

KAPS EC

MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 25, 1986  
KAPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The EC of KAPS met at the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Ronda Talley, Cookie Cahill-Flower, Marcia McEvoy, Lois Biemrohr, Patsy Thompson, Carolyn Brown, Sue Hoagland, Jim Batts, Bob Kruger, John Murphy, and Bob Illback.

Secretary: Minutes of the May 8, 1986 EC meeting were approved without amendment. As KPA liaison, Bob Kruger apprised the EC of his concern about a motion passed at the May 9, 1986 KPA Executive Council meeting to establish an ad hoc committee "to look into the issue of minimum standards for qualification to administer psychological tests in the schools." Bob was not in attendance at the KPA meeting at which this motion passed, but according to the minutes, it was adopted in response to a discussion about the proposed certification of school guidance counselors for the administration of psychological tests. Bob expressed concern to Ronda Talley immediately after receiving the KPA minutes which mentioned the ad hoc committee proposal. Of specific concern was if and how KAPS representation would be assured on any such committee. Bob reported that following his conversation with Ronda, Ronda called Sheila Schuster, KPA president, for clarification. The KPA president assured Ronda that no KPA ad hoc committee had in fact been established of yet and that she would see that KPA worked closely with KAPS on any concerns about standards and qualifications for psychological assessment in the schools. Bob and Ronda indicated to the EC that they would jointly meet with Sheila Schuster to further discuss this issue.

Liaison and Public Relations: Lois Biemrohr reported that we exhibited at the KASA conference in July and that we plan an upcoming exhibit for the CEC convention in November. She expressed concern about the lack of vitality of the KAPS booth when we do not have representatives personally interacting with conference attendees. More emphasis needs to be put on recruiting volunteers and developing ideas for how to promote school psychological services at meetings.

Lois indicated that a design has been developed for a KAPS membership pin, and that she will be encouraging membership to get involved in PR activities at the local level (e.g., becoming acquainted with and working through local school district PR personnel, writing or reprinting articles for local papers that promote the work of school psychology.)

Lois was commended by President Talley for her notable PR efforts in securing proclamations for the convention from the Governor's office, the Louisville mayor's office, and the Louisville judge executive's office. Also related to PR, Ronda reported that the KAPS poster was close to production. KAPS has incurred no costs in regard to this project to date. However, we will need to purchase the paper for the poster. Bob Kruger moved, and John Murphy, treasurer, seconded to allocate up to \$500 for the supply of paper that would be needed.

Legislation: With Cookie Cahill-Flower assuming the KAPS presidency in 1987, and with Randy Kamphaus' recent move to the University of Georgia, a new legislative chairperson will need to be appointed. Ronda asked EC members to contact her with the names of any potential appointees to this very important position. Cookie announced that the advisory committee for the consortium proposal was to be chaired by Bob Illback and planned to meet on Tuesday,

September 30. Jim Batts, State Department of Education consultant, was asked to comment further on the advisory committee. He mentioned that the decision to establish this committee came after consultation with the legislative review committee, the principal planners of the proposal, and State Department of Education personnel. The committee will be composed of eleven individuals, six of which will be school psychologists. The most immediate goal of the committee will be to develop an application package for local school districts. Jim expressed concern that the most difficult task facing the committee may be attracting the suitably qualified personnel needed to fill the positions that will be available.

On other legislative/regulatory matters, Jim commented on the final provisions of the certificate endorsement for guidance counselors to administer individual intellectual assessments. Those guidance counselors currently certified for this function will no longer be certified after September 1, 1989, unless they receive 9 hours of specified graduate training. Guidance counselors not currently endorsed can be endorsed upon completion of 12 hours of specified graduate training.

Jim also indicated that the "Over and Under - Identification Committee" had made its report to the State Board of Education, and that one thing their work suggested was the need in some situations to look more closely at the assessment qualifications/procedures followed by providers in the identification of educational handicaps. Related to this, Jim indicated that the Department of Education would be putting together a handbook for assessment practices.

Program: Carolyn Brown and Sue Hoagland, with acknowledgement of the notable assistance received from Ronda Talley, announced that everything was in order for the 5th Annual KAPS Convention. The EC expressed its optimism over what appeared to be a quality program of workshops and paper presentations. Carolyn asked for EC input for the traditional winter workshop sponsored by KAPS, and following discussion, it was agreed that Tom Hohenshil would be contacted to make a presentation on vocational assessment. Northern Kentucky was tentatively determined as the site for this workshop.

Ethics Committee: No report

Newsletter: Marcia McEvoy announced that the deadline for the upcoming newsletter would be October 6. She asked that all correspondence be sent to her home address. Some suggestions for future "theme issues" were discussed, among them: psychological counseling approaches/techniques, vocational assessment, and grant writing. Marcia announced that reporters had been assigned to cover convention sessions and that these would be reported on in the upcoming newsletter.

Membership: Patsy Thompson announced that KAPS had 81 paid members. These included only those individuals who had paid subsequent to June, 1986. Due to some confusion about the due-date for establishing current membership, Patsy was asked to offer clarification of the membership status issue at the General Business Meeting to be held the following morning. She indicated that the membership directory would be updated and revised, to include phone numbers, as soon as the membership roster was more complete. It was suggested that perhaps a membership application could periodically be published in the newsletter.

Treasurer: John Murphy, newly elected treasurer, reported that the application process for tax exemption for KAPS was in process, following in the wake of KAPS' recent incorporation. Any tax savings derived from tax exempt approval would be retroactive and would save KAPS several hundred dollars in this year's convention expenses. John stressed that it was his understanding that the IRS closely scrutinizes tax exempt accounts, and he asked all EC members submitting bills to give a detailed itemization of expenditures. John announced that the current KAPS balance was \$4,238. The EKU Summer Institute netted a profit of \$197. At the close of his report, Ronda Talley asked John to contact Alan Kite to determine if we have articles of incorporation that need to be kept in a secure location.

Past President: Bob Illback reported that with the assistance of Charlene Ponti, the recipients of this year's professional practice awards had been selected. He indicated that there were at least three nominees for awards in each of the five areas. He expressed his view that the work of all the nominees was laudable, but that those selected for awards ranked the highest when assessed independently on the selection criteria determined by Charlene and himself. Ronda asked Bob to formalize the evaluation criteria for the awards so that these could be used in future award selections. Other matters involving the past president had been covered at previous points in the meeting (i.e., the consortium proposal and the counselor testing issue.)

Continuing Professional Development: No report. Ronda informed the EC that she would be pursuing a replacement to head CPD activities. A couple of potential candidates for this position were discussed.

President: As KASA liaison, Ronda announced that there had been no executive board meetings since July. She indicated that Bob Illback had received KASA's Leadership Award in school psychology at that body's summer conference. She also announced that she would be serving on the KASE board of directors (the professional development and training arm of KASA) for the upcoming year. Ronda further reported that Joe Zins had attended a long-range planning retreat of the Ohio School Psychologist Association and had some ideas that he would share with KAPS, as we plan to become involved in our own long range planning. After some discussion, it was decided that Ronda, Cookie Cahill-Flower, and Bob Illback would put together a long range planning committee and would propose a specific course of action in regard to this undertaking at the winter EC meeting. Ronda informed the EC of an APA-sponsored public relations institute which she recently attended that focused on marketing psychological services in the schools. The institute involved a structured format of interaction and discussion between psychologists and educators. She questioned whether KAPS may want to pursue something similar in the near future. After discussion, it was decided that any new major undertakings of KAPS should be an outgrowth of the long range planning endeavor. Ronda reminded the EC that Cookie Cahill-Flower would be assuming the KAPS presidency in July, and she reminded the secretary that new stationery would need to be printed as soon as new chairpersons of some of the committees were finalized. She also asked the secretary to have more "certificates of recognition" printed.

NASP Delegate: No report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Robert Kruger  
KAPS Secretary