FASP General Business Meeting

Minutes

October 15, 2025

11:30-12:15

Meeting was called to order by president, Joe Latimer at 11:30

Welcome Address

Joe Latimer welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the agenda. All board members were recognized as well as members of the conference committee. Door Prizes were presented.

School Presentation

Gene Cash presented a check from CSFI for $1000 to the principal of Tarpon Springs Elementary, a local school. The school psychologist assigned to the school was also present.

Ethics Addressed

A statement was read by Joe Latimer from the ethics committee that addressed the scheduling of the conference during Jewish holy days. The statement read as follows:

"I want to take a moment to acknowledge an important matter regarding the scheduling of our 2025 Annual Conference. Unfortunately, the dates of this year's overlapped with religious observances within the Jewish Faith-Specifically, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. We recognize that this overlap may have created barriers for some of our members, and we want to express our sincere apology for any inconvenience or sense of exclusion this may have caused. "

"Conference hotel selection is an extensive and complex process that requires balancing many factors, including hotel availability, contract deadlines, venue capacity, school district calendars, state testing windows, and national conference dates. Despite our best efforts, it may not always be possible to avoid all religious or cultural observances. We recognize the importance of being mindful of these observances and remain committed to

fostering an environment where every member feels welcomed, respected, and represented. Moving forward, we will consult interfaith and multicultural calendars earlier in the hotel selection process to help minimize potential conflicts, with the constraints of the many factors that influence operations. We appreciate everyone's understanding, your grace and your continued dedication to FASP."

Secretary Report

Susan Hatcher presented the General Business Meeting minutes from 2024. The Secretary moved to accept the minutes as presented on the website, in an email and on the FASP Conference App. Liz French seconded the motion. A quorum was clearly established, and the meeting minutes were approved unanimously. The executive board meeting minutes are now available on the website and will be uploaded regularly so that members can be aware of the board's activities. The board met 10 times during the past year and completed the approval of 25 motions related to budgeting and research requests, among other things. The work of the Website Workgroup has culminated in the redesigned website that has been online this year.

Treasurer's Report

Amy Randall presented the 2024-2025 budget that indicated a shortfall of $22,000 mainly due to low membership. The total expenses are listed at $149,648. The current budget year indicates that the total expenses to date are $54,473. Amy moved to accept the budget as presented with one correction in the location of the comma. Joan Kappus seconded the motion. A quorum was clearly established, and the budget was approved unanimously.

Past President Report

Alicia Scott presented a written report which was read by Joe Latimer. The past president is responsible for the Bylaws Committee, Nominations and Elections Committee and the Annual Conference Site Selection. There were no changes or amendments made to the By-Laws this year. The Nomination and Elections obtained nominees for 7 open board positions. They were as follows: President Elect, Regional Reps in the Northeast, Southeast and West Central regions and three positions for the CSFI board. The elections concluded, and all nominees were elected to the board. Lastly, the Annual Conference Site has been selected as the St. Petersburg Hilton for the 2026 FASP Annual Conference. The contract will be presented to the board shortly.

President's Report

President, Joe Latimer, in his report emphasized his efforts in the following areas: Visibility, Collaboration and Professional Development. He reported that efforts were made to target

communication with districts across the state, reach out to people whose FASP membership has lapsed and to work closely with organizations such as Equality Florida and the Florida Counselor's Association. He also worked with state leaders in other professional organizations. In the area of professional development, the board has adopted the Beacon platform to offer PD virtually as well as continued support for in-person opportunities. The next in person conference for 2026 will be in St. Petersburg at the Hilton.

President-Elect Report

President-Elect, Amy Clark outlined her efforts this past year toward learning about the board and the role of the various board members and committees. She worked closely with the conference committee to bring forth this exciting week of professional development. She supports the advancement of the FASP mission and attended NASP's public policy institute. She received advanced training in the knowledge of what school psychologists do for the schools we serve such as through mental health grants. She worked toward building a framework to support the board members by advancing FASP's mission through visibility, impact, and professional growth initiatives for the board's activities and the membership as a whole.

Passing of the Gavel

Joe Latimer passed the gavel to Amy Clark, the 2025-2026 president of FASP. Amy thanked Joe for the professional development opportunities available this year at the Summer Institute and as the driving force behind the adoption of the Beacon platform for PD. He was presented with an IGNITE Award for his work as president of FASP this past year.

Vision for 2025-26

Amy Clark presented the theme for this year's conference and for the upcoming year as follows:

IGNITE the Future of School Psychology:

Inspire connection and belonging

Grow our workforce and strengthen our pipeline

Navigate policy and funding to expand access

Innovate through evidence-based practice

Transform systems through leadership

Empower students, families, and educators

Amy recalled how she stumbled upon school psychology as a major after having had a school psychologist as a professor. She reported that there is a thread of connection that is seen when we meet as a group to solve problems and then act.

The meeting was then adjourned at 12:16.