

**KAPS EC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30, 1998
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE: SHELBY CAMPUS**

Members present: Ruth Bewley, Mike Norris, Marianna Wells, Judith Watkins, Leilani DeFord, Debbie Anderson, Ray Roth, Connie Adams, Belinda Bowling, Joe Bargione, Brett Page, Sharla Fasko, Alicia Lateer-Huhn, Michelle Gadberry, Angie Chandler, Alan Mullins, Dorothy Brock, Laura McGrail, Angela Wilkins

Introductions were made with some participants being new regional representatives attending for the first time.

Marianna Wells provided the treasurer's report with a different style of presenting the information from previous treasurer's reports. Everyone received a copy of KAPS current financial status. No one had any questions. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Sharla Fasko and Angie Chandler seconded it.

Mike Norris passed out the minutes from the July 9, 1998 EC meeting. Debbie Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as read and Sharla Fasko seconded it.

Connie Adams provided legislative report. A summary of House Bill 330 was passed around. Next NASP's publication "Early Warning: Timely Response" from Washington, D.C. was passed around as well. KAPS members can obtain a copy via internet at: NASPWEB.ORG. Connie stated that on 8-28-98 the telephone tree was activated due to concern about IDEA being under attack. Members were urged to talk with legislators and recommend saying "no" to amendments to IDEA. Another issue brought up was KY's ranking 46th in the nation per capita for spending on mental health. This statistic came from the August Legislative Record Interim Report. These documents are free for the asking. Connie brought up the issue of "privileged communication" which counselors have but school psychologists do not have. Counselors obtained this status in 1974 via the Ky Rules of Evidence 507 referring to cases of court subpoenas. Licensed psychologists also have this privilege but not school psychologists. Connie wanted to know if the EC thought we should be included. It was stated that there were not many school psychologists in 1974. Sharla Fasko mentioned that we should be in on this with the number of crisis situations rising in the schools. Joe Bargione asked if we should survey the membership concerning what we need to change legislatively.

The EC decided to develop a survey of KAPS members on legal and ethical issues currently under consideration.

Connie Adams brought up HB 100. It has had some minor negative feedback. Some school psychologists didn't want to become administrators and have to re-do contracts each year or work longer hours. It was mentioned that unless you are a teacher, tenure does not matter. Angela Wilkins stated that a positive of HB 100 is that school psychologists didn't exist in the statutes before. Also, we don't have leadership hours. Some school psychologists felt that they didn't have an opportunity for input but it has been in the newsletter and discussed at KAPS for a long time. However, it was mentioned that we might need a better process to formulate changes and gather input. It was suggested that we put the explanation of HB 100 in the KASA newsletter.

Judith Watkins spoke for Jim Batts concerning NASP initiatives. One congressional legislative issue being watched is the 45-day suspension for violent crimes being lifted so the students can be treated more as adults.

Laura McGrail mentioned that Indiana got their legislature to pass independent private practice for school psychologists. Laura stated that the deadline for regional reports and other news articles is Oct. 19th.

Regional Reports:

- (1) Debbie Anderson had no new reports but mentioned that the region has two positions open.
- (2) Leilani DeFord (formerly Talley) had no report.
- (3) KAPS convention planning took up most of Region 3 members' time. Also, a group counseling training on skills and techniques for conflicted youth is being conducted with some of the psychologists who will eventually lead groups for these at risk youth.
- (4) Alicia Lateer-Huhn stated that there is a full time school psychologist position open in the region and that this is now the region Alan Mullins practices in.
- (5) Angie Chandler will present at Berea concerning school psychology. Angie brought up the issue of the LD Formula being out-dated and proposed to e-mail Mike Armstrong with the concerns. She wondered if KAPS could write a letter stating that use of non-standard scores is unethical as well as the fact that the tables are outdated. Others wanted to do a collaborative, thoughtful approach. Joe proposed a work group should look at the LD tables issue. Judith Watkins said she would head it up. Mike Norris then asked for committee volunteers. It was suggested that we look at best practices nationwide.
- (6) Belinda Bowling stated that their region meets three times a year and has looked at a Program of Studies Implementation Manual.
- (7/8) Sharla Fasko was invited to speak to the Eastern KY Counselors Association. Out of that speech came the idea that school counselors and school psychologists may want to collaborate and start meeting together.

Public Relations: Michelle Gadberry has purchased golf shirts, note pads, mugs, caps and a limited number of other items. They will be sold at the KAPS convention. Feedback on sales will be forthcoming.

Membership Committee: Shelly Tisdale has a new address. Her address needs to be current on registration information in order for new members to register for KAPS. The address was to be obtained.

Newsletter: Laura McGrail has two e-mail addresses that she gave EC members. She did purchase a scanner. Since KASA sends out our newsletter, Laura wants the latest addresses from this conference as some members have stated they have not received newsletters recently. Shelly Tisdale, membership chair, and Claudia Schindler, conference registration chair, will provide addresses to cross-reference and purge old addresses from. Tony Quire of KASA will be asked to update KAPS membership list from this data before sending out the next newsletter.

Angela Wilkins gave the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) update. Angela wants us to liaison with school counselors (KCA), KY Association of School Social Workers (KASSW), as well as KPA and the KY Mental Health Coalition. Angela reminded us that KDE reorganized into student, family and community factors. Angela wants to re-do the school psychology handbook. She added as an interesting note that when Dr. Bill Cody (KY Education Commissioner) was Superintendent of Montgomery County Schools in Maryland, Kevin Dwyer (NASP President) was his school psychologist. Angela also mentioned that there is now a SAFE Schools Handbook for violence prevention that can be accessed as www.hssc1.org. Another publication available is Direct Assessment and Safety Plans: Suggestions and Recommendations for Success. Angela stated that there would be a safe schools conference, Workshop # 22. Presenters will be Bill Scott, KSBA Director of School Safety and Student Support Services and Dara Bass, KSBA Director of Policy and Procedures Services. Nov. 16th will be a workshop for a \$10.00 fee entitled Youth Symposium on Violence. Angela also mentioned that there are 2 school psychologist openings in Floyd County. Angela stated that there will be an interdisciplinary committee developed to discuss what constitutes "appropriate and qualified personnel" in school psychology, counselor, and social worker positions. There may be school psychology associates without supervision and this is of concern. There is also continuing concern over the vague term and role of the new designation "behavioral consultant".

The Past President report was given by Alan Mullins. Alan wanted to point out that school psychologists are NOT defined as instructional leaders. Prior to being administrators, we had no opportunity to discuss why we are needed and why it would not be beneficial to be placed on limited contract. A 1993 memorandum states that school psychologists cannot legally be SBARC chairpersons...it is a federal mandate. It was mentioned that the wording in the Operations and Procedures manual needs to be changed. There is a proposal of developing a flow chart of who's a voting member and who's not. There needs to be a KAPS organizational structure developed for EC. KAPS needs to publish positions and those who need work. Joe Bargione proposed KAPS come up with a network of school psychologists to be supervisors in all regions of the state so they would be covered with supervision. It was also mentioned that KAPS recruit superintendents to recruit other superintendents to hire school psychologists.

Update on 1999 conference and spring training: Ray Roth, President Elect, stated that the Model Schools Project is the best training he's ever received. There are nine sites across the state of 2 years training on appropriate discipline models school wide. Next year, these schools will be unveiled at the Safe Schools Conference. The top trainers have tentatively agreed to come present at the 1999 KAPS Convention pending some other presentations coming through that they are doing in this area at that time. They are Randy Sprick and Micky Garrison from the University of Oregon school psychology department. Next year's conference will be in Northern KY.

Laura McGrail is on the board of the KY Autism Training Center (KATC) and wants to do a survey of KAPS members. She wants to know their concerns about training, topics, graduate courses, etc. Autism is underrepresented in KY. Questions are: Should we diagnose initially? Should we take leadership in this area? CEC vs. school psychologists' reports on autistic children ...are they discrepant? KATC is more concerned with assisting kids already identified but Laura wants to address identification issues of who can diagnose? KATC can assist in training and we can be represented in autism decision-making policies.

Joe Bargione gave a NASP report. School psychologist and ECU Professor Jim Batts is running for secretary of NASP. Joe urged everyone to vote through the Communique for Jim. The NASP Conference will be held April 6-9 in Las Vegas. There will be a booth at the conference of each state's school psychology organization history. Some of this information is located in the archives at Spalding University. This next year, Kentucky's gift to NASP for the Children's Fund auction will be Angela Wilkins mother's afghan quilt. The NASP Southeast Regional meeting in November will consist of training focusing on responding to school crises and strategies for expanding services for children and families offered by NEAT: National Emergency Assistance Team. NASP will provide training on tolerance curriculum and Deborah Crockett will be presenting this on Friday. KAPS will pick up payment for the Southeast Regional training for the President and NASP delegate. Debbie Anderson made a motion to use the funds for this purpose and Alan Mullins seconded it.

Laura McGrail announced that Susan Lane is the new executive secretary for KAPS. Her number is 502-831-5010. She is located with Laura in Henderson Co.

There was some discussion of the possibility of a role reversal in the future of KAPS past president and the president-elect related to conference planning. There was also discussion that perhaps there should be a designated executive director for conferences that takes solely that position year to year. It was also mentioned that KAPS might fund the president to attend affiliate conferences. Joe Bargione volunteered to co-chair or seek another co-chair to follow-up on developing the proposed executive director of conferences position. KAPS members agreed this should be done.

Alan Mullins made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Michelle Gadberry seconded it. Respectfully submitted,

Ruth K. Bewley, KAPS Recording Secretary