



Ohio Association of Pupil Services Administrators

Report of the Executive Director

December 7, 2018

The following is a brief summary of the activities I participated in between September 28, 2018 and December 7, 2018. Further details are available upon request.

In early October, I learned that OAPSA's request to be accepted as a member in the National Coalition of Personnel Shortages in Special Education and Related Services had been accepted and I got connected to their network to receive their communications. I also made arrangements for our OAPSA President Paul Kidd to participate in meeting for members of that group in early November.

Also in early October I finalized our new OAPSA Store through Lands End Business Outfitters. OAPSA members are now able to buy anything at the store with our OAPSA logo on it. You will see sale items available at our company store also. Here's information you will need to browse what's available and what's on sale and, if desired, place your first order.

Our Company Name: OAPSA

Store URL: <http://business.landsend.com/store/OAPSA>

The first time you enter the store by going to the web site listed above, you will want to set up your user name and your password that is unique to you.

There are various types of clothing for men and women and also some other items available to you. Everything you order will come with the OAPSA logo on it and be sent to the address you designate. Different items go on sale each week so I encourage you to check the store often to see what's on sale!

During October 14 - 17th I attended the National Association of Pupil Services Administrators' 53rd Annual Conference in Covington, Kentucky. I set up our OAPSA Display at the conference and we had an OAPSA ad in the NAPSA Conference Program. The sessions were lively, interactive and pertinent. I had a chance to speak to other pupil service administrators from other states at the conference including ones from states of New York and Illinois who were interested in starting up an organization similar to OAPSA in their own state and I offered my assistance. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful dinner on our Riverboat Cruise and overall it was a wonderful event. I heard many compliments from many different individuals indicating how lucky Ohio is to have OAPSA and the wonderful relationship that OAPSA has with our state department. One of the things that was emphasized at the NAPSA business meeting at the conference was the Liability Insurance that NAPSA offers. So that is a wonderful perk that is

paid for with your membership to NAPSA – so there's no additional cost beyond your membership fee to NAPSA.

In late October, I participated in another meeting of the Ohio Department of Education Related Service Shortage Workgroup. That was our 6th meeting and while we are making excellent progress on our short term, medium term and long-term goals we determined that our work needed to continue beyond the time span originally thought.

In late October, I also arranged for Talia St Clair, one of our OAPSA members, to attend an Executive Board Meeting of the Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) held in early November in Mississippi. Talia shared her experiences with our Executive Board and we have arranged to have Dr. Luann Purcell, the Executive Director of CASE, speak to our membership at our upcoming May conference.

I attended OCALICON and the Special Education Leadership Conference from November 13-16 and set up our OAPSA display at that conference. Members of our OAPSA Executive Board along with me talked with interested individuals about OAPSA membership at that conference. I also attended the presentation that our Executive Board members presented for new pupil service administrators and it was a huge success.

On November 27, I attended both the Executive Committee and the Governing Board Meetings of the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities. Effective January 1, 2019, OAPSA will now once again be representing the statewide organization on that Executive Committee.

On November 29, I attended the State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC) and we heard updates on:

- the rule revision process for Ohio's Operating Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities regarding Transportation.
- Doe Settlement Agreement
- Alternate Assessment Workgroup,
- Early Childhood, and
- STABLE Accounts (which we will all hear about this afternoon)

I also obtained door prizes for our conferences that include a one night stay at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center where our 2 day February Conference will be held and dinner for new Administrators in the areas of Pupil Services will be held as well as a book from CASE. Those door prizes will be given away today at the conclusion of the presentation on the Short-Term Solution to the School Psychologist Shortage.

I also did research on the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup on School Funding and sent information about the history of the group and webinars on the work of sub committees out to membership.

I visited two additional potential conference sites in the Columbus area to compare facilities and prices with our current conference sites.

On a continuous basis, I have also maintained day-to-day email and/or phone contact with the OAPSA Executive Board members, providing input or taking on and completing assignments as directed, and responding to members and other's contacts.

I have extra copies of our membership flyers and I encourage you to take some or forward the electronic versions we send out to you to your colleagues in your region who aren't currently OAPSA members and spread the word about the great benefits of being OAPSA members.

I want to commend our OAPSA Executive Board Members for all their dedication and all the work that they do and their assistance and support that they provide to me and to all of our OAPSA members.

Respectfully Submitted,

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