

**FL-AHEAD**  
**Meeting Minutes**

November 9, 2016

**I. Call to order**

Deborah Larew called to order the regular meeting of the FL- AHEAD at 3:25 on November 9, 2016 at Valdosta State College.

**II. Roll call**

Sheryl Nichols- Secretary conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Deborah Larew- Past President

Aimee Stubbs-President Elect

Stephanie Crosby- Valencia

Dominique Thompson- Northwest Florida State College

Tonya Williams- St. Petersburg College

Elizabeth Costello-Indian River Stat College

Jacqueline Burke-Indian River State College

Leslie Simpson- Indian River State College

Vanessa Lloyd- Embry Riddle

**III. Approval of minutes from March 2016 meeting**

Sheryl Nichols- Secretary read the minutes from the last meeting.

Update: Vanessa Lloyd-Embry Riddle was the recipient of: The Ken Marquard Award of Excellence.

**IV. Treasurer's report (From Saba Akram reported by Deb Larew)**

- a) Account of funds-\$7860

**V. Secretary's report (Sheryl Nichols)**

- a) Only one response to Bylaw reviews
- b) There are currently 48 FL- Ahead Members

**VI. Review of bylaws**

- a. Revision of bylaws to include membership reciprocation.
- b. Updating bylaws- Vanessa Lloyd has agreed to partner with Sheryl and work on Bylaw updates. We will then resend out with proposed revisions.

## **VII. New Business**

- a. Hiring interpreters under RID moratorium-  
There is a backlog of testing from RID. Valencia added EIPA (Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment) to pay scale at Level IV. If assessed and a 4 is received then interpreter can get a National Certification from RID.
- b. SB 850 and possible speaker-Senate Bill 850 allows students that were previously issued a “Special Diploma” access to postsecondary education with Access diploma. Considering asking someone from the DOE or transition, probably Alex Jordan or Federico Valadez to discuss this issue.
- c) Underprepared students- Increased number of students are entering college with Access diplomas due to SB850, but are not prepared for postsecondary education. Students with Intellectual Disability diagnosis are the majority of the challenges. Students are registering for classes, taking out aid, but failing their classes. We are currently researching GAP year options for families within the State as an alternative to assist the students not faring well.
- d) Narrowing the Gulf  
April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>  
Cedric King- Closing Speaker
- e) Technology Day at Embry Riddle 5/5/17- Vanessa Lloyd to verify list of Vendors

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Deborah Larew Adjourned the meeting at 4:53.

Minutes submitted by: Sheryl Nichols

Minutes approved by: Deborah Larew