

KAPS Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday November 16, 1991

The KAPS Executive Committee met at LaTaberna Restaurant in Bardstown on November 16th. The meeting came to order at 2:00. Members present were Bill Pfohl, Skip Cleavinger, Pat McGinty, Bob Munroe, Bob Kruger, Connie Adams, Lynne Croxton, Vicki Embry, Libby Jones, Sharla Fasko, Susan Bergan, and Mike Kieta.

SECRETARY: (Skip Cleavinger)

- following a request for spelling corrections in the names of James Barclay and Stacy Heck, a motion was made to approve the minutes from the 9/25/91 Executive Committee meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

TREASURER: (Bob Munroe)

- Bob indicated that we were in a "good financial situation" at the present time. We had just received a bill from ECU (\$2500) for convention costs. NASP picked up the costs they said they would and Kathy Durbin did not charge an honorarium. The dues increase and the convention attendance helped out a great deal.

- Bob stated that the program before today's meeting (Dr. James Barclay) lost money because attendance was down. We had to pay \$200 dollars for his copying costs, and we did not receive that amount in registration fees for the meeting.

- Bob asked that the Associate membership issue be addressed and put to a vote quickly. He received a check for the proposed Associate Member dues amount from a Department of Education employee who apparently heard of the possible status.

- Pat McGinty asked if a check had been sent to the KERA Coalition. The EC agreed at the October meeting to join the coalition and pay the \$300 membership fee. Bill Pfohl indicated that we had not received an invoice to his knowledge. Pat stated that she would see that one would be sent.

DISCUSSION TOPIC #1 Conference Update (Connie Adams)

- Connie passed out a full report to the EC members. Some of the particular contents of this report were: 136 preregistered for the conference and there were 27 on-site registrations. Of the 163 total registrants, 45 were students. Four student had their fees waived because they worked at the registration table. 158 people, including special guests, attended the luncheon. Connie's report also

provided suggestions for next year's convention topics and recommendations for improvements taken from '91 convention evaluation forms.

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- Lynne is the newly appointed chair for the 1992 KAPS Conference Committee. Lynne distributed a report to the EC. The Conference will take place on September 24-25, 1992 in Bowling Green at the Greenwood Executive Inn. This has been confirmed and a contract has been signed. The theme of the conference will be "Assessment 2000: Beyond Eligibility." The intent of this theme, according to Lynne, will be to focus on alternative assessment techniques. At this time, Doris Redfield will be the keynote speaker, and she will address Dynamic Assessment. Other topics discussed will be curriculum-based assessment. Several nationally known names in the field are being considered for the CBA presentation. Lynne indicated that the committee is attempting to get Dr. Boysen to speak either at the luncheon or in an opening address. All overnight rooms will be \$40 for single or double. For every 25 rooms reserved, we will get one free meeting room, and for every 25 meals reserved for the luncheon, we will get one free meeting room.

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- Lynne expressed concern regarding Call for Papers and the number of presentation to solicit. Connie responded that the entire process fell into place for '91, and they did not have to turn anyone down.

- Bob Kruger indicated that to get counselors there, we need to have Instructional Leadership hours available for them. This require six months advance notice. Lesa Billings stated that she will help Lynne set this up.

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DISCUSSION TOPIC #3 Experimental School Psychologist Monies
(Lesa Billings)

- Lesa indicated that the Department of Education budget deleted the monies for the Experimental School Psych. Program. The money will go into the "big pot" and will be sent to schools. They will choose how they wish to spend it. The budget is waiting on the Governor's approval. He can put it back, but that is highly unlikely. Experimental program monies for counselors, the gifted, and remediation are all included in the package that was cut. If we can get into the new Governor's budget, it can come back, but this appears to be the only way. Psychological services may be the hardest thing hit in this cut, because our services can be contracted. Lesa put forth the following question, do we actively pursue Jones' efforts to get the money back?

- Bob Kruger asked how it would look, politically, for us (KAPS) to pursue the lost money. Would we appear self-interested? The money was cut, supposedly, for the good of education in general. Bob suggested that perhaps we could track the results of this action over the next year, then approach. It's reactive, but it might be the best thing for us in terms of political image.

- Mike Kieta stated that perhaps we will not lose actual filled positions, and, given that positions currently outnumber people, what would it look like if we lobby to get the experimental positions back, and there's no one there to fill them?

- Bill Pfohl asked if we should just sit and watch then. Connie Adams replied "no." Lesa responded that she believes some filled positions will be lost. Bill Pfohl stated that he believes he has some connections that are close to Jones. Placing the issue in their hands would be low key, and KAPS could sit back and wait.

- Pat McGinty stated that all of the coalitions concerned should be made aware of this action.

- Bill Pfohl introduced Jim Batt's "seed money" idea, in which a given amount of money is provided to districts to get positions going and then phased out over a four year period.

- Bill Pfohl concluded that efforts will be made to get to connections, and Sue Hoagland will continue to talk to Harry Moberly. By the way, there has been very good feedback on the panel discussion at the conference.

DISCUSSION TOPIC #4 Planning & Development (Bob Kruger)

- Bob distributed a list of revised long range goals developed at the 9/25 EC meeting. The list has been reduced to five goals. Bob suggested that all persons responsible for the goals be a part of the Planning and Development Committee. The committee would then meet a couple of times and provide a support structure for all those involved. Bob will communicate with those concerned.

DISCUSSION TOPIC #5 PR/PI Report

- the KAPS mugs are now available. It was proposed that KAPS provide floor mats to schools saying "Welcome to our School - From KAPS." These would not be sold, but provided for PR purposes. Scriptographic booklets could also be made available for distribution. They are very readable, provide lots of useful information, and would be good PR. The consensus of the group was that the scriptographic booklets would be best at this time.

OTHER DISCUSSION

- Pat McGinty received a letter from Bill Scott from the Division of Student and Family Support Services in the Dept. of Ed. Bill will be the liason from KDE to KAPS. Vicki Phillips will be his alternate. Bill will receive invitations to all meetings.

- Bill Pfohl stated that we must be better about getting reports to newsletter. There is a three week deadline, and Lin calls to remind people. The newsletter is running 2 weeks late due to computer problems.

- Bill showed a letter that was sent to the Certification Committee in response to dropping School Psych. Certification. Lots of input was given by EC members, and the letter was well received. We appear to be out of the woods in this issue.

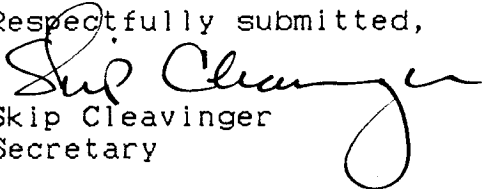
- Bob Kruger asked about current membership. Bob Munroe responded that we are in the 150 range, with about 35 students.

- Restructuring regional lines. Mike Kleta will meet with regional reps. to discuss possible changes.

- Corporal punishment. NASP is supporting a federal ban. Regarding state support, Pat McGinty indicated that KASA will not take a stand on the issue and neither will the "practitioners coalition." The Ky. Mental Health Coalition is standing with KAPS against it. Pat asked if anyone is interested in testifying or sending letters.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,


Skip Cleavinger
Secretary

