## **SDASP Executive Board Agenda**

December 7, 2012: DDN at various locations

Meeting called to order at 12:13 p.m.

Members Present: Aberdeen: Maria Meyer & Jennifer Burkett, Wagner: Kristi Kafka & Ericka Kotab, Rapid City: Stephanie Nesselhuf, Anita Winter, Renee Arnio, CoraLee Alley, Curtis Middleton Vermillion: Nick Benson, Lennox: Kari Oyen and Cara Sommerlot, Watertown: Alyssa Larson.

- Secretary's report (Alyssa Larson); Motion to approve by Anita Winter. Seconded by Kristi Kafka.
- Treasurer's report (Kari Oyen); A profit was made on the 2012 conference. Tax exempt status- Retroactive Reinstatement- SDASP received a fee back for getting paperwork done quickly. Current Balance motion to approve by Jennifer Burkett, Seconded by Stephanie Nesselhuf.
- Area Representative reports
  - West (Renee Arnio): On Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Renee will be attending a meeting with the Learning Disabilities Association in Chamberlain to collaborate with other organizations.
  - Central (Amanda Wilson): Sped reviews are being conducted. One recommendation is "less is more" for our reports. Be careful about recommendations. South Central Cooperative welcomed School Psychologist intern Darla Brandt. USD continues to send quality students.
  - Southeast (Cara Sommerlot): There is a concern on how we evaluate students who are ELL and how you address ELL on the SLD form. There was a sped review in Lennox. The recommendation was to continue to do good skill-based assessments-especially in the area of behavior.
  - Northeast (Maria Meyer): Sped reviews were conducted on several schools. Be careful about what you put on paper for recommendations. Be aware of anything that might implicate the district to money, do not make specific references to curriculums, etc.

## Other Reports

- NASP Delegate (Anita Winter): Curtis, Anita, and Stephanie attended the NASP Regional Meeting on November 9-10. Sally Bass president-elect and Amy Smith current president were speakers. Attendees worked on strategic themes and getting consistency throughout the nation. Attendees shared information with other states. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> are NASP elections. SD position is up this year. Feb. 12-15<sup>th</sup> is the NASP convention in Seattle, WA. There will be a South Dakota gathering. SDASP got a compliment from another state on our SDASP newsletter. Thank you to CoraLee for all of her work with the newsletter.
- SPAN/GPR (Ericka Kotab): Those interested in this area met at the SDASP Conference. Discussion was held on updating our SDASP brochure. We could try to do one that is reproducible, professional-looking, and one that you could possibly access from website. The committee could also highlight a principle from the NASP domains in the newsletter. The SDASP directory needs updating. Another idea was that SDASP could sponsor or donate a door prize to USD Symposium. The committee would also like to enhance the relationship between USD and SDASP. To do list: Focus on Domains 1 and 2 of the NASP practice model. Send an email to school psychologists across the state and respond to Erin who will put together an article for the newsletter. Update directory. Develop ideas as to what we want on our SDASP brochure.

Legislative Alert-Cuts in education. On Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Congress will be voting. 4.1 billion dollar cut. Congress's largest cut ever to education. 7.5 million students will lose services. 51,000 jobs will be cut. Go to NASP Advocacy Education Center-Send an email to your legislator to know that we will oppose those cuts.

Ideas to increase membership: Divide dues into payments? Cross referencing the NASP to SDASP members. There are about 65 people who are NASP members and not SDASP members. Send an email to let them know we are NASP approved providers. NASP has found that personal contact has

made the most impact to increase membership. NASP has noticed clear trends in terms of membership. Kristi will partner up with Ericka to look at the list of NASP members and contact those members. They will start off with an email, follow-up with a letter, and then possibly a call. We could possibly add in an updated brochure. Crystal Elliott volunteered to remake that brochure. By Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> they will have a letter out to those members. Dec. 21 is the deadline to give input for the brochures.

- Webmaster (Jennifer Burkett): She has updated the website with new trainings. Email trainings or job openings to Jennifer and she will put them on the website.
- Newsletter editor (Coralee Alley): Reminder: Winter Newsletter deadline is Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, with the estimated time of publishing of Jan.15<sup>th</sup>.
- USD Student (Shelia)-No report.
- USD Faculty (Dr. Benson): Students are getting more involved in SDASP. Intern and practicum students are placed in South Dakota this year. Give Dr. Benson information about internship openings as soon as you know about them. All interns except for one are paid this year. Eleven students will be looking for internships next year.

### Old Business

- Combine SDASP membership fee with registration for next year to promote increased membership.
  Be careful about how this is worded.
- NASP does have a training for lobbying in Washington D.C. This training has been very valuable. It is good to send someone every few years. Is anyone interested in this training? It would be good to train one of our own members. NASP meets with their Congressman or aid to begin this process. This is the public policy institute. Possibly send younger members from the GPR committee. Make sure it is a person who is dedicated to staying in South Dakota.

#### **New Business**

- SDASP budget for purchasing shirts, zip drives, mugs, etc. Stephanie and Curtis looked over merchandise ideas. Post it notes, pens, and zip drives.? Motion by Kari Oyen \$300 or less, Anita Winter seconded this.
- Parent discount for conference attendance/Local agency attendance (discount?) Discussion was held to keep the conference for school psychologists. We could offer specific trainings for parents on other dates.
- o Children's Day at the capital sponsorship. February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Motion to sponsor at the \$250 level by Cara Sommerlot. Seconded by Maria Meyer.
- Facebook page? Twitter Account? At this time, discussion was held to not have separate SDASP accounts. SDASP members are encouraged to access the NASP accounts.
- o 2013 SDASP Budget Approval Motion by Kristi Kafka to approve. Kari Oyen, Seconded it.
- USD Faculty as a voting member discussion. Make the faculty member a voting member instead of the student member. This item will be tabled to the April meeting.
- NASP Regional information from Omaha, NE: Affordable Care Act-SDASP should watch this because it has a big impact on our jobs. There was legislation that included school psychologists listed as providers that could be billed for Medicaid services. Now each state will look to see who is involved on that bill. We should continue to monitor to make sure school psychologists are involved on this. If school psychologists are not included, other providers could come in and bill school districts for their services. South Dakota is already a state where school psychologists can be billed for Medicaid.

# Next meeting: Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>,2013 at 11:00 (MST) via DDN

Due to technical issues the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Alyssa Larson, SDASP Secretary