

LSPA Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Hilton Hotel, Lafayette, LA

Date and Time: November 5, 2014; 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Elected Officers			
President	Candice Dozier*	Region III	Brandon Wilks *
President-Elect	Chavez Phelps *	Region IV	Stephen Arnold *
Past President	E. Francoise Parr*	Region V	Michael Ortego*
Secretary	Katherine Wickstrom*	Region VI	Jamie Smith
Treasurer	Nancy Alleman*	Region VII	Annie Holmes *
Region I	Debra Duhe*	Region VIII	Amber St. Martin*
Region II	Fran Gilliland *	Quorum = 7	
Standing Committees			
NASP Delegate	George Hebert*	Student Rep.	Dania Lewis
Child's Services	Amber St. Martin*	Nom. & Elections	Vacant
Prof. Development	Vacant	Public Relations	Keever Hoffman *
Govt. Relations	Chavez Phelps*	Publications	Conni Patterson *
Membership	Paul Anderson *	Spons. & Exhibit	Vacant
Fiscal Advisory	Nancy Alleman*	Webmaster	Megan Medley *
State Delegate	none	Historian	Vacant

I. Call to Order

6:02 p.m. by President Candice Dozier

II. Attendance

EC/Committee Chairs Present = * (above)

Other members in attendance: Yael Banai, Michele Boudreaux, Amy Childress, Beth Freeman, Mickey Mack, Julie Pickle, Erin Powell, Rachelle Schuck, Sam Tingle, Jennifer Tonglet, Steven Welsh.

III. Old Business

- a. Minutes. Candice noted that a call was made on 8/27/14 to approve 8/1/14 EC meeting minutes; vote to approve with the addition of interim votes to accept minutes. Minutes were posted on website.
- b. Addition of interim votes to minutes. Candice provided update that on 10/1/14 the EC voted and approved via email to add special voting to the proposed changes to the bylaws allowing for alternative meetings and voting (conference calls via video or phone and email), based on NASP guidelines. The membership was given notice of the update through the website and email.
- c. Update on advocacy plan. Candice indicated that we accomplished all items with the exception of Capital hill day/advocacy day, which is pending next legislative session; Chavez indicated the EC plans to revisit plan with Nate von der Embse.

- d. Advocacy Day. Keever and Chavez relayed to group that a future Advocacy Day will be scheduled to go to state capitol in Baton Rouge.
- e. Operations manual. Candice encouraged EC and members to take time to review the Operations Manual before business meeting on 11/6/14.
- f. LSPA was paid \$100 for an email blast for an electronic daily report card by Dr. Joshua Rosenthal, a child psychologist in New York.

IV. New Business

- a. Conference reminders and issues. Candice noted an extra presentation added (Evan Dart); notice will be posted near conference table. Candice questions if any issues needed to be addressed. Lights were issue but resolved.
- b. Introductions of new EC/Committee members. Candice welcomed the new webmaster – Megan Medley; LSUS student Emily Ezernack and Nancy will continue to assist with website as needed; Region III representative – Brandon Wilks.
- c. Treasurer's Report. Nancy provided Treasury report as of October 31, 2014 (attached).
- d. Regional Representatives
 - i. Region I – Debra reported she received donations for silent auction.
 - ii. Region II – Fran: nothing to report.
 - iii. Region III – Brandon: reporting he continues to send email blasts.
 - iv. Region IV – Stephen: no new business; numbers reported as 43 school psychologists and 31 employed school psychologists: 37 LSPA members, 5 retired members, 4 retirees who are no longer members, and 3 nonmembers.
 - v. Region V – Michael: nothing to report; four school psychologists from Calcasieu at LSPA!
 - vi. Region VI – Jamie Smith: nothing to report.
 - vii. Region VII – Annie: nothing to report.
 - viii. Region VIII – Amber: nothing to report; still many positions open in districts.
- e. Committee reports
 - i. NASP Delegate – George Hebert reported that two weeks ago he went to Birmingham for regional meeting. During the meeting, the NASP Practice Model was stressed; George asked to what extent has LSPA adopted? Francoise indicated that LSPA has already adopted it. NASP wants to encourage state associations to continue to embed NASP Standards and Model into practice.
 - ii. Child Services – Amber St. Martin reminded everyone that silent auction is Thursday night; Among the donations received were a vacation in beach house (Fran) and other high end prizes (Region I). Amber provided a rationale for choosing *Families Helping Families* as recipient in that this agency reaches all corners of state; bidding starts on Thursday during Cajun Fiesta.

- iii. Professional Development – Candice noted the position is currently open.
- iv. Government Relations – Chavez noted the position is vacant for next year. Also reported that EC met with Nate von der Embse to develop an Advocacy Plan; Chavez reviewed objectives and what we have accomplished: 1) made contact with *Families Helping Families*; 2) letter to superintendents; 3) Capitol Hill Day (discussed earlier).
- v. Membership – Paul Anderson reported that we have many new members.
- vi. Fiscal Advisory – Nancy reported LSPA bought 4 projectors; registration fee for conference was increased as necessity because we've been in the red for past conference years. Nancy presented discussion that we remove SP non-member category. Candice indicated that in bylaws there is additional category; confusion was noted on registration form.
- vii. State Delegate – vacant position.
- viii. Student Representative – Daina Lewis was not in attendance, as she was at the Student Social; Bonni Nastasi discussing international school psychology and Nate von der Embse discussing advocacy.
- ix. Nominations & Elections – vacant position; it was noted that we need nominations for officers.
- x. Public Relations – Keever reiterated that she is contacting legislators for spring meeting at state capital.
- xi. Publications – Conni Patterson invited everyone to submit to newsletter; needs submissions ASAP for first week in December distribution.
- xii. Sponsors & Exhibits – vacant position. Amber noted Western Publishing donated assessment instrument for auction; WP is interested in coming to conference next year in 2015. Question from member with procedure of other vendors getting involved at conference. Candice replied that vendor should contact president or sponsor/exhibits chair. Nancy suggested we may possibly develop a way for publishers to apply/pay on website; local vendors may be appropriate.
- xiii. Webmaster – Megan reported that the website platform is easy to work; Mickey is videotaping some of the sessions and hopes to get on website for members to view.
- xiv. Historian – vacant position.

f. Other discussions

- i. Increase conference size. Mickey presented idea of increasing size of conference by possibly making it a Pupil Appraisal Conference to include social workers and educational diagnosticians; using a targeted approach. Keever reported she sent letter about LSPA conference to LEDA, speech pathologists, and Social Workers. Chavez indicated a fear of losing identity; might be best to call it a School Psychology Conference and Pupil Appraisal. Steve Welsh reported that a PA Superconference was held in past that didn't work. Discussion that LSPA needs to be the premiere conference for training opportunities with content targeted to attract other professions, even non-school based. Stephen noted that Candice has already made positive efforts; Nancy noted that several private practitioners at conference this year. It was recommended to continue to have training sessions on Friday with broad appeal to others (e.g., ADOS, PREPARE). Candice indicated that she did target private practitioners this year (who were also NASP members).

- ii. LSSP. Steve Welsh reminded everyone about tomorrow's LSSP session. He communicated that he would make brief comments about LSSP; review survey data by licensed psychologists; review current application process. He would also review some issues: 1) Magellan may not be renewed for reimbursement of Medicaid; lobbying effort made forth to EC; anyone getting LSSP working for school district would get reimbursement; 2) law carefully crafted to develop independent licensure in only public, charter, private schools; 3) there are some potentials to expand access of school psychological services outside schools.

Meeting adjourned. 6:58 p.m.

Louisiana School Psychological Association
Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2014

Balance on Hand as of <u>July 31, 2014</u>		<u>\$4835.93</u>
Conference	<u>\$15290.00</u>	
Dues	<u>\$</u>	
Total Receipts	<u>\$15290.00</u>	
Checks Number <u>1326</u> To <u>1336</u>	<u><\$4009.09></u>	
TOTAL INCOME for the months of <u>August – October 2014</u>		<u>\$16116.84</u>
List Any Interest	<u>\$</u>	
List Administrative Charges	<u><\$ ></u>	
Bank Fees	<u><\$ ></u>	
Checks Printed	<u><\$ ></u>	
Total Fees and Bank Charges		<u><\$0.00></u>
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF <u>October 31, 2014</u>		<u>\$16116.84</u>
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT		<u>\$11656.28</u>
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF <u>October 31, 2014</u>		<u>\$27773.12</u>

Legislative Action Fund

Balance Brought Forward		<u>\$1154.58</u>
Receipts	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Disbursements	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Balance to Date	<u>\$1154.58</u>	

Special Projects Families Helping Families

Balance Brought Forward		<u>\$0.00</u>
Receipts	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Disbursements	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Balance to Date	<u>\$0.00</u>	