

Winter Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 4, 2011

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Richard Bondy as District 3 Director by Marcy McKendry. The motion was seconded by Gail Logan. A motion was made to accept the appointment of Nicole Westendorf to District 3 Director by Susie Boggs and seconded by Lynne Hall.

President Shawn Grime called the OSCA board meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the proposed meeting agenda for the winter board meeting with flexibility. The motion was made by Marcy McKendry and seconded by Debbie Gray.

A motion was made by Brandi Cooper to approve the minutes from the September 10 - 11 2011 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Christine Kunkle.

Upcoming dates

- i. Feb 7-11, 2011 National School Counselor Week
- ii. April 12, 2011 Legislative Advocacy Day
- iii. May 20-21 Spring Board Meeting
- iv. June 23-24 ASCA Delegate Assembly
- v. June 25-28 ASCA Conference

Governance Process Policies Review

- Members expressed approval of rules and roles of the governing board

Leadership: The Dancing Man video

- How a movement gets started
- A leader must nurture the first few followers
- Leadership is over-glorified, there is no movement without the first follower
 - What we need to keep doing? What we need to stop doing? What we need to do different?

Executive Committee Reports

a. Legislative Report (Towner Policy Group/Rhodes)

- i. House Bill 30 - Education summary and overview with the election of Governor John Kasich.
 - ratio of 250 to 1 is no longer mandated, but recommended (every ratio is an example of the "standard" but with understanding that it is not a mandate).

- definition of school counselor remains in the HB 30.
- discussed possibly sending a letter with our appreciation of being recognized in terms of a definition of school counselor in House Bill 30.
- Calamity days is another issue that has come up and it is being recommended that the 5 day allowed will be re-instituted.
 - Discussion took place regarding STRS and the future of our retirement.
- ii. Discussion took place about going through the proper channels of governance in terms of advocacy of our profession.

b. *Membership Report*

- i. Our membership is at approximately 1820

c. *Administrative Assistant Report*

- i. If you have a district workshop coming up, and you need a banner, contact Alison to use and return in May

d. *Public Relations*

- i. National School Counseling Week
 - a letter from Shawn was sent to all active members with a special gift. Discussed different things counselors do to advocate for school counselors within their own district.
- ii. Legislative Day
 - brochure created to give to legislators about the role of school counselors
 - providing talking points for attendees to have before meeting with legislator
 - Thank you follow up letter to legislator
 - Put info on website
- iii. Advocacy Day
 - Sending a congratulations letter to all newly elected officials with info about OSCA and the role of school counselors
- iv. Advocate newsletter - 4 issues to 3 per year
- v. School Board presentation power point template task force
- vi. Membership
 - We will continue offering significant member discounts for AOCC
 - Potentially increasing workshop fees in order to offer significant reduction for members
 - Member discount on OSCA merchandise
- vii. Prospective Members
 - Contact non-members who attended conferences/workshops by sending email informing of OSCA benefits and significant discount in fees

ix. Current Members

- Conversion program that would possibly include: welcoming phone call, automatic survey, welcoming email?
- Consider increasing contact with current members through monthly newsletter, member survey, open discussion on Network, certificate congratulating counselors on monumental anniversaries in practice and/or membership?

x. Lapsed Members

- Consider increasing our efforts to contact expired members
- Survey why past members to find out why they don't renew
- Win back program highlight what has happened since membership has lapsed

x. Award and Grant winners

- Send press releases to local newspapers of the winners (include place on application to list local newspapers)
- Recognize on website and in monthly newsletter
- Send a letter to the school districts administration to place in employee file

e. *Grants and Awards*

- i. Encourage counselors to apply for a grant proposal. (Deadline June 1)
- ii. Discussion took place about what to do for a grant awardee who is moved positions/districts. Should we remove grad students from applying for OSCA grants due to the transient nature of their future positions. Possibly add a disclaimer to the application that it needs to be co-signed by their internship supervisor and that supervisor is responsible for fulfilling the goals for that particular grant.
- iii. RAMP Applications are due October every year. We need to consider having a timeline for scholarship applications. (We allow funding for up to 5 schools in the budget).

f. *Educational Initiatives Report*

Letter written about what school counselors have been doing for race to the top.

g. *Governmental Relations*

- i. A discussion took place regarding bullying and how it ties into our curriculum for a purpose of fulfilling the public need to know what role school counselors play in prevention and intervention.

Saturday, February 5, 2011

Presentation: Shannon Wagner, Military Initiatives

Education Specialist, US Army, Recruiting 614.693.2937

Education Enlistment Credentials

- Do not give the misconception that the Army will take “anyone”.
- Huge push for African American enlistment to increase African American Leadership

- Department of Defense mandates that 90% of Soldiers graduate from a “traditional” brick and mortar high school (Tier 1)
 - Traditional public high school, job corps, 15 semester-22 quarter-675 clock hours, home school students scoring 50 or higher ASVAB (test everyone who wants to join the military takes) ¼ of the kids who take the ASVAB do not pass
- In 2010 63.9% of enlistees scored a 50% or higher on the ASVAB
 - 63.5% of enlistees scored between 31-49 on the ASVAB (31 is the minimum score for joining the military)
- Only 10% of our enlistees can be from online high schools (ECOT or Digital Academies, GED, or accelerated “drop out” schools) (Tier 2)
 - It costs a quarter of a million dollars to put a person through the military
- Tier 3 schools not allowable (schools that people pay money to get a degree, not the credentials)
 - The military can’t be your last option for kids who don’t have any of the credentials to be successful in the military

Education Benefits

- Loan repayment (up to \$65,000)
- Montgomery GI Bill (up to \$48,000)
- Post 9/11 GI Bill (\$80,000 +)
- Army College Fund (up to \$34,200 MORE)
- Concurrent Admissions Program (ConAP)
- Tuition Assistance (\$4,500 per academic year)
- \$161 million in tuition assistance in FY08; more than any other organization in the country

ASVAB - Student Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery , March 2 Success is online test prep to help kids pass standardized tests. Free enrollment:

www.march2success.com

ConAP - Concurrent Admission Program

Presentation: Kimberly Gormley, OCAN Vice President

5013c nonprofit, set up like an association

Goal: help students pursue and complete education beyond high school, with a particular focus on low income students and those who are first in their families to go to college.

- www.ohiocan.org
- Program Development overview
- Sustainability overview
- Advocacy overview:
 - For Students and Professionals:*
 - College 101 - The “all about college magazine (2x’s a year)
 - The Collegium - regularly published policy briefs to stay in the know
 - College-going Messaging - KnowHow2GO!
 - Advisor Training and ongoing Professional Development opportunities
 - For Programs/Initiative:*
 - Funding through competitive grant opportunities
 - Technical Assistance on program development, relationship building, grant-writing and more
 - Access to Federal AmeriCorps funding
 - Advocacy with National and Satewide Funders, Business Leaders, Colleges and Universities, Elected Officials, Appointed Government Leaders
- KnowHow2GO campaign: www.knowhow2go.org, OCAN/KnowHow2GoOhio.org, auydameair.org (spanish)
 - Target audience is 8th - 10th graders first generation college students
 - Be a Pain in the behind
 - Push yourself
 - Find the right fit
 - Put your hands on some cash
 - Ambassadors - blog for help with questions
 - Request materials through the website and order toward the end of the school year

District Director Reports

a. *Status of Workshops*

b. *Concerns/Needs/Feedback*

- Debbie considering doing a monthly or bi-monthly newsletter as a way to provide professional development
- If a traditional workshop doesn’t work out, get creative with how you would coordinate professional development/sharing (Coffee shop/breakfast group)

Graduate Student/University Relations Report

a. *Graduate Scholarship* - ? about 1 \$1,000 or 2 \$500, who is in charge of scholarship selection? Form a task force? Shawn will email and put together a task force, finalize the draft scholarship application.

Financial Report

a. *Approval of 2009-2010 End of Year Fiscal Report*

b. *Current update*

- We are in a good financial position. Numbers were reported out.
- Discussed putting some of the money in cash reserves.
- Need to work out some kinks on collecting for district workshops.

c. *Approval of Treasurer's Report* - will email the report or place on google docs

Professional Development Report

a. Webinars (more promotion of them), survey going out to all counselors asking what topics would they like to see addressed through the webinars. Goal: 2 to 3 webinars a year.

b. Graduate Credit - available through our website. Anything we do, we can have them do graduate credit through our website (only a one time deal and only a benefit for a member of OSCA)

Presidential Reports

a. *President Elect Report (McGarvey)*

i. Mid-West Region Meeting in Chicago

b. *Past President Report (Boggs)*

i. Election/Emerging Leader Update

c. *President Report (Grime)*

- Study to assess the current school counseling job market in Ohio

d. *Past President Report (Boggs)*

- Odd number districts up for election or re-election
- We need Pres Elect and Treasurer
- District 5 is Lynne - she is leaving ?
- Nicole running for first term
- Gerianne Cumo was appointed running for first term
- Terry Wood running for first term
- Deb Gray up for re-election
- Sara Williams up for re-election
- Email Susie what you are running for. By-laws state Susie has to post one week after Spring Board meeting. Nominations by Feb. 28.

- President Elect - please consider! Don't stop momentum. Talk to district members to consider running. We each have something to contribute.
- Packets on Google Docs and will be posted on website.

Adjournment

Brandy made a motion to adjourn, Susie Boggs seconded the motion