

**KAPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING
OCTOBER 1ST, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at **4:40 p.m.** by **President Kristen Kyriacou** at the Lexington Downtown Hotel & Conference Center, Lexington, Kentucky. Introductions were made.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Those in attendance included: Kristen Kyriacou, Stacie McCune, Courtney Bishop, Michelle Gadberry, Megan Sayler, Connie Adams, Diane Herrick, Misty Lay, Roy Mays, Catherine Hacker, Beth Edmonson, Kristina Wilburn, Dan Florell, Marty Dunham, Randy Potts, Ken Epperson, Matt Buckman, Kristen DeMichele, Jill Baird, Christina Mayfield, Michelle Antle, and Suzy Rogers.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 6th, 2008 meeting as submitted by Stacie McCune (written by Courtney Bishop) were reviewed. Connie made the motion that the minutes be approved, with a second from Courtney. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Diane reviewed the Treasurer's Report dated 10/1/08. Current Assets were listed as \$28994.80, Major Income as 3845.00, Major Expenditures as \$8874.04, and preliminary Fall Conference income \$36318.00.

Diane reviewed the current budget. Conference costs were scaled down from previous years and will be reviewed continuously. Kristen suggested reviewing professional development needs to be in accordance. Misty further elaborated on professional development aligned with NCSP certification. Christina made a motion to approve the budget. Megan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REGIONAL REPORTS:

Western Kentucky: Randy Potts reported that he distributes information to members through email.

Caveland: Michelle Antle indicated that membership is down. She is trying to promote more involvement in KAPS.

River Region: Beth Edmonson reported that she is glad to be back to the EC and is compiling member information for her region.

Jefferson: Kristin DeMichele reported that she is continuing to send out emails to members for communication.

Ohio Valley: Megan Sayler indicated things are going well. No other report.

Northern Kentucky: Jill Baird is in contact with members and encouraging KAPS membership.

Big East: Catherine Hacker reported that she has a list of members. All is well.

Kentucky Valley: Ken Epperson reported ongoing communication with members.

Upper Cumberland: Roy Mays reported things are well in his region.

Wilderness Trail: Teri Nowak was not in attendance. No report.

Central Kentucky: Melodie Slone was not in attendance. No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Conference/Program: Diane reported a decrease in attendance this year. She is predicting a total of 230 registrants. She is developing a conference survey for informational purposes. Topic suggestions are taken every year. Marty indicated that he could provide several projectors for next years conference.

Membership: Courtney reported that there are 141 total members in the database to date. She projects there will be more added after the conference. The new membership form was well received. There is some confusion over region distribution since changing from numbered to named regions.

Legislative: Connie reported that there are plans for an advocacy center at the conference during breaks. There will also be panel discussion regarding current issues in School Psychology. One current issue involves Medicaid reimbursement and whether or not School Psychologists are able to bill for services. Another issue involves changes in the retirement system for those newly entering the system.

Public Relations: Christina reported that there is no longer a table of items for purchase due to few profits from items sold. She is taking pre-orders for shirts with the KAPS logo. She welcomes ideas for items. Kristen indicated that she and Christina are working together to promote School Psychology.

Newsletter: Dan reported that he and Mary Margaret are working together to obtain information for the newsletter. They encourage others to provide information to the newsletter to share with KAPS members. Courtney suggested spotlighting a School Psychologist in the region.

Ethics: Carl was not in attendance. No report.

Website: Dan reported that the domain name was changed last year. Matt has updated training opportunities and resources. There have been over 1,000 visits to the site. NASP is providing many multi-media services. Dan suggested getting more information regarding the occupation of School Psychologists in the State of Kentucky.

LD Advisory: Belinda reported that Wendy Newton is the new technology contact at KDE. The tables have been re-completed and are set up by the cognitive measure. The DAS-II should be ready for the website soon. Discussion occurred regarding identification of students and assessment discrepancies.

LIASON REPORTS:

NASP Delegate: Marty reported that he would be able to bring projectors to next years conference. There are 233 NASP members in Kentucky. Marty sent out renewal letters. Registration for the NASP convention began today.

KDE: Corlia Logsdon was not in attendance. No report.

KASA: Michelle Gadberry indicated that KAPS members can join KASA as an affiliate status. Some issues involve funding for full day Kindergarten and increasing the SEEK formula. There is a presentation on Friday addressing advocating for a variety of professional roles.

KPA: Suzy Rogers indicated that there is much support for School Psychologists with KPA. She is promoting increased membership in KPA.

KCSS: Dan reported that the State budget on Center for School Safety has been cut and there is not much information to provide. There is conference next week.

KMHC: Kristen reported on a meeting she attended.

OLD BUSINESS:

MLA Action Plan: Misty is involved to advocate for School Psychologists and continues to established relationships for legislation, etc.

KAPS Informational Brochure: Kristen reported that she is working with Diane and Misty on a brochure to advocate for School Psychologists and explain the variety of roles in the profession.

Region Realignment: Region representatives indicated no concerns regarding the realignment, other than encouraging awareness of distributions by name rather than number. Kristen encouraged representatives to promote the KAPS list serve.

State Advocacy Action Plan: No further report.

Wiley & Sons Affiliate Program: Courtney reported on the opportunity to work with this marketing company to advertise select books and direct members to the KAPS website link. The company is generous with regards to special offers and donations to the organization in place of advertisement. Diane will review regulations that may affect our nonprofit status.

NEW BUSINESS:

- PR and increasing awareness: School Psychology week begins November 10th-14th. Kristen reported on the “heads up” program that addresses health needs at school. Christina is setting up a photo-op with the Governor of Kentucky. She also has notification regarding the proclamation for school psychology week. Kristen also developed a packet of information regarding increasing awareness of the role of School Psychologists in Kentucky. Christina reported that she has prepared press releases for KAPS award recipients.
- LD Tables Advisory Committee & RTI: No further information.
- Heads Up Program/partnership with KPA: No further information.
- Regional Trainings: Dr. Stephanie Eken (Square One) is providing a training on childhood psychiatric disorders on February 16th, 2009 1-4 pm at JCPS.
- Strategic Action Plan: Kristen discussed issues that may need to be addressed in KAPS by-laws. Diane suggested an addendum to current by-laws for specific issues.
- Old KAPS website issues: Courtney stated that there is some confusion regarding the previous KAPS website versus the new website. Dan indicated that he could remove the previous website.
- Operations and Procedures Manual: Previously discussed. See notes.
- Awards Banquet and General Membership meeting: Kristen indicated concern regarding procedures at the awards banquet. There is no specified format.
- Future meeting dates: Dan suggested an email or go-to forum for meetings in January. Kristen reviewed the calendar for a Spring training. A tentative date for March 20th was set. June 4th was also scheduled as a tentative meeting date. Details will follow.
- The meeting was adjourned at **6:52 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Stacie McCune
KAPS Secretary

KAPS October 1st, 2008
Approved Motions and Discussion Topics:

APPROVED MOTIONS:

- **Minutes from June 6, 2008**
- **Budget Report 10/1/08**

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- **Conference Survey**
- **Newsletter information**
- **Spotlight on region School Psychologists**
- **Bringing projectors to conference next year**
- **NASP Renewal**
- **Support KPA**
- **Brochure to advocate for School Psychologists**
- **Increase awareness of new region alignment**
- **Marketing company considered, with nonprofit status**
- **Addendum to KAPS by-laws for specific issues**
- **Remove previous KAPS website**
- **Awards banquet procedures**
- **Future meeting dates considered**