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Kentucky Association for Psychology in the Schools

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The EC met at the Springs Motel, Lexington, Ky at 6:30 p.m. following the KAPS workshop on Curriculum-Based Assessment.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cookie Cahil-Flower, Jim Batts, Bob Kruger, Lois Beimrohr, John Murphy, Lynn McCoy-Simandle, Bruce Wess, Sue Hoagland, Garland Niquette, Pat McGinty, Lynne Croxton, Connie Valentine, Joyce Stevens, Betty White, Michael Kieta, Sharon Kieta, Karen Carey, Debra Harris, Debbie Grubb, Bill Pfohl, Katie Hamilton.

Eighty-four ballots were returned from 57% of the membership during the recent election. Results were announced and regional representatives were introduced:

President-Elect--Bob Kruger
Treasurer--Katie Hamilton

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Northern--Bruce Wess
Central--John MacDonald
Eastern--Debbie Grubb
Western--Lynne Croxton
West Central--Pat McGinty
Student Representative--Debra Harris

SECRETARY (Lois Beimrohr)

-submitted for approval the minutes from the October 1, 1987 EC meeting. Minutes were corrected.

TREASURER (John Murphy)

-reported a balance of \$5,435.64.

-informed the EC that he had placed \$2000 in a Certificate of Deposit.

PRESIDENT (Cookie Cahil-Flower)

-discussed the duties of the student and regional representatives. Duties were determined to be:

1. Membership on the EC which involves 2-3 meetings each year.
2. Plan and carry out one, preferably two regional meetings. These can be a source of professional development, a forum for issues and camaraderie among colleagues. Northern Kentucky psychologists have been meeting monthly and heartily endorse the activity.

3. Communicate information to KAPS members on issues they need to know about such as legislative alerts.
4. Newsletter reporter from each region.
5. Recruit members from the region. The representatives will need to get lists of practicing school psychologists including NASP membership and state department certified people.

-informed the EC about the long range planning formulated Saturday, December 12 by the 18 KAPS leaders and members gathered at Butler State Park. There are 152 members in KAPS and 169 members in NASP. Future direction will be guided by Jim Batts, Ronda Talley and Cookie Cahil-Flower who make up the Planning and Development Committee. The mission statement was printed in KAPS REVIEW, Vol 8, No. 2 Winter, 1988. EC members were asked to address each of the five-year goals by writing specific action plans:

Goal 1 (Bill Pfohl and Bob Kruger): Expand the provision of quality school psychological services to meet the needs of Kentucky's children and youth.

Goal 2 (Jim Batts): Reduce the school psychologist to student ratio in Kentucky to match the recommended NASP ratio.

Goal 3 (~~Duane Miller and Lynn McCoy-Simandle~~): Work toward more effective district review procedures by the state.

Goal 4 (~~Bob Illback~~): Provide school psychologists with access to administrative certification by the State Department.

Goal 5 (Sue Hoagland, Peggy Harrell, Connie Valentine): Develop a working familiarity and liaisons with government and community agencies and organizations.

Goal 6 (Connie Valentine, Betty White, Joyce Stevens): Promote awareness of school psychology among the public, policy-makers, and other influential groups.

Goal 7 (Mike and Sharon Kieta): Provide a continuing professional development program which is responsive to the differing needs of school psychologists throughout Kentucky.

Goal 8 (Jim Batts, Ronda Talley and Cookie Cahil-Flower): Establish KAPS as an effective organization for representation of school psychologists across Kentucky.

Goal 9 (John McDonald and other trainers with Jim Batts): Recruit/train more school psychologists to work in Kentucky.

-presented the members with a form for action planning and complete examples dealing with the eighth goal. The plan is based on the problem solving process provided by Mike Curtis. There was agreement to have these action plans completed by the next EC meeting during early to mid summer.

-discussed the problem of smooth transition from offices and committee chair positions. We will develop a KAPS Operations/Procedures Manual detailing the specific activities involved in every organizational pursuit. The suggested format for the step by step detail of each objective/activity included procedures, timeline, budget and person responsible. All members of the EC were asked to be prepared to present their sections by the summer EC meeting. Gathering of this document will greatly assist future budget planning.

-shared information regarding preschool evaluation regulations for implementing 99.457 which is a downward extension of 99.142. The intent includes "functionally delayed" children whose scores fall in the range of two standard deviations below the mean score in one area, or one and one-half standard deviations below the mean in two or more areas. Problems of norm-referenced instruments, the need for better instruments, eligibility criteria, competencies of evaluators were issues discussed. A position paper by NASP addressing the problem is being written. Practitioners are concerned about labels for young children since they tend to be perpetuating. The consensus seemed to be that the Minnesota Manual was the best material available at this time. We could make it more useful for our purposes by using the Ysseldyke and Salvia (4th edition) form to critique the Minnesota work. Karen and Dave Barnett have a review of current materials. Jim Batts indicated that state regulations would be built around the recommendations coming from the state consultants' meeting. Their thinking involves a noncategorical framework using experts throughout the state with an ecological approach. Local districts will determine the evaluator; this may not be a psychologist. The issue of minimum level competencies and recurring discussion between APA and NASP about the appropriate level for school psychologists is still being addressed. A response by Cookie with help from Karen Carey is planned. Some states are forming a task force rather than rushing into regulations that are not satisfactory.

-announced the NASP Southeast Conference which involves 11 states will be held June 17-19 in Charlotte, NC. Agenda will include long range planning, management of organization (operations manual), budget, newsletter, membership. There is a call for papers from Kentucky. Bill Pfohl will be sent by NASP. Jim Batts, Bob Kruger and Cookie will be KAPS representatives.

-discussed the problems of disseminating information and carrying out selections of KAPS Innovative Practice Awards. The practice has been to use two people to rank proposals using a five criteria scale. Discontent has been expressed among members relating to the need for more raters and greater geographic representation. Written comments from some members in the needs survey last spring suggested getting away from awards altogether. EC discussion lead to Cookie asking regional representatives in conjunction with Ronda and her to draft and forward their recommendations to Bruce Wess who will work with the five centers and report to the summer EC meeting. Awards will be determined by an evaluation committee which will include the five regional representatives. They will continue the five categorical awards and add five regional awards in order to broaden our recognition; the cost of the plaques will be reduced.

-reported that the state department asked for a nominee to work with the Council on Teacher Education and Certification. Ronda will be asked to work on this activity.

-informed the council that the Department of Education needs a person from training to work with them dealing with NCATE review process. Training will be in June.

STATE CONSULTANT (Jim Batts)

-reported that the experimental program was refunded with ten additional positions over each of the next two years. Twenty-three of the twenty-five positions were filled this year. In the face of dollar cuts, Henry Moberly has done outstanding work and should be recognized for the remarkable success of his efforts. KAPS members are urged to show their support in the form of campaign contributions, letters thanking him for his support of psychological services in schools and his dedication to children.

-reported that he has submitted a proposal for an Experimental Program Advisory Committee to John Brock. The committee will consist of three trainers, a principal, counselor, social worker and psychologist. The twenty-three districts will reapply; the other twelve positions will be awarded by "Request for Proposal."

-informed the EC that twenty-eight people had applied to sit for the April 23 state examination. More than half were out of state people. The department may consider the national examination be substituted for the current exam in order to take advantage of future reciprocity.

NASP DELEGATE (Bill Pfohl)

-reported that dues were raised at the Chicago meeting to \$75 annually. New headquarter will make adjustments for members who are having problems getting information and materials from the national office.

-informed the EC that the national examination published by ETS was approved by the delegate assembly. There are two versions of the 135 question test. The norming examination will be given in 700 testing sites on July 9, 1988, November 12, 1988 and April 15, 1989. The action will lead to a National Registry with a goal of total reciprocity across the nation. There will be a possible cost of maintaining the Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP). It will be necessary for NASP to resume an active CPD committee. Current practitioners who do not apply will have to deal with the new regulations that will be produced by the NCATE program. All NASP members will get information packets soon.

-announced the next convention date to begin March 28, 1989 in Boston.

-indicated the move to Washington has accomplished greater involvement in legislative issues. There is belief that the SE region is too large. The Delegate Assembly will meet in Denver July 6-10, 1988.

-urged all NASP members to participate in the elections coming soon; Kentucky voting record has not been good.

-reported that the North Central Accreditation Association voted against including school psychologists in accreditation visits.

- reminded the EC that NASP publications are available including Alternative Delivery Services, Innovative Proctices, Revision of Best Practices.

- reported that NASP membership is 11,500 and continues to grow.
- announced that Kentucky will be the state of focus in a future Communique.
- reminded the members that the NASP Certificate of Appreciation can be given to building personnel that have been helpful to psychological services. They can be procured from Bill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LEGISLATIVE (Sue Hoagland and Peggy Harrell)

- made numerous contacts with Representative Harry Moberly, sponsor of the School Psychology bill and Jim Batts, state consultant.
- formed the legislative KAPS committee during the fall convention: Debbie Grubb, Bobbie Burcham, Garland Niquette, Sue Brock, Dewayne Miller, Reba Moore, Shelia Hardin, Marge Phelps, Pat Guthrie, Alan Kite, Michelle Tiller, Cathy Fiorello, Rick Deglow, Ronda Talley, Katie Hamilton. A list of Kentucky General Assembly legislators with key people designated and a handout concerning guidelines for writing letters to legislators were disseminated to the committee. They designated a particular KAPS member to communicate to each key legislator on the House Education Committee.
- contacted Joe Barrows, House Education Committee Member, and arranged a meeting with Michael Maloney, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee. The evaluation component of the School Psychology Proposal was discussed. A letter was also written to Senator Maloney.
- formed a formal network telephone chain. Bruce Wess, Judy Deal, Pat Tobin, John MacDonald, Pat McGinty, Debbie Grubb, Lynne Croxton, Connie Valentine, Deborah Harris, Karen Carey (nominee regional representatives). Each of these people were contacted and they in turn contacted five additional members. Each person was to contact their local legislator.
- attempted to involve districts who received the experimental grants in legislative activities.
- thanked everyone for involvement that helped make the School Psychology Experimental positions be refunded and ten additional positions be funded.

PROGRAM (Karen Carey)

- with Jim Batts and Bill Pfohl presented a workshop April 21 to twenty KAPS members based on the two-day workshop on Curriculum Based Assessment attended at the National Convention. They will repeat the workshop 8/31/88 in Paducah and possibly at the fall KAPS convention.
- announced Garland Niquette would take leadership to plan the 1988 convention which will be held at the Raddison Hotel, Lexington. Topic

for the convention will be "Children of Value--our Promise of the Future." Howie Knoff will present a pre-convention workshop all day Thursday on personality assessment. Friday will feature a variety of papers with sessions 45-75 minutes. Three workshops are being planned for Saturday. The committee would appreciate speaker suggestions and hearing from the membership about interest in Keenland during the evening.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Michael and Sharon Kieta)

-suggested that Regional Representatives serve on the committee. They intend to revamp the committee to become an information source for the various needs across the state.

-stated that they have not yet decided about procedures. They are concerned about the need to be able to get credits in the future for state leadership hours. Therefore, they will submit their program to the State Department for instructional leadership credit.

-indicated the committee believes there are several general areas of work: recognition certificates, clearing house for training resources, and day long workshops. They are developing a needs assessment to determine what the membership wants to be done.

-announced their next meeting would be May 6 in West Central Region (Breckinridge County).

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND LIAISON (Connie Valentine)

-asked the council about displaying at the KASA convention which costs \$300. Suggestion was made to provide the scriptograph information for delegate packets.

-reported that the KPA liaison is not yet filled. Connie indicated there is membership apathy regarding the liaison positions. She announced that Debra Harris will become the CEC liaison.

-indicated the committee will develop summer projects.

MEMBERSHIP (Judi Hughes)

-reported that we have 150 members.

-indicated the committee will provide mailing labels at 2 cents each.

NEWSLETTER (Betty White and Joyce Stevens)

-have formed a Regional Representative mailing list.

-indicated the budget is \$2400. They have printed 325 copies which includes 30 extra copies for people in the state department. The committee plans to cut the printing to 300 copies because of the cost.

-received a letter of congratulations from Alex Thomas for the outstanding newsletter KAPS has produced.

ETHICS (Lynn McCoy-Simandle)

-reported there have been no inquiries to the committee.