

2019 FL-AHEAD Spring

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2019

I. Call to Order

Brad Held called to order the regular meeting of the FL-AHEAD at 12:45pm on April 4, 2019 at St. Petersburg College – Epicenter.

II. Roll Call

Brad Held – President

Aaron Distler – President-Elect

Nikkia Gumbs – Treasurer

Matthew Lowe – Secretary

Paul Nolting – HCC

Craig Levins – Broward College

Steven Bianco – Florida Southwestern State College

Jacquelyn Davis – FSW

Angela Hartsell – FSW

Devin OConnor – The Grow Group

Kelly Morgan – Warner University

Liz Moseley – Pensacola State College

Jeanette Starks – Hillsborough Community College

Alexandra Guzman – Lake Sumter State College

Robyn Borders – Valencia College

Tonya Williams – St. Petersburg College

Kimberley Smith – Santa Fe College

Ken Marquard

Charla Ellerker – Southflorida State College

Jacqueline Burke – Indian River Stat College

Peggy Kledzik – USF Tampa

Brit Fowler – USF Tampa

Nicole Bilodca-McKay

Marie Macher – PHSC

Chris Gerogallis – USF Tampa

Jennifer Meier – State College of Florida

Mary Hoffman – State College of Florida

Pat Lakey – State College of Florida

Kelley Ferranti – St. Petersburg College

Elizabeth Shumate – St. Petersburg College

Aimee Stubbs – St. Petersburg College

Jeff Zeigler – St. Petersburg College

Aaron Corizzi – St. Petersburg College
Ray Hollowell – St. Petersburg College
Denise Giarusso – Florida State College Jacksonville
Matthew Simmons – Florida State College Jacksonville
Marra Piazza Brass – Eckerd College
Clair Willrich – Ringling College
Ruthann Daniel Harteis – New College Florida
Gail Carter – St. Petersburg College
Michele Diller – Palm Beach Atlantic University

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Matthew Lowe – Secretary. Minutes from last meeting were read and approved.

IV. Treasurer’s Report – Nikkia Gumbs:

Funds in Account: \$5,704.53
General Fund: \$3,894.53
Scholarship Fund: \$1,810.00
Total Membership: 80

V. Old Business

- a) Executive Board Nominations
 - 1. Marra Piazza-Brass was elected as the President-Elect
 - 2. The treasurer position has multiple nominations so there will be a vote and bios of the candidates sent out
- b) Website Collaboration Zone – Remember to submit materials to be shared with other members

VI. New Business

- a) Listserv – The listserv has been helpful but there are drawbacks/limits because some members only respond directly to the sender or everyone assumes someone else will answer the question. Old content is also not searchable by new members.
- b) Discussed interest having the Narrowing the Gulf materials added to the website
- c) Discussed member committees for various areas, including a membership engagement committee focused on continued networking and professional development for FL-AHEAD throughout the year, and a new member education committee which could provide guidance and an introduction to ADA/ accessibility for those professionals new to the field. Discussed trying to make more personal connections to check in and regional meetings to get together to share information and resources. Also talked about

establishing topic area task forces, groups formed with a focus on researching and providing recommendations around key issues in the field of accessibility based on case law and best practices.

- d) Website – we hope to have a forum of sorts added to the website in which there could be a member list with profiles

VII. Ken Marquard Award

Recipient – Aimee Stubbs

VIII. Bea Awoniyi Scholarship Award

Board will request more information from those who nominated and make a selection

IX. Adjournment

Brad Held adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm

Minutes submitted by: Matthew Lowe