

**KAPS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2001
FALL CONFERENCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carl Myers, Angie Chandler, Kandy Stroup, Julie Pendley, Marty Dunham, Beth Edmonson, Sarah Whittaker, David Taylor, Duane Miller, Jim Batts, Connie Adams, Bob Kruger, Mary Twohig, Nancy Hampel, Karen Tuerk, Angela Wilkens

Introduction of EC members:

President: Carl Myers
President-Elect: Angie Chandler
Past-President: Sharla Fasko
Secretary: Michelle Gadberry
Treasurer: Deeayne Mayfield
Membership: Beth Edmonson
Legislative: Connie Adams
Planning & Development: Bob Kruger
Public Relations: Stacie McCune
NASP Delegate/LD Advisory Chair: Jim Batts
State Consultant: Angela Wilkins
Newsletter Editor: Julie Pendley
Ethics Chair – Dan Florell
Regional Representatives
1 – Marty Dunham
2 – David Taylor & Sarah Whittaker
3 – Mary Twohig
4 – Cookie Cahill-Flower & Nancy Hampel
5 – Kandy Stroup
6 – Deana Lucas
7 & 8 – Karen Tuerk

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted (motion by Edmonson, second by Whittaker.)

Treasurer's Report: Deeayne Mayfield was not present; Carl Myers reviewed the available information. KAPS currently has 29,022 dollars in checking and savings. Carl reviewed the budget for the 2001 conference and projected \$16,000 in earnings from the conference.

NASP Delegate Report: Jim Batts reported that KAPS is sending the president, president-elect and NASP Delegate to the upcoming South East Regional NASP meeting. The agenda is Medicaid funding and how to help schools access Medicaid funds. Jim also reported that the NASP conference is in Chicago in February.

LD Advisory Committee: Jim Batts also serves as chair of this committee, which is meeting on 9-29-01. Jim asked for input on how to select a new chair for the committee. Duties include computing correlations between tests when new tests are added to the regression formula tables for the SLD regulations and answering emails from across the state regarding the tables. This is an unpaid position. Originally the KDE was supposed to maintain the tables and KAPS was only supposed to advise KDE; however, the role of

maintaining the tables has fallen to KAPS because no one at KDE knows how to do it. Jim also reported that he is giving out a survey asking what tests should be included in the tables. Marty Dunham expressed interest in chairing the committee. Jim also stated that Bill Greenley might be interested. Connie Adams proposed that we investigate some type of pay for this person. Committee members are supposed to be reimbursed for travel, at least. Jim noted that the committee will meet on 9-29-01 and make a recommendation to the EC regarding the new chairperson and reimbursement. A motion was made by Nancy Hampel to accept this plan and was seconded by Angie Chandler. Motion approved.

Regional Reports:

Region 1 – Marty Dunham: Marty reported that he sent out a letter reminding his region about the regional meeting at the KAPS conference.

Region 2 – David Taylor & Sarah Whittaker: David and Sarah reported that they plan to ask members about what yearly activities they want to have and to communicate mostly via email.

Region 3 – Mary Twohig: JCPS has 4 school psychology positions open, according to Mary. She reported that there was some difficulty with the awards from Louisville Stoneware this year (broken/ names misspelled.)

Region 4 – Cookie Cahill-Flower & Nancy Hampel: Cookie and Nancy are searching for someone to replace them as regional rep. They reported that they will try to find someone willing before they resign. Angie Chandler read from the KAPS Bylaws that if a regional rep. resigns, a replacement can be appointed to fulfill the rest of the term.

Region 5 – Kandy Stroup: Kandy has recently taken over as regional representative after Angie Chandler was elected upcoming President. Kandy reported that Nelson Co. had one open position.

Region 6 – Deana Lucas: Deana was not present at the EC Meeting. Jim Batts reported that Region 6 put on a half-day workshop in June on the WJ-III.

Region 7 & 8 – Karen Tuerk: Karen reported that Sharla Fasko asked that the EC review our awards procedure and look at new standards on awards from NASP. Carl Myers noted that he planned to discuss this later in the meeting.

Legislative Report : Connie Adams reported that the KAPS website is now linked to the NASP site. Email is being used for legislative communication from NASP. Connie will continue to monitor the SPAN update and will notify members if needed.

President-Elect's Report: Angie Chandler reported that she is working on setting up next year's conference in Lexington. She requested that members email her with suggestions regarding speakers and/or topics. Our frequent conflict with the Safe Schools conference was brought up; Carl reported that he called the Center for School Safety and told them the date of our conference as soon as he knew it, which may have helped this year.

Angela Wilkins asked that we consider combining our conference with the School Social Work conference. She stated that many of our topics are similar and with a larger conference we could afford bigger name speakers. Angie Chandler will work with Angela Wilkins to research this possibility and will report back to the EC at a later date.

KDE Representative Report: Angela Wilkins reported that reaching proficiency by 2014 is the main objective in Frankfort now. She discussed KDE staff trainings, dropout rates across the state, funding for teachers and programs, and the shortage of school psychologists across the state. It was reported that school psychologists were praised by many at the state department following the tragedy of 9-11-01. Ray Roth, former President of KAPS and behavior consultant in Owensboro, developed a handout that was posted on the KDE website for teachers and parents.

Angela is also currently the President of KASA. Jim Batts commented that her "President's Letter" is good reading. Angela reported that her goal is to increase minority involvement in KASA. She thanked Duane Miller for being KAPS liaison to KASA and encouraged all school psychologists to join KASA.

President's Report: Carl Myers reported that 98 persons attended the pre-conference workshop and 230 are registered for the main conference. He noted that he had spoken to a representative of the school social workers in the past but was unable to work it out for this year. He also reported that we might consider collaborating some with Tennessee. He stated that we gave them a member rate to our conference this year and they offered us the same rate.

New Business:

Duane Miller's contract needs to be renewed – it expired last July. Angie Chandler and Jim Batts suggested that a long-term contract be developed to avoid this problem every year. Last year (March 2000) it was approved that Duane's contract be renewed for one year – no contract was ever given to Duane or signed by him. He was reimbursed for some expenses, but not actually paid. Ray Roth has a copy of the last contract that was used. It was proposed that the EC authorize the president to develop a new continuing contract (in writing) for Duane. It was also proposed that the EC allow the president to negotiate terms with Duane. A motion was made by Angie Chandler to accept this proposal. Connie Adams seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Carl reported that he is working to re-establish KAPS' tax-exempt status with Duane and Ray. He also reported that KASA has submitted a proposal regarding work they do for us (mailings, etc.) We have not had services from KASA since January. Angie, Carl and Duane have met with Wayne Young of KASA. The proposal outlines fees for newsletter duplication and mailing, membership directory and conference registration. There was some discussion regarding the membership directory and access to mailing labels. A motion was made by Bob Kruger to accept the proposal from KASA and to give authority to the president and president-elect to negotiate other services, as needed. The motion was seconded by David Taylor and approved.

Strategic Planning Update: Bob Kruger reported that a meeting has been set for November 16th in Elizabethtown for Strategic Planning team members only. Bob gave out folders with reformatted plans to all team members.

Other Business: Carl Myers reported that he would like to form a sub-committee to rethink our awards process and criteria. Suggestions were made regarding adopting the NASP standards for school psychologist of the year. Carl agreed to head this committee and Connie Adams agreed to be part of the committee.

Comments were requested regarding some type of memorial award/scholarship in Jennie Ewald's name. After some discussion, it was determined that this should be awarded to a school psych. grad student. A committee was tentatively formed. Carl reported that he will ask Annelle to chair the committee. Others interested in serving included Carl Myers, Michelle Gadberry and Nancy Hampel. A proposal was made that we establish a scholarship fund in Jennie Ewald's name. Angie Chandler moved that KAPS accept this proposal and allow the committee to develop criteria. Sarah Whittaker seconded the proposal. Motion approved.

In other business, Beth Edmonson reported for Deeayne Mayfield that the bank we are using is not easily accessed by Deeayne. A proposal was made that we give the treasurer authority to switch banks for KAPS accounts. Connie Adams made a motion to accept the proposal and Nancy Hampel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion began about teachers receiving extra money for national certification. Jim Batts explained that the procedure for teachers receiving national certification is much more complex than our national certification. He reported that NASP is not recommending that our national certification is in any way equivalent.

Angela reported that there has been some question whether it was a law that parent permission was required for counseling with a school psychologist. Discussed ensued and concluded that while it was not law, per se, it was considered best practice to have permission when there is an ongoing counseling relationship. It was noted that it is also in the NASP Ethics Code that school psychologists should have parent permission when counseling students.

Bob Kruger made a motion for adjournment; Connie Adams seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Gadberry
KAPS Secretary