I. Call to order

Aimee Stubbs called to order the regular meeting of the FL-AHEAD at 12:50PM on April 6, 2017 at St. Petersburg College Epicenter.

II. Roll call

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

- Aimee Stubbs- President-Elect
- Saba Akram-Scales- Treasurer
- Bea Awoniyi (SFC)
- Claudia Connelly (SFC)
- Ken Marquard (Vargas University)
- Vanessa Lloyd Embry Riddle
- Elizabeth Costello (IRSC)
- Jacqueline Burke (IRSC)
- Robin Hoffman (SCC)
- Krista Price (SCC)
- Paul Nolting (HCC)
- Barry McDowell (USF-St. Pete.)
- Mickie Hayes
- Denise Giarusso (FSCJ)
- Raelynn Poole (LSSC)
- Nicole Burgeron (HCC)
- Stephanie Crosby (VC)
- Tonya(TJ) Williams (SPC)
- Kelley Ferranti (SPC)
- Kelli Mitchell (SPC)
- Jeff Zeigler (SPC)
- Adam Distler (Stetson)
- Dana Lindsey (SFC)
- Amy Mullarkey (SPC)
- Mary Asbury (VC)
- Tanya Fernandes (NWFSC)
- Linda Hogans (SPC)

III. Presidents Report- Aimee Stubbs for Pam Rea

*Focus on how to make FL-AHEAD more robust

-Bringing more students in
-Ongoing FL-AHEAD Best Practice

(Pam has started sending out tips and ideas)

*Streamline By-laws

* What ideas do we have for moving the organization forward?

IV. Approval of minutes from November 9th, 2016

Sheryl Nichols- Secretary read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Current membership count- 63

V. Treasurer’s Report-Saba Akram-Scales:

Funds in Account as of 11/9/16- $7324

Florida Department of State Division of Cooperation was paid for this year-$61.25

FL-AHEAD and Narrowing the Gulf Partnership to be paid towards speakers-$2500.00

Additional Presenter was approved by the board. The expenses paid towards NTG Registration and one night in hotel- $222.17

Ken Marquard Award Payment- $98.94

FL-AHEAD Affiliate check received- $250

Funds in Account as of 4/6/17- $7332.44

VI. Old Business:

a) FL-AHEAD By-Laws Revision Updates- updates were made. Membership asked to have it e-mailed out so they can vote. Sheryl to E-mail on 4/10/17 with a voting deadline of 4/14. Membership was asked to reply to e-mail with a vote Yes or No or added comments. New By-laws

b) SB 850 Updates- Stephanie Crosby- more and more access diplomas are being seen. Professors are starting to ask questions. Concerns about lack of resources to create programs was mentioned. No real updates on how to address the needs of incoming students with Access Diplomas. Considering collaborating with Admissions to better identify students.
VII. New Business

a) Gift Certificate to honor students. Any other ideas or suggestions e-mail Aimee/Sheryl

b) FL-AHEAD Blog- Stephanie Crosby has volunteered. Ken Marquard will work with Stephanie to get it going. It will be a repository of basic FAQ’s.

c) FL-AHEAD Best Practice Guide—may not be necessary since we will have the blog.

d) Transition Initiatives and Interagency Partnerships- Project 10 on the FL. DOE website is the best place to start. It’s a great way to communicate and share information for students transitioning after college.

  -Best Practices shared by Raelynn Poole (LSC)

    a) Monthly Interagency transition Meeting. Lake County Transition Fair had 26 entities participate.

    b) Community Resource Mapping to relay information to students.

e) New Officers

1. President-Elect- Stephanie Crosby beginning July.

   Approved by majority vote.

2. Treasurer- Nikkia Gumbs beginning July

   Approved by majority vote.

VIII. Ken Marquard Award— Presented to Claudia Connelly- Santa Fe College

IX. Announcements

a) Ken Marquard presented a check of $350 to FL-AHEAD for the Bea Awoniyi Leadership Award. Designated for membership, registration to National AHEAD conference and possibly travel for a non-member/student. Criteria has already been established and will be incorporated into By-laws.

b) Vanessa Lloyd asked membership to e-mail herself, Aimee or Sheryl, a list of vendors they would like to see for the Assistive Technology Fair/Technology Day at Embry Riddle on 5/5/17.

c) July 15th Orlando National Meeting— Volunteers and Donations for silent auction being requested
d) Saba asked members to try and attend the meetings that the FL. Constitutional Board is having in communities across Florida.

X. Adjournment

Aimee Stubbs adjourned the meeting at 1:45pm.

Minutes submitted by: Sheryl Nichols

Minutes approved by: Aimee Stubbs, Saba Akram-Scales