



Ohio Association of Pupil Services Administrators

Report of the Executive Director

February 28, 2020

The following is a brief summary of the various activities of the OAPSA Executive Director December 3, 2019 – February 26, 2020. Further details are available upon request. In my role as OAPSA's Executive Director I:

- Followed up on OAPSA's Ambassadors' Progress and explored Ambassadors hosting sites for CASE Hybrid Conference in 2021
- Added new posts on OAPSA's LinkedIn Account 4 times
- Consulted with Angie Vickery from Indiana CASE. They have formed a Dispute Resolution Group to look at Indiana's procedures and compare to surrounding states. A few states are known as **two-tiered**, meaning that the losing party at a **due process** hearing appeals to the state first. States, including Kansas, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, and South Carolina, with this **second** appellate level are known as "**Two-Tier States.**"
- Updated PowerPoint Presentation about OAPSA for February Conference
- Provided 5 names of OAPSA members for an ODE Stakeholders' meeting on PBIS, Restraint and Seclusion (Proposed Changes for 3301-35-15) for ODE to consider and sent messages to all 34 members who indicated willingness to participate. ***Thank you to Stacey Spencer for preparing the report we sent out to you early this week about the results of that training and for the overwhelming response for that request for volunteers. We had over 30 members respond willing to be involved within 19 hours of the request.***
- Sent out information and also had posted on website about **The John Opperman Outstanding Contribution Award to recognize a member of OAPSA who has contributed greatly to our profession. Deadline for nominations is March 15, 2020.** Consider nominating one of your peers for this well-deserved recognition.
- Consulted with **Mia Buchwald Gelles about the Annual National Autism Conference** coming up in June 2020. Primary audience is educators
- Prepared a Resolution Honoring Dr. Luann Purcell due to her approaching retirement as Executive Director with CASE
- Met with Bernadette Laughlin, new Related Services Education Program Specialist at OEC, to review the work and final report of the Related Service Personnel Shortage Workgroup

In addition, I attended and participated in the following meetings:

- OAPSA Executive Board night prior to OAPSA conference
- National Coalition on Personnel Shortages in Special Education and Related Services on January 9, 2020
- State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC) - January 30, 2020
- ODE's OEC's Facilitated Stakeholder Meeting to discuss proposed rules for the Operating Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3301-51-02, 03, 04, 05, 09, 10, 21 – February 24 and 25, 2020
- Invited to join and meet with a workgroup for Improving Educational Opportunities organized by Rep. Cupp and Rep. Patterson to identify, develop and advance possible solutions to equity in funding and equal access in connection with deliberation on HB 305 in the 3 key areas of
  1. Broadband connectivity (at school or home);
  2. Access to rigorous curriculum and coursework; and
  3. Shortages of personnel (related services personnel and hard-to-staff subjects) – Feb. 20, 2020

I participated in the following Professional Development Activities

- ASHA Virtual Town Hall Meeting: Attract Prepare and Retain School Based SLP's – Dec 9, 2019
- Inclusive Practices that Support Learners with Complex Needs by OCALI - Dec. 10, 2019
- Attended CEEDAR Educator Shortages in Special Education Toolkit Webinar – January 21, 2020

Continuous: 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.

Being on the OAPSA Executive Board is really an exciting adventure and I encourage all OAPSA members to consider opportunities to run for an office for OAPSA and/or volunteer to be part of our committee work or an OAPSA Ambassador. Being a part of the OAPSA Executive Board was one of the best decisions I ever made professionally. So please give thoughtful consideration to taking on more of a leadership role in OAPSA.

Respectfully Submitted,

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