

**Florida Association of School Psychologists
Annual Business Meeting
Omni at ChampionsGate
Orlando, Florida
October 30, 2008**

I. Call to Order –

The meeting was called to order at 11:09 a.m. by President Josh Lutz.

II. President's Report – Josh Lutz

President Lutz thanked the membership for their support and pointed out the many accomplishments of the organization during the past year.

He noted that currently there are 876 members of FASP and that there are 515 registrants attending the Annual Conference.

Lutz showcased, in a PowerPoint presentation, some key points related to these accomplishments. He spotlighted the activities of the Legislative, Response to Intervention, Crisis Planning, Emotional Behavioral Disabilities and Autism Task Forces. He spoke about the Professional Development Blueprint and how the task forces are working to provide a planned sequence of professional development for their area.

Lutz indicated that FASP, through the Legislative Platform and the efforts of the Legislative Committee and our Lobbyists, Bob and John Cerra, worked to promote Anti Bullying Legislation, remove Amendments 5, 7 and 9 from the Florida Ballot, intensified efforts to have Corporal Punishment banned from the public schools of Florida, and nominated a FASP Member to the Suicide Prevention Board. He reported appearing on television, radio and in newspapers discussing banning corporal punishment in school and in support of anti bullying legislation

Lutz spoke about FASP's efforts to influence and support the implementation of the Florida DOE's SLD Rule Revision. He stated he has been in weekly contact with DOE Consultant David Wheeler and has met with Bambi Lochman, BEES Bureau Chief, to request and propose modifications to the rule. He stated that FASP strongly supports the implementation of RtI and the SLD Rule Revision in the state of Florida.

Lutz listed FASP's advances in technology as online registration for professional development activities, conducting elections, electronically transmitting the newsletter and the expansion of the FASP Flash as timely methods of communication with the membership.

Lutz indicated that FASP has supported specific districts facing reductions in force through written and oral communications and support for maintaining psychological services, through school psychologists, for Florida's children and adolescents. FASP has prepared communications for use by other districts facing similar retrenchment.

Lutz thanked his wife and children for their support. He also thanked Malcolm Thomas his supervisor in Escambia County, along with Clark Dorman, Gene Cash, and David Wheeler for their guidance. Briley Proctor and Amy Endsley were also recognized by Lutz as having received his Presidential Award.

Lutz thanked his Executive Board for 2007-2008 and the staff from his district for their support.

He thanked Michelle Darter, Conference Committee Chair, and her committees for their diligent work in making this a very successful conference.

Lutz stated he was looking forward to the coming year when he would be Past President.

III. Past President's Report – Bob Templeton

Templeton reported he has located and secured future sites for the 2009 Summer Institute (Sarasota Ritz Carlton) and the 2010 Annual Conference (Miami Hilton).

He reported that, as chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, for the first time the election was completed online. He announced the results of the election as follows:

President Elect: Mark Neely

Secretary: Gail Patterson

Treasurer Elect: Amy Endsley

IV. President Elect's Report – Brad Underhill

Underhill recognized his Conference Chair Michelle Darter. He thanked her for all her hard work and for a successful conference.

He has attended many professional meetings on FASP'S behalf including training on MLA at NASP. He has also been on television and radio representing FASP.

He introduced his FASP Executive Board for 08-09 to the FASP membership.

V. Secretary's Report – Gail Patterson

Patterson directed the membership to the visual presentation the minutes from the October 2007 FASP Annual Business Meeting. She requested corrections. None were forthcoming. She stated there would be a motion to approve the minutes.

VI. Treasurer's Report – Amy Endsley

Endsley presented a Financial Balance Sheet to the board. She stated that the contracts for events, including rooms, were negotiated far in advance. They did not account for the budget shortfalls we have experienced in the state which have dramatically effected school districts. She also stated that because of these and other unseen events we have a shortfall of \$82K..

President Lutz indicates that he and Underhill are taking this shortfall very seriously and have implemented budget cutting measures and a spending freeze for the Executive board.

VII. Action Items Related to Officer Reports

Motion #1– Move to approve the FASP 2007 Annual Business Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Leighton

Second by Jackson

Discussion - None

Motion passed

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

Jackson asks if the Executive Board has approved the NASP Position Statement. He is answered by Lutz in the affirmative. Jackson requests that we publicize this action.

Several Bylaws Amendments were then presented.

Motion #2 - Move to amend Article V Section 1 as follows

- 1- There shall be an Executive Board of FASP consisting of the officers of FASP, Committee Chairpersons, DOE Consultant, FASP Children's Services Fund, Inc. Liaison, NASP Delegate, and the **FASP Committee of Continuous Existence Liaison.**

Motion by Gammara

Second by Lazarus

Discussion

Motion Passed

Motion #3 – Move to amend Article VIII Section 1 with the addition

“R. The Student Representative Committee shall consist of at least three members of FASP. The Chairperson shall be designated by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. It shall be the function of this committee to represent and advocate for the Student Members of FASP.”

Motion by Leighton

Second by Donelson

Discussion – The mention of 3 people refers to the number of members on the committee.

Friendly amendment. - add “**and NASP provider status.**”

Amendment by Cash

Motion Passed

Motion #4 - Move to amend Article VIII Section 1 with the addition

“S. The CEU Coordinator Committee shall consist of at least three members of FASP. The Chairperson shall be designated by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. It shall be the function of this committee to maintain FASP provider status, interface with the Department of Health and C E Broker, enter all CEU offerings and attendees on the CE Broker website, and advise FASP Members regarding Continuing Education requirements.”

Motion by Leighton

Second by Darter

Discussion – these belong

Motion Passed

Motion #4 - Move to amend Article XII SEAL Section 1 as follows

1. Two seals of the Corporation are retained by the Secretary and the **President Management Firm** and include the words, "Florida Association of School Psychologists, Inc."

Motion by Merrell

Second by Proctor

Discussion – none

Motion Passed

Motion 5- Move to amend FASP Bylaws in Articles where the words “mail” or “mailing” appear add the words “**and/or electronic**” or “**and/ or electronically**” to indicate the method(s) of communication.

Motion by Merrell

Second by Proctor

Discussion – none

Motion Passed

IX. Passing of the Gavel

Lutz stated that it was his pleasure to pass the gavel to Underhill. Underhill thanked Lutz again for all his hard work and presented him with a plaque commemorating his presidency.

X. Adjournment

Underhill comments about the theme for the conference as empowerment and that our jobs require us to empower others.

The meeting was adjourned by President Underhill at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Patterson, Secretary