

## Fall Board Meeting

Friday, September 16, 2011

President Eileen McGarven welcomed OSCA attendees and gave us an ice-breaker assignment.

### **General Meeting**

We began with an icebreaker. Eileen introduced Nicole Miller, district 2 rep (an online school). Motions were made for Nicole Miller to be accepted as district 2 rep and for Dakota King White to resign. A motion was made to approve minutes from LDI.

Amanda Sines gave the legislative update regarding Senate Bill 5 reform, new Legislators, OSCA's insight into Insight into Cyber-Bullying, Instruction on Anti-Bullying, Minimum School Year, and State School Board Heffner as new Superintendent.

Susie Boggs contributed re: Washington and Massachusetts about having many resources for School Counselors in terms of advocacy.

### Guest Speaker: Linda Knicely Liason from the Statewide College Access Training, Ohio College Access Network:

Shared information about OCAN. A discussion took place about the term "guidance counselor" being used vs. School Counselor.

Sean Grime discussed where grant money from OCAN was going in his school district: student newsletter. He also shared information about the All-Ohio Counselors Conference. We discussed the grant that OSCA will be offering for scholarships and how to go about requirement for application.

Shawn showed up step by step how to sign in to google docs and post the leadership report

Thomas deHaas brought up P-19 and what districts are doing to promote this.

Sara Williams shared our advocate update.

Grants and Awards: a discussion took place about the awards we give out, how we can better solicit more response for nominees.

Professional Development: Bullying took lead in what the need most represented. A discussion took place about using webinars to provide professional development. A discussion took place about credit flexibility. Judy is working hard to help facilitate the

roll out of information regarding credit flexibility.

University Relations: Survey discussion took place about what happens when we get a request for information to complete a survey.

Question from Sean: Are colleges getting feedback about a lack of jobs in counseling - a discussion took place about the flood of counselor educators needing jobs in our area.

LDI follow up

Policy Governance overview: Kathy Goins

Reviewed the Article: *Ten Questions to Ask When Invited to Join a Board*

Who are we serving? This question leads what actions we will take as a board. Everyone brings things to the table for the benefit of us all.

Work Plan

## **OSCA 2011-2012 Work Plan**

**OSCA will facilitate professional development opportunities in areas of relevant issues to all PSCs both w/ district & the state**

- Continue AOCC planning, prep, holding it
- OCAN/College Board Workshops: make sure workshops are made relevant to all school counselors
- Continue LDI
- District director-Do homework by checking email, start discussion on OSCA network
- Encourage district members to use the Board members a resource ie: credit flex, etc....
- Summer Institute???? Judy shared information about the past Summer Institute as we are considering reinstating a Summer Institute. A discussion took place then about offering one on the topic of Bullying and do a share and swap by grade level.
- We want to continue to offer graduate credit/CEU's for professional development

**OSCA will provide relevant and current information and professional**

**development to enhance school counselor's knowledge, skills and professionalism.**

**Maintenance:**

- Hold 2011 AOCC (President)
- Initiate preparation and planning for 2012 AOCC (President-elect)
- Hold 2011 LDI (President)
- Initiate preparation and planning for 2012 LDI (President-elect)
- Provide professional development opportunities in addition to the AOCC (Professional Development Committee)
- Publish the Advocate Newsletter (Advocate co-editor/PR committee)
- Continue to enhance the website by providing up-to-date, relevant information (Past-President)
- Continue providing for college credit/CEU's at professional development events (Professional Development committee)
- Continue to provide outreach to counselor education programs through classroom presentations (University Relations/Professional Development)

**New Initiatives:**

- Create a job description for the Professional Development Chair and committee (Professional Development Chair)
- Create a job description for the Educational Initiatives Chair (Educational Initiatives Chair)
- Investigate the possibility of offering a Summer Academy focused on providing support for schools going through the RAMP process (Professional Development committee)
- Is the information that we provide current?
- Reconfigure how we send email blasts and as many as possible that would relate to the upcoming advocate.
- Marketing strategies for educators?
- Send an advocate to each school district with the intent to be placed in the teacher's lounge.

**OSCA will proactively obtain, evaluate, communicate and impact legislative policy that pertains to school counselor and child advocacy.**

**Maintenance:**

- Continue to contract the services of Towner Policy Group for Lobbying support
- Collaborate with OCA to implement a Legislative Advocacy Day

**New Opportunities:**

- OSCA will create a bill that will provide job responsibilities, ratios, and an evaluation process for school counselors and take the steps to get this legislation passed and funded.
- OSCA will write and push forward a law that mandates School Counselors at all levels with a 250:1 ratio (funded!)
- OSCA will build close relationships with legislative members on both sides of the aisle.
- OSCA will continue to build relationships with ODE and advocate for an ODE Director of School Counseling.
- Mandate curriculum and evaluation
- Own the turf on bullying
- Push for consistent language and change the definition to include all instances of aggression, not just repeated
- Become experts on bullying and educate legislators/ODE/District Attorney, create board position
- Push for a statewide bullying program, an option like OCIS
- Take a position on year-round school
- HB 191-provide info that could create a statewide attendance policy and create consistency.

### **OSCA will promote professionalism & ethical standards in school counseling.**

- Utilize OSCA scene to post ethical dilemmas to create response/discussion.
- Educate Boards of Education, administration, teachers, and parents of our professional role and ethical standards.

### **OSCA will develop strategic partnerships to cultivate and enhance the school counseling profession.**

#### **Maintenance:**

- Continue to participate in the Ohio Learning First Alliance
- Continue to establish communication and relationships with ODE

#### **New Opportunities:**

- Presenting at state/local conferences (TBD)
- Create program to present at state and local conferences (PR committee/Professional Development committee)
- Provide materials to offer to partners' conferences (Administrative Secretary)

- Focus on partnerships at local levels
- In Stark County, focus on needs in areas of legislation and advocacy by spotlighting OSCA
- Intentionally speak about counselors/counseling between each meeting at meeting/newsletters/articles, etc...
- District Representatives partnering with University Educators to promote OSCA

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New Business

K2 drug update and bath salts - shared awareness  
Ideas for freebies at the OSCA booth for all Ohio

Treasurer Update

No major updates to report, mileage will be reimbursed later, keep track