MINUTES FOR 9/25/91 KAPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The KAPS Executive Committee meeting was held at the home of Sue Hoagland on 9/25/91. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Pfohl, Bob Kruger, Pat McGinty, Bob Munroe, Cookie Cahill-Flower, Sue Hoagland, Connie Adams, Michelle Ashton, Mike Walters, Lessa Billings, Jim Batts, Libby Jones, Paul deMesquita, Dan Miller, Mike Morris, Mike and Sharon Kieta, Skip Cleavinger

SECRETARY’S REPORT: (Skip Cleavinger)

- distributed the minutes of the August EC meeting to each of the members. Cookie indicated that the minutes failed to mention an important component of the dues increase motion. Bob Munroe stated that we would have an "operating floor" in the budget which would be that amount of money needed to operate for 1 quarter (approximately $2500). Any amount above that would be returned to the members in some form (e.g., workshop offerings).

Cookie asked that the minutes be amended to reflect this component. The minutes stand amended. No other changes were indicated to be needed.

Motion to approve minutes as amended was seconded and passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: (Bob Munroe)

- distributed Year End and 1st Quarter Report. According to the Year End Report, total income from 7/1/90 through 6/30/91 was said to be $11,157.92. The total expenses during that period was $11,015.76. So, we essentially broke even. Total assets, as of 6/30/91, indicated to be $7,554.48.

Based on the 1st Quarter Report, total income between 7/1/91 and 9/225/91 was 942.34. Much of this income was due to the August workshop receipts. Our expenses during that period were $2,102.16. Bob expects that we will be in much better shape following dues collections over the next two days.

- motion to approve the treasurer’s report was seconded and passed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Committee Goals for 91-92. Bill Pfohl indicated that we should come back to this item.
2. Topics for future EC meetings and workshops. Bill indicated that November's meeting will feature Jim Barkley from the University of Kentucky speaking about his comprehensive assessment device. Other topics suggested were: WISC-III introduction, EBD Regulations, an update on ADHD's place in special education assessment and service delivery. Bill mentioned that schools are required to make modifications for children diagnosed with ADHD under Section 504. It is not at this time a categorical label under IDEA. Jim Batts stated that NRSP has drafted a position paper against the inclusion of ADHD as a categorical label under IDEA.

The consensus of the EC was that Elizabethtown or nearby areas is a good central location for these workshops/meetings.

3. Election of two regional representatives. The reps for the Central and Eastern regions resigned. Two people have expressed an interest in filling these spots. The elections will be held during the regional meetings Thursday afternoon at the conference.

4. Replacement for Karen Collier, Chair of the Legislative Committee. Connie Adams indicated an interest but wanted to know more about the position.

5. Business Meeting Agenda. Bill asked that each committee present goals for the 91-92 year. The creation of the Associate membership status will be discussed at this meeting as well. A mail-in vote will be required for this issue.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: (Bob Kruger)

- passed around a list of the previously established goals. Indicated that he would like to go through each to see which ones need to be eliminated or revised, and to establish ownership for each.

Goal #1 Expand the provision of quality of school psychological services to meet the needs of Ky's children and youth.

- Bob stated that he felt this goal to be relevant still, and the group concurred. Action plans have been implemented, but they are behind the set timelines. A survey asking who provides psychological services has been sent to the districts. 137 of 177 were returned; more analysis is needed. Paul deMesquita may solicit help from grad student. The EC agreed that this is a viable goal.

Goal #2 Establish clear procedures for the review of psychological services.
Bob Kruger indicated that we need a clear goal statement for this goal. Lesa stated that in accreditation procedures, there is currently no procedure for review of psychological services. We, therefore, need to establish a review system we can recommend to the Dept. of Education. In discussion of this goal, Mike Kiefa stated that the Dept. needed to put forth a means of evaluating psychological services and a levels of services needed for a district to pass accreditation. Bill Frohla suggested that we look at other states' evaluation plans for ideas. Lesa indicated that this had been done. Paul deMesquita indicated that it would be nice to go ahead and develop a model to give the Dept. when they are ready to write evaluation procedures. Bob Kruger then stated that a final action plan toward this goal might, then, be a draft. Bob asked Lesa to review this goal again to see if action plans need to be revised and send a report to him.

Goal #3: Establish KAPS as an effective organization for representatives of School Psychologists across Kentucky.

- Pat McGinty and Stacey Keck are those responsible for this goal. Pat indicated that some of the action plans had been pursued. Paul deMesquita asked if this goal represented internal or external representation. In meeting this goal, will KAPS promote School Psychologists to the outside (outreach) or will it provide services and representation within itself to each of its members. It was indicated that when the goal was developed, it more an internal thing. But Bob indicated that there is need to get the word out about our services, particularly to legislative and other powerful groups. It was suggested that a survey be developed to poll the membership on this issue. Bob asked that Pat and Stacey continue to move on the goal with a focus on how KAPS is serving Ky. School Psychologists. Michelle Ashton volunteered to help.

Bob Kruger stated that it would be defeating to take on too many goals. Rather, we need to prioritize and select a couple.

Goal #4: Recruit and train more School Psychologists to work in Ky.

- discussion indicated that this continues to be a relevant goal as long as there is a 1/12,000 ratio. Jim Batts indicated that KAPS has no generic brochure on the field to send to undergraduate programs. EKU has a brochure which it sends. Lesa Billings continues to keep a list of openings, and students can call to get it. Jim Batts indicated that it is also the district's responsibility to advertise well. Bob Kruger asked if more effort needs to be made to draw out of state people in as well. Jim Batts indicated that this goal does not fit into any of the established committees.
Bob Kruger concluded that if the individual training programs in the state continue to work on recruitment and training, maybe this is not a viable goal for KAPS at this time.

Other goals:

- the goal to reduce the school psychologist to student ratio to NASP recommended levels was delayed;

- the goal to provide school psychologists with access to administrative certification has been "frozen." KAPS testified before the state board and we were reportedly grandfathered in.

- this prompted Lesa Billings to state that the Office of Certification indicated that they would try to drop some of the areas of certification. Thus, if the State Board of Psychology could oversee the certification of school psychologists, the Dept. of Ed. may drop its certification. The EC agreed that it should be a primary goal to seek to retain School Psych. certification through the Dept. of Ed., Office of Certification. Lesa will help along with Mike Norris and Dan Miller. Action plans need to be developed.

- the goal regarding developing a working familiarity and a liaison with governmental and community agencies is being implemented. We do have liaisons to several agencies and associations, but we need more. It was indicated that this may be too broad a goal. The Legislative Committee may want to study some government agencies to determine which warrant a liaison.

- Dan Miller will pick up work on the goal of promoting awareness of school psychology among decision and policy makers.

- Sharon and Mike Kieta indicated that the goal of providing a means documenting CDP credits is DONE! Regarding a professional library, Mike Kieta said that housing is a problem. Lin Cook may be able to help in getting it set up. Paul deMesquita suggested that a bibliography of resources be developed. The state just gave universities lots of books and materials.
Capping up the discussion of Goals:

- we will eliminate goals regarding school psych. ratios, liaison to gov. and community agencies, and CFO documentation.

- considered "up in the air" are the goals regarding recruiting and training school psychologists. Bob asked if Jim Batts would consider reviewing this goal and cutting some of the action plans.

Bob Kruger stated that he will be the "Goal Czar" and seek to keep things on track.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Pat McGinty)

-stated that there were no new nominations for School Psychologist of the Year. Bob Kruger and Connie Adams were nominated. Bob Kruger declined, so Connie will be Kentucky's representative.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Michelle Ashton from the PR/PI committee stated that the mugs were not ready yet. The pens were in, as were the clip boards and clocks. The EC set the prices for each ($7 each for clip boards and clocks).

- Mike Kieta stated that the '92 conference will be in Bowling Green at the Executive Inn. The rooms are $40 for either a single or double. Seventy-five rooms need to be booked in order for us to receive the meeting rooms free of charge. The subject has not yet been decided. It will occur the last week in September.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Skip Cleavinger
KAPS Secretary