

## **KAPS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

### **March 13, 2003**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Angie Chandler, Diann Shuffett, Carl Myers, Duane Miller, Michelle Gadberry, David Taylor, Connie Adams, Stacie McCune, Jim Batts, Angela Wilkins, Dan Florell, Mary Twohig, Wendy Mullins, Kandy Stroup, Mary Margaret McNemar, Julie Pendley and Karen Tuerk.

#### **MINUTES:**

Minutes from the last meeting (9-18-02) were reviewed. An error was noted by Karen Tuerk in the "Executive Secretary Contract" section. Line 3 should read "It is currently \$15 per hour..." rather than per day. With the correction the minutes of the meeting were approved by the council.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Karen Beavers, Treasurer, was not present. Angie Chandler, President, obtained information from Karen and reported that as of 3-12-03, KAPS has \$19,864 in checking, \$3,270.25 in a CD, and \$3,270.59 in the Jennie Ewald Scholarship Fund. Angie reported that additional conference deposits within the last week would bring the checking balance to \$25,069.02. Diann Shuffett made a motion to approve the report and Connie Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

#### **REGIONAL REPORTS:**

**REGION 1:** Marty Dunham was not present.

**REGION 2:** Stacie McCune reported that they had a training in the fall of 2002 on the WIAT2 and WPPSI3 that was well attended. Stacie is continuing to work on a current Region 2 distribution list.

**REGION 3:** Mary Twohig updated the EC on KAPS membership and activities in Jefferson County.

**REGION 4:** Wendy Mullins stated that Region 4 has completed an updated distribution list. They are also planning a May training that may be on the WISCIV and the WPPSI3.

**REGION 5:** Kandy Stroup also has updated the membership list. Region 5 has been posting member questions and answers by email; members have reported that this has been a helpful resource.

**REGION 6:** Mary Margaret McNemar reported that a fall training was held on threat assessment procedures in Madison County. Region 6 also now has a working distribution list and Mary Margaret is attempting to recruit new members for KAPS. They have also used email for communication among members. Currently, Mary Margaret has been surveying members regarding assessment practices.

**REGION 7/8:** Karen Tuerk reported that many of the psychologists in Regions 7 and 8 recently met to discuss reevaluation procedures.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:** Diann Shuffett, President-Elect, presented a preliminary program for the 2003 fall conference to be held in Louisville.

**MEMBERSHIP:** David Taylor reported that KAPS currently has 325 members. Stacie McCune noted that offering the spring training free to members helped to raise our membership. Diann Shuffett asked how we can follow up on people who had not renewed membership at the fall conference and discussion ensued regarding ways to accomplish this. David reported that certificates for members were ready and that the EC would compile membership packets for all

members following the meeting. Packets will be disseminated at the spring training the following day and mailed or hand-carried to members not present.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Connie Adams reported that it continues to be essential for school psychologists to familiarize themselves with No Child Left Behind and Senate Bill 168 due to the implications upon the future of school psychology and special education. Information regarding how to join SPAN (School Psychology Action Network) was given out by Connie. Connie is asking all members of KAPS EC to send at least one letter to a legislator regarding a current issue before the next EC meeting. This is easy to do at the NASP website online ([www.nasponline.org](http://www.nasponline.org)). The upcoming reauthorization of IDEA was also discussed – this appears to be on a “fast track” through the House and Senate. The bill changes frequently and members can access information by subscribing to the SPAN email updates. Angela Wilkins, KDE representative, also shared state budget information with the EC members.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Stacie McCune reported that \$256 was made at the fall conference from the sale of KAPS products. Stacie encouraged members to share materials with KAPS logo on them (such as notepads, coffee mugs, pens, etc.) with their Superintendents and School Board members to promote school psychology. It was also noted that April is School Psychology month. Angie Chandler has sent a letter to Governor Patton requesting that April 21-25 be proclaimed as School Psychology Week in Kentucky. Angie will email all members of the date of the signing of the proclamation.

**NASP DELEGATE:** Jim Batts reported that he attended the Southeast Region NASP leadership conference in Tampa, Florida along with Angie Chandler, President, and Diann Shuffett, President-Elect. NASP is currently soliciting donations for the Children’s Fund Auction at the upcoming NASP annual conference to be held in Toronto, Canada. Jim made a motion that KAPS make a \$50 donation. Dan Florell seconded and the membership approved the motion. It was also reported that Jim was once again elected as the NASP delegate for Kentucky. Additionally, Jim reported that NASP is considering switching to web-based voting for officers (rather than by mail) to save money.

**NEWSLETTER:** Julie Pendley informed the EC that the deadline for submissions for the upcoming newsletter is May 1, 2003. Julie will email all EC members to remind them to submit information for the newsletter. More information is needed for the newsletter to be worthwhile to members. Angie Chandler suggested that we consider surveying members at the next conference regarding changing the format of the newsletter to email, which would save money and be more easily accessible to many.

**STATE CONSULTANT:** Angela Wilkins reported we must continue to find ways to entice school psychologists to Kentucky. She emphasized how vital school psychologists are to education and how we can be beneficial to districts in helping to close achievement gaps of subgroups. Angela also publicly thanked Duane Miller for his ongoing contributions to KASA (as the KAPS liaison.)

**ETHICS/WEBSITE:** Dan Florell reported that regional summaries are being posed on the KAPS website. He requested that information to be submitted be sent to him in MSWord format. The EC discussed posting the minutes of meetings on the website, as well. After discussion, it was agreed that a short summary of the EC meetings would be preferable for the website.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**KAPS GOALS:** The EC reviewed organizational goals developed in 2000. It was noted

that we have made good progress toward our goal of improved communication with members. In the past year, regional representatives have updated and improved distribution lists and are using email as an effective tool. Additionally, the member packets to be distributed at the spring 2003 training will re-emphasize the benefits of KAPS membership. A sample KAPS brochure was also given out and will be printed soon.

**LD ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** A proposal was previously submitted to KDE regarding continuing updating of the LD tables. There have been some concerns regarding the funding due to budget constraints at the state level; however, it was reported that a Memorandum of Agreement was being developed between KDE and ECU to update the tables. Jim Batts will chair the review committee and delegate the statistical analyses to other members and/or graduate students. High demand tests should be updated and available on the KDE website by August 2003.

**TAX EXEMPT STATUS:** We continue to work to obtain tax-exempt status.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE/PAST PRESIDENT REPORT:** Carl Myers, Past President, reported that during his tenure as president, a new membership directory was published that cost \$997. He suggested that the EC investigate less expensive ways to publish the directory in the future.

Discussion took place regarding how to encourage members to nominate other members for awards. Carl suggested that nominations be solicited from KAPS members, but also from other school administrators (Superintendent, Director of Special Education, Principals, etc.). No consensus was reached on this issue by the EC.

**OPEN POSITION – CHAIR OF PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** It was recommended by Connie Adams that we table the appointment of this position. The EC may discuss this at a later date if needed. The motion was seconded by Carl Myers and approved by the EC.

**JENNIE EWALD SCHOLARSHIP:** The selection committee reported that each university would select one candidate. A formal application process will be sent to universities in April 2003. The KAPS selection committee will then select a winner from these candidates.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**CHANGES IN CERTIFICATION STANDARDS:** It was reported by Jim Batts that Marilyn Troop of the Standards Board has sent a letter to all university trainers regarding school psychologist certification. Jim discovered that all certifications are being reviewed at this time. Jim questioned whether we should pursue adding the NCSP (national certification) as an alternative method of state certification for school psychologists. Jim stated that he has also requested that the Standards Board involve school psychologists in any discussion of revisions, noting that ECU and WKU are supporting this proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Gadberry  
KAPS Secretary