

2021 FL AHEAD Spring Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2021

I. Call to Order

Marra Piazza Brass called to order the FL-AHEAD spring meeting at 1:05 p.m. on April 14, 2021 via Zoom.

II. Introduction/Roll Call

Marra Piazza Brass introduced the Executive Board:

Marra Piazza Brass – President, Associate Director of Disability Services at New College of Florida

Craig Levins - President-Elect, Associate Vice President, Institutional Accessibility and ADA Coordinator at Broward College

Ashley Gorion – Treasurer, Accessibility Consultant at University of Central Florida

Mary Hoffman - Secretary, Accommodation & Assistive Technology Specialist at State College of Florida

III. Minutes Approval: Mary Hoffman read the minutes from the January 27, 2021 Winter meeting. Michelle Shaw made a motion to accept and the second was given by Steven Bianco. Minutes were approved and accepted as presented.

IV. Treasurer's Report: presented by Ashley Gorion-

Total Funds in Account: \$11,624.96

General Fund: \$9,164.96

Scholarship Fund: \$2,460.00

Total Membership – 145

Ashley commented on the membership growth from 2020 and that we may be up to 155 members now.

V. EIT Consortium Report: presented by Steven Bianco

There is now a collaboration space on the FL Ahead website and Steven will add documents that are sent to him. The next virtual office hours will be on June 16th at 1:00 p.m. and topics will include instructional design, specifically course content remediation and course accessibility. Steven also spoke on behalf of the Govt. Relations/Policy committee about HB 233 going into effect on July 1, 2021.

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2021/233/BillText/Filed/PDF>

VI. Regional Consortia Report: presented by Alicia Hall

North Central Region is currently on pause.
Sherise Hobson has agreed to lead the Eastern Region.
West Central Region met on 2/26 and has their next meeting scheduled for 5/21.
Southeast Region has met twice already and has their next meeting scheduled for 4/21.
Their meeting content has covered course substitutions, documentation requirements, assistive technology, and accessibility.

VII. Marketing Committee Report: presented by Michelle Shaw

Michelle reported that the logo for FL Ahead is now updated on the website. The Zoom background is available for all members to use. Any member presenting on behalf of FL Ahead we have a Power Point logo and an agenda format now available as well.

VIII. Old Business: presented by Craig Levins

Announced the new Treasurer-**Catherine Wharton** and President-Elect-**Michelle Shaw**
Announced the winner of the Bea Awoniyi Scholarship-**Matthew Lowe**
Announced the winner of the Dr. Ken Marquard Professional Excellence Award-**Marra Piazza Brass**

IX. New Business:

Marra Piazza Brass talked about the upcoming 2021 Spring Colloquium presented by AHEAD on May 19-21 and that it will cover Legal Issues, EIT Accessibility and Advocacy and Social Justice.

Michelle Shaw discussed the 2021 Equity & Excellence Access in Higher Education Conference taking place July 19-23, 2021, in Austin, Texas.

Michelle Shaw also covered the rebranding of our Summer and Winter Meetings for professional development also. A survey will go out to the membership regarding topics of interest and also a pre-conference for new disability professionals.

Dale Herold, VP of Admissions and Enrollment Management, let everyone know about a program/partnership with Cisco Networking Academy where any student with a disability could receive a Cisco certification with all expenses paid. Students must be in the Orlando area. (<https://www.beaconcollege.edu/academy/partnership/>)

Craig Levins spoke about the benefits of becoming a member of National AHEAD. He shared a link about identity-first language (<https://www.ahead.org/professional-resources/accommodations/statement-on-language>) and discussed some of the information on updates on legal cases, allied nursing programs and even lessons on microaggressions.

X. Guest Speaker: Craig Levins introduced Paul Grossman, Retired, Chief Regional Civil Rights Attorney, US ED, Office for Civil Rights

Paul Grossman, J.D. served as a civil rights attorney for the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), serving as its Chief Regional Attorney in San Francisco for 30 years. He is currently an Adjunct Professor of Disability Law at Hasting College of Law, University of California, and a member of the AHEAD Board of Directors, the Public Policy Committee of the Association for Children and Adults with AD/HD (CHADD), and the Disability Rights Advocates (DRA) Expert Advisory Board. Dr. Grossman has worked on every type of education discrimination and investigated, written decisions, and settled hundreds of disability discrimination cases, often developing new approaches to protecting students with disabilities. He is the coauthor of *The Law of Disability Discrimination* (8th Edition) and its companion publication, *Law of Disability Discrimination Handbook: Statutes and Regulatory Guidance*.

Paul's presentation covered the 3 essential tools for addressing the most challenging disability law compliance questions:

1. The "qualified" student with a disability (QSD) paradigm.
2. The individualized, interactive, and diligent (*Wynne*) process for granting and denying accommodations.
3. Universal design in curriculum and instruction.

Since this part of the meeting will not be recorded, copies of his presentation and the FL Ahead Zoom Background will be emailed to all members. There was a good bit of discussion following the presentation.

Motion was made at 4:15 p.m. to adjourn.

Minutes submitted by Mary Hoffman, Secretary

Attendees:

Adam Meyer
Aimee Stubbs
Alana Brady
Alexis Ramsey
Alicia Hall
Alissa Kashdin
Alyssa Morley
Amy Mullarkey
Angela Hartsell
Anjali Cadena
Anne Anderson

Ashley Erickson
Ashley Gorion
Bea Awoniyi
Bruce Smitley
Candice Morgan
Catherine Wharton
Chanda Mccann
Charla Ellerker
Chris Stabile
Christine Georgallis
Christine Hopp

Clair Harris
Cori Bright-Kerrigan
Courtney Mcgonagle
Courtney Ruffner
Craig Levins
Dale Herold
Dana Lindsey
Deb Mccarthy
Dondie Roper
Drew Andrews
Emily Acosta

Emily Heffernan
Erika Neff
Farah Robles
Gladys Green
Gloria Tracy
Hyun Kim
Iris Neil
Jacqueline Burke
Jacqueline Wood
Jennette Kilroy
Jennifer Mccaul
Jennifer Meier
Jeremy Abell
Jessica Franchi-Alfaro
Jill Kelderman
Kathleen Simmons
Kathryn Pelham
Katy Wallis
Kaylie Stokes
Kelly Morgan
Kevin Price
Kimberley Smith
Kristeena Laroue

Kristen Zaborski
Laurie Jacobs Carneito
Lindy Russell
Lisa Weathers
Maria Gottcent
Mariam Manzur Leiva
Marlene Weinert
Marra Piazza Brass
Mary Hoffman
Matthew Lowe
Melissa Adams
Melissa Morris
Michelle Shaw
Missy Lesnewski
Neal Yates
Natalie Jones
Patricia Lakey
Patrick Arnwine
Paul Grossman
Peggy Kledzik
Rachel Schwitters
Rasheen Perry
Regina Rodarte

Rita Inman
Sandra Blanchette
Sarah Darancou
Steven Bianco
Tina Likovetz
Traci Carelly
Tracy Juleseus
Tracy Umphenour
Victoria Tesh