
POA Quarterly Florida/Colombia Chapter Meeting Minutes

**South Regional/Broward College Library
Conference Room 239
7300 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33024**

**Saturday, June 18, 2016 (10am to 12pm)
(Skype participation will be available)**

AGENDA

Attendance

Tony Abbott
Barbara Brendis
Harold Silva (Claudia)
Patricia Galbreath
Sue Mahan- via phone
Marcy Galbreath-via phone
John November- viaSelectronic

Guests:

Patrick McCormack
Dr. Isis Clemente

The group was welcomed and introductions were made.

A guest invited by Harold Silva attended, Dr. Isis Clementia, a retired Miami Dade business professor who now works with conflict and mediation and is interested in providing services for Colombia. She has served on the *Mediators Without Borders* team for the United Nations. She currently is on a committee working on a United Nations day in October at the SW Regional Library.

Executive Director

No new material to report on
Today's focus is to finish documentation needed for re-chartering the Florida Partners' Chapter
-to include a review and pass by-laws and chapter plan

Treasurer's Report- Marcello Trujillo

June Treasurer's Report not submitted as of the start of the meeting

President's Report

Discussion of the Capacity Building Grant
Teacher in Residence Program at Stetson University

Northern Colombia Report- Sue Mahan (via phone)

Vice President Miami, Harold Silva

Glad to have the chapter meeting in Miami and see that county buildings such as the public libraries are available for meetings.

Currently has graduated with his Master's Degree and is in a new position for Miami Dade Schools as a representative for the teacher's union.

Report on Central/Eastern Colombia- John Schoch

Submitted Electronically

Our Birds Project

Notes Submitted Electronically

English as Second Language

ARTIST FOR CHANGE Hip Hop Program – Ruth Henry

The Massachusetts program is looking at July 12 arrivals directly to Boston, with group orientation from July 13-18. Then 19-29 in Miami and fly out on the 30th. Consideration for Natalie, the Miami contact was provided with an earlier arrival to Miami and options for dates prior or after the July 13-18 Boston phase...

Also, Ruth is going to forward an email with some links to 2 ladies from Bogota who have approached me about wanting to participate this summer on their own funds... Both organize reggae festivals; one gives workshops in theater and the other in dance. She will pass info along to solicit interest in involving them in the Miami portion of the trip.

By Laws- Review

The current copy of the by laws was reviewed and revised.

Membership dues were reviewed to become effective for renewal in 2017:

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| Corporate Member | 200 | (any business) |
| Patron Member | 100 | |
| Family | 75 | |
| Individual | 50 | |
| New Member | 25 | 1 st year |
| Students | 10 | |

Since there was not enough time to finish, a motion to continue to work on this virtually through email discussions and vote. This motion was placed Tony Abbott and seconded by Patricia Galbreath. To

achieve a quorum of the board, proxy votes by Sue Mahan and John November were secured with consent via phone.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. was made by Patricia Galbreath and seconded by Harold Silva. The next meeting will be held in New Smyrna Beach, location TBA on September 10th

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Sept 10 NSB
- Dec 03 Stetson



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