variety of people, cost effective, can put items in at last minute – so the information is not out of date.

Feedback has been good about the workshop committee. The purposes of the workshop committee are: 1. Cosponsor workshops with regions and OSPA. 2. Make connections with other state organizations – possibly cosponsor workshops with them. 3. Develop a speaker’s bureau. Members interested in serving on the committee should contact George Csanyi.

Interns: Because there is no state consultant, the state has decided to cut the state intern conference funding. The main issue is that there is no one to plan it, not the money. OSPA and IUC are considering ways to have the conference this year. The state department of
education indicated that the state might help fund it. Suggestions included: 1. Attaching the intern conference to spring conference and having special activities for the interns as well as the opportunity to participate in other spring conference offerings. 2. Having the intern conference as usual in February and having IUC and OSPA plan and present it. The board is concerned that if we don’t have an intern conference this year, it will be lost forever. All agreed that the conference is an extremely valuable experience for interns. **Consensus – the board supports a two-day intern conference.**

**Spring Conference:**

Jay Bahnsen and Susan Johnston

**Thursday:**

All day speaker – Joe Cobelesky

**Friday:**

8:00 – 10:00 - minis – only 1 so far
10:00 – 12:00 – Choice of two intervention sessions: mental health or reading interventions
Afternoon – Janet Graden – on what you do with the information you get from interventions

**Treasurer’s Report**

Lynn Brumfield

Lynn shares the first quarter report. No questions. Motion to accept the report.

**Business Manager’s Report**

Cheryl VanDenBerge

Much of our office equipment needs to be replaced. The copier died, the printer died, the computer is terminal. We have a new inexpensive printer and copier. The computer cannot be fixed because the operating system is so old. The board agreed at the August meeting to look into replacing the equipment.

**Committee Reports**

- **Membership Committee**
  Gail Fadel
  OSPA has 778 members as of today. There was a motion to accept new members.

- **Nominations & Elections**
  Reuben Mosidi
  Although it is not official yet, our nominee Dr. Katherine Schroeder will be appointed to the Ohio Board of Psychology. OPA supported the nomination. Cathy Telzrow is continuing to represent us on the board until Dr. Schroeder is appointed.

- **Awards**
  Louise Cardenzana
  The committee is putting together a nominations form for spring that will be one page, rather than the current multiple page forms. The new nominations form will be on the OSPA website when it is done. The old forms are in the current issue of TOSP. This year people can use either set of forms.

- **Fall Conference**
  Janet Brunecz
  Next year Kathy Platt will present for two days on Autism – one day on academic interventions and one on behavioral interventions. The conference will be at the Marriott North in Columbus again.

- **Equity and Diversity**
  Antoinette Miranda
  Antoinette collected the items for the diversity basket to be raffled at the conference.

**Liaison Reports**

- **ISPA - NASP**
  Juliette Madigan
  Juliette shared information about the international school psychologists conference to be held in Exeter, England. Don’t forget NASP! The conference is in Dallas, Texas this spring starting March 30, 2004.
Mary Ann thanked OPA for supporting Kathy’s nomination. Hot topics at OPA are: Medicaid changes – OPA is working on getting services for entire family - and Mental health parity.

Director of Legislative Services and Professional Relations Report  Ann Brennan

Ideos of ODE – Has latest info monthly about accountability system. Check Ode website monthly for this.

Draft of Rules for the Special Education Scholarship Program (Autism) – was revised slightly at last state board meeting. Ann handed out a draft containing the revisions. It contains eligibility criteria for the providers. Parents can use the $15000 to place child in an ODE approved program. The scholarship program will be acted on next week and will go into effect in January 2004. There will be a prorated amount available for the rest of this year. The department would subtract the money from the district of residence.

3 major things pending in the statehouse –

1. The school funding task force appointed by governor has broken into 3 subcommittees – tax and revenue subcommittee – has heard 2 plans for new ways of funding. The plans are similar in that the thrust is for a uniform 20 mill statewide property tax. funding success subcommittee - is looking at curriculum issues – what should automatically be funded by the state? efficiencies and operations subcommittee – is looking at efficiency – consolidation of service delivery within school districts as well as across districts. They would like the recommendations to be ready by this spring so that it will be ready before the fall budget cycle begins (for 06-07). OSPA needs to keep an eye out for categorical, line item funding – such as internship – as this plays out.

2. The teacher success commission recommendations are being debated. Has passed Senate. The major issue in that bill is the establishment of a new professional standards board who would recommend all professional licensure and professional development standards. OSPA will need to network with that group to be sure we aren’t left out, since there won’t be a psych on the board.

3. STRS bill – check out the legislative update on the OSPA website. Changes the makeup of STRS board and recommends certain investment strategies. Does not change benefits.

ODE and Ohio Department of Mental Health – have been collaborating on provision of mental health services to students. Importance of mental health screening for elementary students and adolescents was a major point that was dramatically emphasized at that joint legislative panel. The Department of Mental Health is broken up into area networks. They would like names of OSPA members who would like to be involved with the mental health initiatives in their area.

Department of Ed wants to form a task force on identification of gifted children. They want an OSPA member on that task force. Several names were suggested of OSPA members who have experience teaching the gifted or who have done research with the gifted.

School Psych Consultant issue - We need people to apply!! If we don’t actively recruit, the job won’t be posted much longer. This would be a wonderful opportunity to make some changes! Seeking someone “progressive in assessment issues” to develop and fine tune
alternate assessments. The consultant would help the office of accountability if they have to revise diagnostics tests. The salary range is 45-65K.

School psych day is Thursday, November 13, 2004.

Unfinished Business
None
New Business
None

Adjournment

Executive board adjourned at 9:33