Members in attendance:

Cheryl VanDenBerge       OSPA Business Manager
Mary Dixon               TOSP Editor
Mary Link                OSPA Secretary/Central Ohio Rep.
Louise Cardenzana        Awards Chair
Pat Lehman               OSPA Treasurer/Co-chair Children’s Advocacy
Pete Tolan               Ohio Dept. of Education
Valerie Lee              SWOSPA Rep.
Brenda Stevens           Professional Dev. Chair
Lynn Brumfield           SWOSPA Rep.
Linda Kessler            ECO Rep.
Stephanie Stollar        Southwest Rep.
Holly Middleton          NC Rep.
Krista Hickman           Fall Conference/NW Rep.
Jay Bahnsen              Spring Conference/Central Rep.
Susan Johnston           Spring Conference/Central Rep.
Sharon Rieke             Past President/OSPA
Mike Forcade             Ohio Delegate to NASP
Laura Gabel              Public Relations Co-chair
Kim Strausser            Guest (Pres.-Elect CASP)
Mary Ann Teitelbaum      OSPA/OPA Liason
Janet Brunecz            KAASP Rep./Fall Conference Co-chair
Linda Sterling           KAASP Rep./Nom./Elections Co-chair
Elaine Semper            ELASPA Rep.
Valerie Wolcott Mendelson AFFIC
Cynthia Lindberg         Membership
Chuck Archer             Pres.-Elect/OSPA
Antoinette Miranda       President/OSPA

President Antoinette Miranda called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Antoinette reviewed the agenda for the meeting and asked if there were any additions. There being no additions, a motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Sharon Rieke
Second: Holly Middleton
Motion: Passed
The minutes of the August 24th Board Meeting were reviewed. Corrections were made on the spelling of two Board members’ names: Holly Middleton and Dannelle Bagnodi. A motion was made to approve the minutes with these corrections.

**Motion:** Juliette Madigan  
**Second:** Laura Gabel  
**Motion:** Passed

**President’s Report - Antoinette**

Antoinette said that this year’s Fall Conference will have a raffle with the proceeds going to a needy family for the holidays. Some of the door prizes will include T-shirts or sweatshirts from the universities. Six out of the nine universities contacted donated a shirt. In the future, Antoinette said that we may want to look at other sponsors, i.e. Psych. Corp. for other activities.

**Treasurer’s Report - Pat**

Pat reported that we still do have some money!!! She reviewed the first quarter report and asked for any clarifications. A motion was made to accept the first quarter report.

**Motion:** Antoinette Miranda  
**Second:** Linda Sterling  
**Motion:** Passed

Pat went on to report that we have $57,547.03 carry-over for the 2000-01 year. In looking at the 2001-02 year, we only will have a projected $15,000 carry-over, so some budget cuts will have to be made. It is possible that we may not be able to hold a Planning Conference next year. She said that there are not many places where we can trim the budget. Primarily, the only major area is staff and hours will be cut from the Business Manager’s position and the Director of Legislative Affairs. Their hours will be cut; however, the hourly rate they are paid will remain the same. Pat said that the committee chairs may need to send out their own notices, etc. instead of Cheryl sending this information out. Committees will need to look at what they ask of the OSPA office to do for them. Also, Pat said that we will need to look at increasing the professional dues for next year. She emphasized that whatever each Bd. member or committee chair can do to save costs will be essential. FAC has discussed doing an on-line survey of the members to generate ideas of ways to increase our revenue. There are 338 registrants for the Fall Conference, so this will bring in more money than last Fall Conference. Pat said that we may need to look at and revisit whether we continue to have a Spring Conference. Mike Forcade mentioned that we did make $10,000 last year from the Spring Conference which goes into our operating budget for expenses. The committee is looking at how to revamp the Spring Conference. Valerie Wolcott Mendelson feels strongly that Ohio maintain the relationship with NASP through the donation of $500 for the Scholarship Fund and proposed that she will donate the money herself for this purpose. Suggestions were made that raffles/donations could be
sought at the Fall Conference for the NASP Minority Scholarship Fund. Mary Dixon proposed having ads solicited for the newsletter as another means of revenue. A motion was made to accept the 2001-01 budget report with the addition of a $500 donation by Valerie to the Scholarship Fund. Thank you, Valerie.

Motion: Elaine Semper  
Second: Brenda Stevens  
Motion: Passed

Business Manager’s Report - Cheryl

Cheryl reported that the Fall Conference looks good and that the committees will be meeting on Thursday after George Noell’s presentation.

Spring Conference - Sue Johnston

Sue reported that for the 2003 Spring Conference, Dr. Phillip Keck has been confirmed. His topic will be “Attachment Disorder”. For the upcoming Spring Conference, the rate or fees have not been decided. Sue said that she wants to get the Elementary Principals interested in the spring conference speakers. The focus of the conference will be on “Reading”. She would like a list of the schools that are using Roland Good’s DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills).

Fall Conference - Janet Brunecz

Janet said that a consultant from the Lincolnway SERRC will be preparing the AV equipment for our speakers. She also reported that her committee has contacted Demetrus Pabalas for the 2002 Fall Conference. He presents on “Bipolar Disorders” and his fee is $6,500 a day. Janet asked if anyone knew of other speakers she could contact for Fall Conference, 2002, to please let her know.

Public Relations -Laura Gabel

Laura reported that her committee sent out letters to all the regions requesting donations for NASP’s Children’s Fund Auction. Mike suggested that the donations be brought to the January Executive Bd. meeting so that he could transport them to the NASP convention. It was emphasized the need to encourage all regions to submit a donation. Laura said that the local newspapers and TV channels have been contacted regarding our Fall Conference.
Nominations/Elections- Reuben

Reuben reported that the Board of Psychology positions have been filled and that both individuals are from OPA. They are: Debra Busse, from Cleveland and Jane Woodrow, from Athens.

Membership - Cynthia Lindberg

Cynthia reported that we currently have 808 members. The committee is focusing on obtaining student liaisons from the universities. The committee is also seeking visibility in local school districts through letters to administrators, encouraging them to allow their school psychologists the time to attend conferences. A list of the 97 complimentary members will be presented to the Board at the next meeting in order to determine who these individuals are and if they should still be receiving a membership. Reminder letters will go out to those who joined OSPA last year and have not renewed for this year. A motion was made to accept the new members listed in the Bd. packet.

Motion: Janet Brunecz
Second: Brenda Stevens
Motion: Passed

Professional Development - Brenda Stevens

Brenda reported that an article has been written for the Ohio School Board’s Association publication. She said that they are revitalizing the committee to add new members. A professional development workshop on the “gifted” was held. At the IUC meeting, she reported that the major concern discussed was the shortage of school psychologists. It is anticipated that more school psychologists will be retiring. The University of Toledo is closing their School Psychology Program. A discussion was held on retraining individuals and keeping them in the state. There is consideration being given to setting up a booth at NASP for recruiting those who want to do an internship in Ohio. Antoinette said that recruiting students into the programs isn’t the problem, but rather maintaining 100 interns in Ohio. She said that each year we have not been able to do that.

Children’s Advocacy - Valerie Lee
Valerie said that she has a box of survey forms and that the return rate looks good. She said a total of 1400 forms were sent to pediatricians. This will be the committee’s major project.

**Legislative - no report**

**Awards - Louise Cardenzana**

Louise reported that all the nomination forms can be found in the TOSP newsletter. We will be resubmitting Polly Alexander’s name to NASP for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Director of Legislative Services - Ann Brennan**

Ann reported that she feels OSPA should oppose HB 364 which would create a new state agency called the State Board of Community Schools, appointed by the Governor, to sponsor and monitor community schools. It is Ann’s impression that this bill is a priority from the House. The Special Education Draft Standards are still in progress and the Department hopes to have a new draft, Draft 3 available sometime in November. A series of ODE sponsored statewide regional hearings will be held from November 27- December 5, 2002 for the purpose of seeking input regarding Draft 3. A meeting is being scheduled with the Educational Service Centers in those key areas where a major shortage of school psychologists exist.

**Office for Exceptional Children - Pete Tolan**

Pete said that OSEP in 1999 reviewed Ohio’s special education programs and found that counseling services rarely showed up on IEP’s. He said that Ohio is responding to the OSEP finding and that over the next several years, this will be a State priority. They will be looking at who can provide counseling, both within the schools and in the community and whether students can benefit from counseling for educational purposes. The State will put in place a plan to improve counseling within the schools for children. Pete suggested that perhaps future workshops could be presented on counseling skills, definitions of counseling, etc. The SIR Reviews will now be looking at counseling as being provided.

The Supply and Demand for School Psychologists was next presented. Pete said we currently have 86 interns this year and that 100-105 probably could be trained each year at the universities. The Intern Conference has been scheduled for March 7 and 8, 2002. All supervisors of school psychologists are invited to attend on March 8th. Pete reported that 12-15 districts have contacted the State regarding employing school psychology aides. School Psychology Aides are given an aide certificate and school psychologists must train them to do certain activities. There is a job description at the State Dept. for School Psychology Aides.
Draft 3 of the Rules for Special Education will be presented at hearings around the State in November-December. The Rules will be posted on the Internet in the next 2 weeks. In the area of Evaluation, they have tried to infuse aspects of the intervention model. The Rules includes the parent as a member of the evaluation team with intervention planning. The discrepancy formula has been removed from the Rules and in place of it will be the requirement for qualitative information. The reasoning behind that, Pete said, is well grounded in the literature. Under the 09 portion of the Rules which is Service Providers, it is being suggested a 1-1000 ratio for school psychological services.

**Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business was presented.

**New Business**

Mary Dixon asked for clarification on several issues regarding TOSP. She asked about the deadlines for articles and if she didn’t have articles, should she publish the newsletter anyways. It was felt that she should keep to the deadline and publish anyways; however, an e-mail should be sent to remind people of the deadline. Mary also stated that she has received feedback that the regional Presidents didn’t know that they were responsible for submitting articles about their regions. And finally, Mary was interested in knowing whether we should include surveys in the newsletter? It was felt that if surveys were being mailed, then they did not need to be put in the newsletter.

Laura Gabel presented on the Statewide Crisis Response Team. She said that the OSPA Statewide Crisis Response Team would like to assist school psychologists in their response to students and families in crisis situations by: providing information about crisis and making it available to OSPA members, providing a supportive network of professionals to increase knowledge and skill in crisis situations and increase collaborative involvement in regional teams in preparation for possible response to regional crisis.

Linda Sterling asked the Board about group membership in OSPA. She asked if large city districts could have a group membership at a reduced rate. After much discussion, it was suggested that the membership committee should take this request under advisement; however, Antoinette felt that this would reduce our revenue instead of increasing it.

**A motion was made to adjourn at 11 p.m.**

**Motion:** Valerie Lee  
**Second:** Pat Lehman  
**Motion:** Passed