

KAPS

Kentucky Association for Psychology in the Schools

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 1985 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The Executive Council of KAPS met at Northern Kentucky University in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, following the workshop by Janet Graden on Learning Disabilities. The meeting was called to order at 1:25 p.m. The following EC members were present: Bob Illback, Marcia McEvoy, Bill Knauft, Bruce Wess, Joe Zins, Charlene Ponti, Cookie Cahill, Alan Kite, Joe Zins, Bobbie Burcham and Pat McGinty.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY/NASP DELEGATE: Pat McGinty distributed the minutes from the December meeting; they were reviewed and approved. Pat reported on the Mental Health Coalition's plans for a Mental Health Fair in Louisville in May. As NASP delegate, Pat reported on the candidates for the next NASP election, the Eighth International School Psychology Colloquium in Southampton, England in August, the new Task Force on Multicultural Affairs, and the status of other committees in NASP. Since Bob Illback will not be at the NASP Convention, Charlene was recommended to represent KAPS at the Southeastern Region meeting.

TREASURER: Alan Kite reported that there is \$2657.89 in the treasury at this time. There was some discussion concerning reimbursing EC members for travel at the rate of .15 per mile for EC meetings, legislative activities or special meeting to represent KAPS. Alan is to put together a plan that can be considered at the next EC meeting. EC members were requested to send Alan a projected budget (e.g., supplies, phone calls, typing, mailing, etc.) by April 1st.

PAST PRESIDENT: Joe Zins reported on the by-laws revisions which were amended as follows: include CPD Committee and Mental Health Coalition as a liaison; if an officer resigns, the EC will appoint someone to fill the term by a simple majority vote; membership cutoff at 4 months; added a non-profit statement to Section 1; and the Past-President will conduct the election. The revised by-laws were unanimously adopted by the EC. Joe will disseminate the revised by-laws to the membership for acceptance and conduct the upcoming KAPS election.

PRESIDENT: Bob Illback provided the EC with an update on the revision of the KARS. It is projected that they be ready for approval by the Kentucky Board of Education meeting in June and reviewed by the LRC this summer. Bob reported that the issue of counselors doing the testing in Kentucky school districts has come under consideration recently because of a legal opinion in January 1985 that certification had been circumvented. He has testified on Administrative certification for school psychologists and the technical problems of the Kentucky Essential Skills Test. Bob reported on the status of the Educational Reform Report and proposed remedial programs. As proposed grades 1-2 and possibly 3-4 will have smaller class size than special

education classes. Special education students have been systematically excluded.

ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Peggy Harrell was not able to attend the EC meeting. Bobbie reported that the Ethics Committee has 5 new members who will meet the third week in April. They are considering using the ethical complaint procedure format of NASP. Bob Illback reported that the KACD proposes to enforce their ethics code by dropping the member from the roll and making public or informing the employer. There are possibly some legal implications that need to be considered with this procedure.

LIASON AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Ronda Talley was unable to be present. Bob reported that the LPR Committee is currently creating a poster on school psychology to be sold at conventions. KAPS and KPA will jointly develop a consumer's guide to psychological services.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Cookie Cahill reported that the Legislative Committee has been contacting legislators to discuss unit funding and the new school psychology handbook. There are plans to meet in the near future with KASA to discuss legislative issues. KAPS is an affiliate of the new Special Education Coalition which will be lobbying for educational needs of the handicapped. The proposed changes to KRS 319, the psychology licensing bill were discussed. The Legislative Committee will be seeking comments about the proposed changes from KAPS members.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Charlene Ponti reported that the Program committee is joining EKU in sponsoring a Summer Institute on July 9-10. Cecil Reynolds, Steve Demers, Randy Kamphaus and John McDonald will be the presenters. The estimated cost for the Institute is \$1500-2000. Workshop fees were set as follows: 1 workshop - \$30 (non-member - \$45); 2 workshops - \$45 (Non-member - \$65). 65-70 persons attended the Institute last year. There was some discussion of the future involvement of KAPS in the Summer Insitute, with consideration of endorsing, rather than co-sponsoring it. While the EC is highly supportive of this program, there is a need for guidelines to establish fees comparable with other states and reduce liability. EKU will be the site of the 1985 KAPS Convention on October 3-5. The Committee has a questionnaire to be utilized in selection of the site for the 1986 convention. It was felt that it would be difficult to go through the site selection process for this year. Charlene will draft a list of 5 possible speakers for the Fall Convention. Cognitive Behavioral Counseling and Pre-Referral Intervention workshops will also be offered. There was some discussion of lengthening the convention to include either Friday evening or Saturday afternoon, but no decision was made.

NEWSLETTER: Marcia McEvoy reported that the newsletter would be 8 1/2 by 11 with larger print and the table of contents on the front cover. There will be several articles on learning disabilities in the next issue. Peggy Harrell would like a list of newsletter editors.

MEMBERSHIP: Bobbie Burcham reported that KAPS now has 138 members.

She distributed a list of the people who were interested in serving on the various committees. KASA is to type up the membership directory. The new membership certificates are to be mailed. There was discussion of a membership drive.

It was decided that the EC will hold its next meeting on June 17 at the University of Kentucky in Lexington at 5 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Submitted by Pat McGinty, Secretary

