

KAPS

Kentucky Association for Psychology in the Schools

MINUTES - JULY 17, 1987

KAPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The EC of KAPS met at the home of Cookie Cahill-Flower on 7/17/87 at 3:15 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cookie Cahill-Flower, Ronda Talley, Robert Kruger, John Murphy, Jim Batts, Karen Carey, Lynn McCoy-Simandle, Judy Brettschneider, Betty White, Joyce Stevens, Judy Hughes, Carolyn Brown.

Secretary/KPA Liaison (Bob Kruger)

-submitted for approval the minutes from the March 28, 1987 EC meeting

four modifications were endorsed

-received a consensus opinion that the KAPS stationery should be made more "generic" given the frequency of changes in officers and committee members

Ronda Talley was to check into the possibility of having the office of KASA serve as the official mailing address of KAPS

-reported that the names of several KAPS members had been suggested to APA as potential "state representatives" to Division 16 of that organization

Two of those individuals present at the EC meeting (Ronda Talley and Carolyn Brown) acknowledged contact from APA and were agreeable to assuming these liaison positions

-acknowledged difficulty in attending KPA meetings and suggested that a KAPS' member from Lexington or Louisville (the site of most of the KPA meetings) could better serve as liaison to KPA

Cookie indicated that she would contact KAPS member, Connie Valentine, to determine her interest in replacing Bob in this capacity

Past President/KASA Liaison (Ronda Talley)

-reminded the EC of the upcoming KASA convention (July 19-21)

acknowledged her planned involvement in the pre-convention KASA legislative planning conference and indicated that the major goal would be to develop lobbying strategies for the KASA legislative platform

-reminded the EC that additional school psychology positions were part of the adopted KASA platform

-indicated that KAPS members were involved on several KASA committees during 1986-87, including "awards," "resolutions," nominations," and "political action"

-announced the results of the election of KAPS officers--Jim Batts was elected president, Lois Biemrohr was elected secretary

-discussion about the need for better ^{elect} standardized and more secure election procedures

-discussion of the need to investigate better methods of promoting a broader field of nominees for KAPS offices

-acknowledged the receipt of nominees in all areas of the "innovative practice awards"

Treasurer (John Murphy)

-reported a balance of \$5,425.42 in the treasury

-acknowledged inconsistent requests for travel reimbursement from EC members/reminded everyone of the legitimacy of such requests and encouraged those entitled to such reimbursement to file for it

-initiated discussion of a requested payment for liaison membership to the Kentucky Mental Health Coalition

*payment was to be held pending further discussion between Cookie and Pat McGinty, our liaison to this organization

-acknowledged receipt of 30 needs assessment questionnaires solicited from the general KAPS membership

President (Cookie Cahill Flower)

-acknowledged her enthusiasm in assuming the position of KAPS president for 1987-88

-outlined some of the goals envisioned for KAPS in this "year of self study"

- acting on the needs assessment recently received from membership

- promote a conference theme to initiate ongoing "strategic planning" for the KAPS organization during 1987-88

- promote regional organizations to more effectively address the concerns of membership

-asked committee chairpersons to plan a committee budget and return to her within a couple of weeks

State Consultant (Jim Batts)

-update on the experimental program

- 18 districts had persons committed to the awarded positions

- only 5 districts acknowledged having difficulty finding candidates for the awarded positions

- orientation and training programs for the recipients were set for August 13 and 14 and pre-KAPS convention, October 1

- additional training in spring of 1988

- Charles Mahrer contracted to do the evaluation of the experimental program

-indicated that 20 people sat for the July school psychology exam

NASP Delegate (Jim Batts reporting for Bill Pfohl)

-informed the EC of wish to have a display at the KAPS convention for the sale of NASP materials (to be secured on consignment)

-offered a recommendation that we have student and regional representatives to the EC

- motion passed to authorize the president to establish an ad hoc committee to investigate and submit the needed by-law changes to accommodate these recommendations

- draft of ad hoc committee proposal was to be presented to the full EC for review and comment prior to submission for vote

-recommended that KAPS consider purchasing the "School Psychologist" pamphlet developed for NASP

•Cookie was to ask Connie Valentine to contact Bill Pfohl and report back regarding costs

-suggested that EC consider ways of better assuring that the university training programs are kept up to date on KAPS activities

•decision was made to put each university training program on the KAPS mailing list

Program Committee (Karen Carey)

-outlined a tentative schedule for the KAPS convention

-asked for EC input on possible ways to celebrate KAPS' 10th anniversary at the convention

•suggested that Bruce Wess be contacted to see if a pictorial history could be developed

-apprised EC of tentative cost estimates for convention

-secured information from Ronda Talley about last year's awards and program printing

-discussion of proclamations for "School Psychology Week" September 28-October 2

Legislative (Cookie Cahill-Flower reporting for Sue Hoagland and Peggy Harrel Rigsby)

-updated the EC on some of the legislative issues about which decisions need to be made

•how to align ourselves in the endorsement of additional student services for the next legislative biennium

•development of our legislative platform for the expansion of the experimental school psychology program

-appeared to be a consensus on Jim Batts' suggestion that we think in terms of 10 additional positions for 1988-89 (35 total) and 10 additional positions for 1989-90 (45 total)

-secured agreement that districts receiving this year's grants be involved in the lobbying efforts for additional funding

•whether or not to endorse the position statement of the Kentucky Division of Early Childhood Education pertaining to the pre-school handicap law

-EC asked the legislative committee to study this provision and make a recommendation to the EC at its next meeting

Liaison and Public Relations (Ronda Talley reporting for Lois Biemrohr)

-apprised EC of activities to be initiated for "School Psychology Week"

-Ronda expressed willingness to continue to serve as KAPS liaison to KASA

-agreed to relay to Lois the need for more information about KAPS' liaison relationships with the Kentucky Mental Health Coalition and the Kentucky Coalition for the Handicapped

-agreed to ask Lois to investigate whether Alan Kite planned to continue as our representative to the Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children

Ethics (Lynn McCoy Simandle)

-apprised the EC that all information has gone out to membership

-received suggestion from John Murphy that a "question/answer column" on ethical concerns might be considered for the newsletter

Newsletter (Betty White and Joyce Stevens)

-discussed problems with the production of the last newsletter

-received endorsement of EC to pursue other printing sources to alleviate the risk of continuing production problems

-asked EC to provide a "VIP list" of individuals and organizations to receive the newsletter

-received endorsement for the inclusion of a statement in the newsletter to address copyright protection

-apprised EC that the next issue of the newsletter was targeted for mid-November

Membership (Judy Hughes)

-apprised EC that KAPS membership now stands at 130

-received endorsement for proposed changes in the membership form

-was given a list of NASP members from Kentucky and a list of individuals assuming the experimental positions (to aid in membership campaigning)

-received endorsement to have a set membership period to allow for publication of an updated membership directory in the fall of each year

-apprised secretary of the need for membership certificates

-agreed to investigate procurement of membership cards

Continuing Professional Development (Judy Brettschneider)

-announced that all CPD materials are now in her possession

-announced plans to send a letter to membership encouraging renewed CPD activity

New Business

-Jim Batts and Ronda Talley reported on their attendance at the NASP-sponsored meeting of representatives from the southeastern states

·indicated that sessions focused on the "how to" aspects of strategic planning

·indicated that they had discussed some of the specifics with Cookie and that they had materials which may be helpful to KAPS in its future work in this area

·suggested that our current needs assessment and declaration of a year of self study should serve well to focus our strategic planning efforts

-EC concurred with Cookie's expressed desire to document KAPS' history

·EC consensus was to approach Bruce Wess to see if he would volunteer to be the first KAPS historian

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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