
POA Quarterly Florida/Colombia Chapter Meeting Notes

STETSON UNIVERSITY
Sage Hall Room 239

Saturday, March 12, 2016 (10am to 12pm)
(skype participation will be available)

AGENDA

March Meeting Notes

Attendance

Tony Abbott
John Schoch
Sue Mahan
Patricia Galbreath

Executive Director

No new material to report on
Today's focus is as a catch up meeting, review and pass by-laws and chapter plan

President's Report

Capacity Building Grant

Cannot work with countries that are on the Department of State warning list
Colombia is out
Focus on Ecuador as project location
Deadline is Tuesday, March 15th

Teacher in Residence Program

Met with Carine Strebels and Chris Colwell, Education Dept at Stetson
Talk about allowing students/teachers come and work as teacher's in residence at Stetson
Department representatives very excited about coordinating this opportunity at Stetson
Willing to be in charge of managing and coordinating group
Will look at South Carolina model

North Colombia report- Sue

Not active at this time
Sue may be going in May to see if she can meet with the group

John Schoch will talk with a different group in Baranquilla to see about some other activity going on with past contacts

Report on Central/Eastern Colombia

Met with Juan Camilo

Internal issues

President Monica Cardenas, pregnancy is passing torch to Lorena Lopez, Vice President

Juan Camilo has serious back program

Our Birds Project John Schoch

John went to visit Eduardo Umana Mendoza

New rector is Ismael Gutierrez

How can partners help us with English as 2nd Language

No plans formalized yet. Some ideas

Stetson interns perhaps?

Youth Ambassadors?

Teacher in Residence?

Nury as possible as Teacher in Residence

She is keeping connection with Ruth Henry

Things not followed up on yet-Magnolia Rios from Massachusetts to Miami

Stetson student as possible visitor

Andre Guedes (pronounced "gedes")

Student who came to last meeting

English as Second Language

Colombia Sending teachers to Georgia and South Carolina starting March 19th

ARTIST FOR CHANGE Hip Hop Program

Lorena- art for Change program

Went to Fundacion de Aria

Met with Diego, afro Colombian from Choco

Perfect candidate for Art for Change Program

Five days trip to Boston set up by Ruth orientation

Nathalie Sheer from Path program in Miami will develop the 5 day program in Florida

Would take care of Diego in Miami

Sekajipo is back in Miami and is involved

Harold will be contacted after a schedule is developed to see how he could participate

Our chapter will provide a letter of support to help them solicit funding for some activities in the Path programming

Teacher-In- Residence Program

Working on opportunities

By Laws- review

John Schoch and Harold Silva sent recommendations

Each recommendation is being reviewed by the quorum

1st quarterly meeting deemed as

January 1st Annual Meeting, report to be completed

March

June

September time of elections

Due to time, we are stopping discussion at structure. We will continue at our next meeting. The next meeting is on June 18th in Miami. Time and location will be shared with the group. The meeting will have skype availability.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- June 18 Miami
- Sept 10 NSB
- Dec 03 Stetson

February Meeting Notes

January meeting- missed my error for not contacting board timely fashion

February meeting,

By laws reviewed small committee

Annual plan discussed

Review of positions, structure of the organization

Discussion of calendar

- Upcoming meetings
- Committee meetings
- Fundraising activities
- Social activities

Need to establish where Membership information goes to

Need to review open role of Treasurer

Title for liaisons

Help meet in the northern area
And meet in the southern area

Two year chapter plan - copy
By-Laws reviewed

Stetson University
Paula Hentz, 50,000 grant with Stetson and Colombia exchange
World Office, Study Abroad
February 18th due announced in March 18

Grant found from 1000 Strong on the Partners website
Has various opportunities

NDREA
Rhode island, mother Colombian
Junior at Stetson, psychology

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

January to December 2016
December renewal
Newsletter
Fundraiser
Zumba

Ideas
Information for organization

John

John

Tony

Sue

Marcelo

Mathias

Marcy

Silva

Marylu

Ligia

Great meeting today!

Please forward me an electronic version of your reports that you shared at today's meeting so that it may be posted on the website.

Some report mentioned:

- Ruth Henry Report
- Artist Exchange Grant
- Minutes of Sept and Feb Meetings
- Treasurer's Rept of February Meeting
- Monica Cardenas President Report
- Annual Plan
- By-Laws (Draft)
- Members List

Please mark these dates on your calendar of upcoming meetings

March 12 Stetson 10-2

June 18 Miami

Sept 10 NSB

Dec 03 Stetson

Some 'ask fors'-

Please send ideas for fundraising.

Please 'like' the Partners Facebook pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=florida%20colombia%20partners%20of%20the%20americas>
upload pictures that are relative to the news and happenings of Colombia and Florida, especially direct connections

Join Twitter and connect with us:

<https://twitter.com/florida%20colombia%20partners>

Short 'tweets' of what is happening

Check out our website: <http://fl-poa.org/>

See you in March!

Ruth,

Thanks for those details. One question: Based upon your experience with past artist exchanges, will Partners pay all necessary airfare? Specifically, I refer to the following: Diego flies from Bogota to Boston, but then after group orientation flies from Boston to Miami for the 10-day stay and afterwards flies from Miami back to Bogota.---so will Partners pay airfare for the Boston to Miami segment? Seems to me the answer should be "yes" but....

John

On Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 4:33 PM, Ruth <oasishiphop@gmail.com> wrote:

We are 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. Does that work for you, Natalie? Or would you be more interested in having

him come earlier to Miami? The 10 days in Miami can be divided however you'd like on either or both ends of the **July 13-18 Boston** phase...

Also I am going to forward you guys 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. Will pass info along; let me know if you are interested in involving them in Miami portion...

Abrazos,
Ruth