



Newsletter

OHIO PERSONNEL AND GUIDANCE ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last year, while the OPGA Executive Board was planning the annual conference, one enthusiastic board member blurted out "in one year we have moved from a makeshift conference to a mini-APGA conference." I agreed and now believe that what we have done with our conference, we must do with our organization.

Since OPGA was only created after the reorganization of APGA, it is historically a young organization. In its short history it has grown rapidly and assumed a wide range of duties and responsibilities. OPGA's primary responsibility has been to be Ohio's link to the Midwest Branch of APGA; and, in turn, to the national operation of APGA. Because of the efforts of Daisey Takacas, Don Frericks, and others who have devoted a great deal of personal time to this task, Ohio has been considered one of the leadership states in the Midwest and has been well represented at the national level. OPGA's regional and national efforts will continue and be increased.

OPGA's second function has been to contribute to the continuing professional development of its members. The work of Irene Bandy, Peg Mauter, Chuck Weaver and others in improving our annual conference is evidence of our progress in this area. This year's conference planners will try to make the conference more meaningful for school counselors and also attempt to include a wider range of workshops for higher education and non-school counselors. An expanded and improved newsletter, under the editorship of Chuck Hayden will also contribute to the professional growth of our members.

Three pressing issues now make it necessary for OPGA to assume an additional task of bringing the helping professions together in Ohio. The issues are the:

1. lack of legislation to financially support counseling in Ohio's schools and agencies.
2. poor public image of counselors.
3. ramifications of the recently passed psychologist licensing bill.

Many individuals, and some of our state and local branches, have devoted great effort to passing legislation financing counseling.

Others, individuals and organizations, have worked hard in trying to improve the public image of the counselor. The truth, however, is that we have never been organized on a statewide basis to coordinate our efforts. We have usually reacted instead of initiating. An example of this condition was the reaction of the helping professions to the psychologist licensing bill. Most OPGA members felt a need for licensing psychologists, because they wanted the quality of psychological services improved. Our profession, however, was not even well enough organized to know what was happening until after the bill was passed and only then did we realize that the bill had serious ramifications for the preparation and supervision of school counselors and even more severe ramifications for the practice of our members who are not in schools. This review is not intended to be a criticism of the people who preceded me as president of OPGA or of the officers of our state and local branches. It is simply a statement of the historical state of our organization and our present challenge.

What we need now is a strong OPGA which is the voice for all the helping professions in Ohio and is well enough organized to initiate not just react. To go back to where I started, OPGA must become a mini-APGA. This is not a process which will take place in one or even two years, but one that will be ongoing. This year we plan to build the foundation, the rest of the building will have to come in future years.

With the help of the Division of Guidance and Testing, we have started that foundation by initiating an organization which we are calling the Council of Presidents. Now included are the presidents of OSCA, OAMEG, OACES, OAPPA, and OPGA and we hope to include the presidents of other helping profession organizations in the near future. The role of this organization is to coordinate the efforts of all personnel and guidance organizations in Ohio. The Council has met twice and has agreed to work together through OPGA to:

1. develop a system for contacting and developing a relationship with both state and federal legislators.
2. present a united front in seeking legislation to financially support counseling in both school and non-school settings.
3. present a united front in influencing the certification of school counselors and the licensing of non-school counselors.
4. bring a greater number of non-school counselors into our organizations.
5. develop an improved image of the counselor and develop lay support for counseling.
6. find the means to employ an executive secretary.

We are in the process of establishing statewide commissions in each of these areas. If you are interested in working on any of these commissions, please let me know. Write to:

Dr. Frank O'Dell, President
OPGA
25807 Byron Drive
North Olmstead, Ohio 44070

Frank O'Dell

O C P A ?

ACPA National President W. A. Grant has appointed Philip A. Tripp, W. Bruce Walsh, and Robert F. Rodgers, all of Ohio State University, to promote the formation of an Ohio College Personnel Association. Such a group will serve to advance the interests of members of the association at the state level. All those interested in promoting such goals and purposes should contact any of those named at 1945 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

NATIONAL CAREER GUIDANCE WEEK

National Career Guidance Week is November 10-17, 1974. Sponsored by the National Vocational Guidance Association the theme is "Plug Into Life: Experience the Future." Why not plan an activity to bring National Career Guidance Week to the attention of the public?

NEWSLETTER NAME

The editors would like to thank all those who submitted names for the newsletter. A ballot including all names submitted was available at the Spring Convention. The winning name was "OPGA Newsletter." As per the contest rules, no prize was awarded, even though three entries suggested that we keep our present name. Thanks again to all of those who submitted entries.

SUPPORT YOUR PROFESSION

Professional organizations work for you. Your dues make it possible for the organization to make an impact. Join APGA, OPGA, your state division (OSCA, OACES, OAMEG, ONECA) and your area association (NEOPGA, NWOGA, CPGA, MUPGA).

WATCH THIS SPACE

Our next Newsletter will announce the details of the OPGA Spring Conference. Also included will be a call for programs. Be thinking about a program you might present. There are many good things going on in personnel work in Ohio. A program at the OPGA Spring Conference is a fine way to share ideas.

APGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Daisy Takacs, a Mid-west representative to the APGA Board of Directors reported the items from the last Board meeting.

1. APGA is not yet interested in unified dues.
2. Alvin Toffler, author of FUTURE SHOCK will be the main speaker for the APGA National Convention to be held in New York in March.
3. A new P & G Journal Editor has been chosen to succeed Leo Goldman. He is Daryl Soo, Assistant Professor at Haywood California.
4. Tom Sweeney's position paper on licensing was adopted. The Task Force on Licensing has been moved to Commission status. All other papers were tabled until December.
5. APGA has lifted its moratorium on new decisions.
6. Because the Midwest Region has over 16,000 members, it is entitled to another Senator.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Our newly adopted election procedure calls for nominations from the membership for OPGA offices. The Nominations Committee will then recommend a slate to the Executive Board. The offices are President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and this year a Senator to represent the Midwest Region for a three year term. All nominations must be mailed to the Chairman of the Nominations Committee by November 1, 1974. Send your nominations to:

Dr. Charles Hayden
Nominations Committee
426 Education Building
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, Ohio 43403

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 1975 APGA Convention will be held March 23-26 in New York City. The theme for the convention will be, "APGA Agenda for Action: Challenging, Confronting, Changing." Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

JOIN O P G A

If OPGA only represented you regionally and nationally and offered a statewide convention that would be a lot for your \$1.00 annual dues. With the addition of our new efforts in legislation, certification, licensing, and a newsletter, I don't know any place where you can get a better bargain. Send in your dues today and encourage your fellow professionals to send in their dues tomorrow. OPGA needs you and them, both for the dollars and the professional talents that you can provide.

This copy of the Newsletter is being sent to all OPGA members, plus all Ohio members of APGA. Future issues will be sent to members of OPGA only. If you are not a member join today.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE OHIO PERSONNEL AND GUIDANCE ASSOCIATION

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Enclose \$1.00 and mail to: James E. Norton, OPGA Treasurer
4910 Stengel; Toledo, Ohio 43614

STUDENT RECORDS AND FEDERAL AID

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Section 513) of the Education Amendments of 1974) will deny Federal Aid to any educational institution which violates any of the provisions of the Act. Listed below is a summary of the important provisions.

1. Parents of students shall have the right to inspect and review any and all official records, files, and data directly related to their children.
2. Parents can demand a hearing to challenge the content of their child's school record.
3. There must be an opportunity for the correction or deletion of any inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate data.
4. Data in school records must not be released without the written consent of parents except to certain designated officials.
5. All persons, agencies, or organizations desiring access to the records of a student shall sign a written form which shall be kept with the file of the student, for the inspection by the parents or student, indicating the legitimate educational or other interest they had in seeking the information.
6. Personal information shall only be transferred to a third party on the condition that such party will not permit any other party to have access to the information without the written consent of the parents.
7. Whenever a student has attained eighteen years of age, or is attending an institution of post-secondary education the consent required and the rights accorded to the parents shall only be required of and accorded to the student.
8. Institutions must inform parents or the students if they are eighteen years of age or are attending an institution of post-secondary education, of the rights accorded them by this Act.

As you can see, this Act makes school records completely open to parents. A careful review of your institution's policy concerning student records is in order.

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