

**KAPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING
April 18th, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at **9:41 a.m.** by **President Misty Lay** at the VanHoose Educational Center, Louisville, Kentucky. Introductions were made.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Those in attendance included: Misty Lay, Mary Twohig, Kristen Kyriacou, Stacie McCune, Diane Herrick, Connie Adams, Jim Batts, Leigh Ann Orner, Kristin DeMichele, Roy Mays.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 19th, 2007 meeting as submitted by Stacie McCune were reviewed. Mary made the motion that the minutes be approved, with a second from Diane. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Diane reviewed the Treasurer's Report dated 4/18/08. Current Assets were listed as \$14,711.33. Major Expenditures were listed as \$40,230.84. The decreased cost of emailing the newsletter was discussed. Kristin DeMichele suggested that newsletters be sent to personal email accounts, given many professional emails have a maximum size/capacity. The committee discussed how the State educational budget crisis might affect conference attendance this year. Kristen Kyriacou is looking at advertising for the conference and will take this information into consideration. The proposed budget was reviewed and discussed. A revision was made to align the \$1000 allowable NASP stipend with the President-Elect rather than the President. Diane expressed concern of bank fees and is looking into other banking options. Diane reported that our non-profit status was switched from 501(c)3 (charitable organization) to 501(c)6 (business league). As a business league, KAPS is exempt from income tax, but must pay sales tax.

REGIONAL REPORTS:

Region 1: Randy Potts was not in attendance. Misty reported that his Region is planning training on the Connors' rating scales.

Region 2: Sheila Hardcastle was not in attendance but continues to keep in regular contact with members and has sent out KAPS award nominations.

Region 3: Kristin DeMichele reported that she has sent emails regarding KAPS nominations to members and counselors/administrators.

Region 4: Heather Hill was not in attendance. Misty reported that she is on medical rest due to pregnancy. Heather resigned from Region Representative duties. Leigh Ann Orner was in attendance and will replace Heather.

Region 5: Melodie Slone was not in attendance. No report.

Region 6: Roy Mays reported on a Connors' training conducted in Somerset. Roy was not in attendance at the training but it was offered to his region. Roy also sent emails to members and special education administrators regarding KAPS nominations.

Region 7 & 8: Ken Epperson was not in attendance. No report.

Misty questioned the two term limits with a change or split in regions. Mary confirmed that only officers are affected by the two-term limit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Conference/Program: Diane reported that she attended NASP in February to obtain conference ideas. She suggested that we increase student and retiree fees to cover the cost of food at the conference. Misty has worked diligently on the NCSP qualifications for the KAPS Fall conference. Several recommendations regarding effective conference planning were obtained and taken into consideration. Diane reported that the conference committee is working on the details of the KAPS Fall conference. She discussed various training options including RTI, teen dating, ethics, etc. Connie suggested looking into a cyber bullying training as well. Jim suggested obtaining KPA credit for ethics. Advertising with various organizations was discussed. Kristen will contact various agencies/organizations regarding advertisements, press releases, etc.

Membership: Courtney Bishop was not in attendance. Misty reported that the membership year ends June 30th. Misty reported that a reminder of dues would be sent out prior to this date. Courtney suggested a drawing (waiving conference fees) for those who submitted fees prior to July 1st, as done last year. Misty suggested obtaining a list of all School Psychologists in various regions, whether they are KAPS members or not, as a means to reach those School Psychologists who are not involved in KAPS.

Legislative: Connie Adams reported on recent legislative alerts. May is National Children's Awareness month. The Medicaid safety net act is an issue NASP is currently involved. The State budget was discussed. Extreme cuts were made which will affect the profession of School Psychologists. The anti-bullying bill was passed. A committee was appointed to review the CATS assessment. KAPS is supporting a mental health proposal. The model licensure act was discussed. Concern was expressed regarding the title and practice of School Psychologists.

Public Relations: Christina Mayfield was not in attendance but sent a report. NASP School Psychologist Awareness Week is November 10th-14th, 2008. Christina would like to purchase a tri-fold display to use at various conferences. She suggested instead of selling items at the conference, all items for PR be distributed to members as part of a conference gift. Committee agreed. Shirts will still be purchased as pre-order. A specific PR booth will not be available with a variety of items. A booth may be set up with the tri-fold for informational PR purposes.

Newsletter: Mary Margaret was not in attendance. Deadline for submissions were today but late submissions may be accepted by Monday. Dan Florell is the committee chair and Mary Margaret is the editor.

Ethics: Carl Myers was not in attendance. No complaints are filed. With the NCSP renewal, 3 hours of ethics is required. This is an issue that should be included in the KAPS Conference. Carl is working with NASP leaders on a PowerPoint presentation that will be offered at the KAPS Fall conference.

Website: Dan Florell was not in attendance. Dan was able to work with Google Analytics to track site visits for informational purposes.

LD Advisory: Jim Batts reported that he was approached to submit another budget for the LD tables and at this point, has not agreed to maintain the contract. There was a suggestion that the LD Reference forms be placed on the KAPS website. However, the committee felt there was too much liability and demand involved with housing the LD tables on the KAPS website.

LIASON REPORTS:

NASP Delegate: Marty Dunham was not in attendance. Misty reported that the NASP Delegate office would be up for nomination this upcoming year.

KPA: Suzy Rogers is our new KPA liaison. Although she was not in attendance, she submitted a report. She attended a KPA meeting on March 24th and felt they have a high opinion of KAPS. She is on the public education reform committee. She is currently reviewing the manual and KPA literature and is planning to attend the annual retreat this June. Misty feels this association will be a positive advocacy move for KAPS.

KDE Report: Corlia Logsdon was not in attendance. Misty reported that the new IDEA regulations have been approved and sent.

KASA: Michelle Gadberry was not in attendance. No report.

KCSS: Dan Florell was not in attendance. No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nonprofit & tax exempt status: See above notes.

Emergency Legislative Fund: Diane reported that the accountant said that establishing a fund or spending any money on lobbying would terminate KAPS' nonprofit status. KAPS will continue to lobby through KASA.

NCSP PD & Stipend: Misty is working on the NCSP packet and has it ready for submission. There is an initial and yearly maintenance fee. There is a push for a national stipend to NCSP certified School Psychologists. Many states have already provided

stipends. Discussion occurred regarding the need for a legislative session at the Fall KAPS Conference.

KAPS Informational Brochure: Misty is working on an informational brochure to promote KAPS. Kristen will look further into brochure development.

Regional Trainings: Misty reported that she was contacted by MHA to complete trainings through Regional Cooperatives. She feels it's a positive initiative to have various trainings and presenters throughout the State. Misty suggestion collaboration with Region Representatives. She indicated there might be conference trainers willing to go into Regions for further trainings/updates.

Electronic Newsletter: See above. About 1/3rd of KAPS members have subscribed to the electronic newsletter. Cost of mailing was discussed. Concerns were again expressed regarding the cost of mailing the newsletter versus providing an electronic version.

Online Registration/Membership: Working with Dan on various options.

Best Practice Awards: Mary reported that she has already received several nominations for awards and is pleased with the returns. She encouraged others to nominate. Kristin DeMichele indicated that she would send a brief description with names.

Operations & Procedures Manual: Mary distributed the KAPS operations manual and stated that procedural information should be reviewed. Mary would like all collections by the next EC meeting in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Regional trainings: Misty reported the need for such...see above.
- Specific Learning Disability Criteria with RTI: Misty reported the concern regarding requests for SLD/RTI information in Kentucky. There are concerns regarding the State initiative with RTI. We will await the State committee recommendations.
- Advocacy for KY School Psychologists: MLA, NCSP, etc: Misty reported that the advocacy for School Psychologists in Kentucky is greater than most other states. However, there are issues of advocacy that KAPS feels should be addressed and information provided to members. It was suggested that member input be provided on such issues as national stipends, loan forgiveness, caseloads, etc.
- Strategic Action Plan: Misty reported that each position should review the role and decide what changes, recommendations, etc. should occur. Each position has a binder that can be passed on to the next officer. Misty encouraged EC members to think about their role in KAPS and how they can best be a leader in the State organization.
- Misty will send a notice for the next EC meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at **12:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Stacie McCune
KAPS Secretary

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Approved Motions and Discussion Topics:

APPROVED MOTIONS:

- Minutes from September 19th, 2007
- \$1,000.00 NASP stipend to President-Elect
- Leigh Ann Orner to replace Heather Hill as Region 4 Representative
- KAPS support for mental health proposal
- PR items used as conference gifts instead of selling table
- Ethics training as part of KAPS conferences

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Membership year ends June 30th
- Decreased cost of emailing newsletters
- Sending newsletters to personal email accounts
- 2-term limitation applies only to KAPS officers
- Increase in student/retiree fees to cover conference fees
- NASP Delegate offices up for nomination
- Need for a legislative session at the KAPS Fall conference
- Concerns of State initiative with RTI-awaiting recommendations