

KAPS

Kentucky Association for Psychology in the Schools

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KAPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The EC of KAPS met at Northern Kentucky University following the workshop presentation by Thomas Hodenshil. The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronda Talley, Robert Kruger, John Murphy, William Knauf, Lois Biemrohr, Jim Batts, Karen Carey, Lynn McCoy-Simandle, Judy Brettschneider, Betty White, *Joyce Stevens*

Secretary: Minutes from the December 1, 1986 EC were approved without change. As KPA liaison, Bob Kruger apprised the EC of a recent communication to KPA from APA Division 16. The communication requested nominations of three to four "state representatives" to that division. These representatives were required to be current Division 16 members. The EC agreed that this would greatly limit the available pool of KAPS members who might qualify for these positions, but the EC asked that Bob further investigate this matter.

Bob also reported the highlights of his representation of KAPS at the NASP state leadership meetings conducted in conjunction with the NASP convention in New Orleans. He indicated that the bulk of the time was a sharing of each state's major undertakings, concerns, and priority issues. He indicated that he perceived that many states are struggling with issues and concerns comparable to KAPS' (egs., long range planning, developing political adeptness, role definition and expansion, membership involvement, certification and CPD issues). On the basis of what he heard at these meetings, he concluded that KAPS was at least as mature and focused as the majority of other state associations.

Liaison and Public Relations: Lois Biemrohr had the new KAPS pins available for sale to the membership. Given the limited interest that the KAPS booth has generated at other organizations' functions, Lois suggested that we could probably get as much visibility for KAPS in other ways. She suggested that we concentrate on getting our KAPS brochure included in the conventions/meeting materials of targeted groups, along with a "souvenir pencil" with the KAPS name on it. No objection was raised to this suggested PR strategy. Lois also suggested increased concentration in getting state news/articles into NASP communications and other state association newsletters. In liaison matters, KAPS continues to have active involvement in the Ky. Mental Health Coalition and the Ky. Coalition for the Handicapped.

Legislation: Ronda Talley indicated that in the next legislative session of the Ky. state Legislature, organizations with interest in legislation for the handicapped will be lobbying for funding for H.B. 241. Ronda suggested that KAPS needs to make an effort to see that the "related services" provision of that bill is targeted for full funding. In other matters, she reported that the "common

Finally, Jim reported on the State Consultant Meetings held in conjunction with the NASP convention. Jim indicated that three issues emerged as primary concerns to state consultants: 1) best practices pertaining to the three-year re-evaluation provision of 94-142, 2) dealing with nationwide personnel shortages in school psychology, 3) best practices for internships (i.e. standardization of experiences, sites, requirements, etc.). NASP has been asked to provide funds to study these issues. Jim will be serving on a committee to investigate the personnel issue.

Past President: No nominations had yet been received from the general membership for the positions of secretary and president-elect.

Continuing Professional Development: Bill Knauf and Judy Brettschneider would assume the duties of co-chairpersons for this committee. They were requested to secure the CPD materials from the past chairperson and to make recommendations to the EC for the resolution of whatever troubles may have resulted from past problems in the management of this committee.

NASP Delegates: Ronda Talley, reporting for Bill Pfohl, announced that NASP would sponsor legislative awards for state legislators nominated for outstanding support to school psychology. She also indicated that Bill Pfohl and herself would be attending the NASP-sponsored Regional Conference on Long Term Planning to be held in Atlanta, Georgia June 19 to the 21st.

President: Ronda indicated that there had been a poor response from membership in regard to the KAPS retreat scheduled for June 6 and 7 at Cumberland State Park. The EC concluded that, in lieu of an immediate meeting on long range planning, it may be best to look at a summer date for a meeting focused upon priority legislative concerns for KAPS. Lynn McCoy-Simandle and John Murphy agreed to develop a survey to assess the membership's perspective on issues potentially important to KAPS long range planning endeavors.

As KASA liaison, Ronda indicated that she and Dwayne Miller were successful in getting KASA to include funding for 25 additional school psychology positions in that organization's legislative platform. Support for elementary counseling will also be a priority, but not with a stipulated student-to-counselor ratio. KASA is also evaluating the fiscal viability of KASE. On a final point, Ronda indicated that she had apprised Alex Thomas, NASP president, of KAPS' role in promoting the special funding for school psychological services. He expressed a special interest and asked that NASP be sent a copy of our newsletter so that their leadership can be updated on this matter, as well as the other activities of our association. ~~With somewhat of a tone of relief,~~ Ronda announced that this was the last EC meeting at which she would function in the capacity of president.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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July 9, 1987

Dear EC Member:

Please review the enclosed minutes from the last EC meeting prior to our upcoming meeting on July 17th. Note any needed corrections.

Thanks,

Bob Kruger/cjs