



PARTNERS *of the* AMERICAS

FLORIDA CHAPTER IN PARTNERSHIPS WITH NORTH & CENTRAL COLOMBIA

Quarterly Meeting -February 23, 2019

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

LightBox at Goldman Warehouse
404 NW 26th Street; Miami, FL 33127

MINUTES

Welcome/Sign-In

Attendance:

Hopi Noel Morton, Consultant of PATH, Board Member
Sekajipo Genes, MC Instructor, Artist Liaison, FPOA
Sue Mahan, UCF- N Colombia Liaison
Tony Abbott, President FPOA
Patricia Galbreath, FPOA Executive Director
John Schoch, Vice President
Harold Silva, Miami Dade -South FL Liaison

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

President's Report

Old Business

- **PATH Artist in Residency Program**
- Hopi Morton of PATH: Preserving, Archiving, and Teaching Hiphop, reviewed PATH's mission and purpose and the development of the Artist in Residence Program. Program information provided (see attachment.)
- Serves various populations from varied parts of the world.
- Developing their own work with local artists; building from collaboration with artist foundation, creating new connections, and future building.
- Program works through the PATH Hip Hop Summer Academy to develop artists.
- Miami OURstory project- open opportunities through
- Sekajipo was awarded recognition from Third Horizon
- PATH is looking at chapter interest and collaboration in supporting artists from varied locations since FPOA is supportive of the Caribbean and other Latin components.
- Requested funding would be for the 2019 PATH Hip Hop Academy for Visual, Performing, and Digital Artist for July 8th through August 9, 2019

- Seeking FPOA Partners support. Group supported further developing partnership as it aligns with goals and mission of our annual plans and projects. Discussion of how FPOA can act as a conduit to support funding for artists through Educational and Culture Travel grants. Artists from other countries other than Colombia could be linked through other POA chapters that support those countries. Usually travel comes through approved chapter-supported educational grants. One per chapter per semester is usually granted. Would need to ask POA Washington about possibilities about merging grants from other POA chapter links and multiple grant opportunities.

More Information on PATH:

Miami OURstory – PATH To Hip Hop

www.pathtohiphop.org/youth/miami-ourstory

Join the cast of **Miami OURstory** and tell the story of **Miami's** past, present and County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners and **Miami Light Project**.

PATH Hip Hop Academy - PATH To Hip Hop

www.pathtohiphop.org/youth/hiphopacademy/

Knowledge of self + **Hip Hop** history and philosophy ... **OUR STORY**. In 2008, The **PATH HipHop** Summer Academy was presented by **Miami Light Project** in ...

<https://www.facebook.com/pathtohiphop/posts/>

<https://cultureshockmiami.com/events/path-hip-hop-summer-academy-miami-ourstory>

- **Status Report on travel grant for Diana Vazquez of Cuenca, Ecuador**

Project report

David Berry, member in Cuenca, Ecuador, made contact to bring Diana Vazquez, director of Women's Shelter, to programming in Jacksonville, Deland, Flagler, and Orlando.

After making a presentation at the What Works Conference in San Antonio. Last days were in Daytona Beach area, hosted by FPOA. One of the events was visiting the Vince Carter Center, and drug abuse shelter. And then, Orlando, where her contacts brought her to the airport.

- **Partners Campus Activities**

PartnersCampus Stetson was able to host three students to come to the U.S. through a Culture and Education Travel Grant.

The PartnersCampus gained official chartering through the national office and through Stetson University.

Currently seeking new board members as current members are seniors.

- **Counterpart Bogota Chapter**

Chapter in process of reorganizing, rechartering. Trying to reinvigorate the chapter with members.

Current president, Lorena **López Suárez**, of the Eastern & Central Colombia – Florida Partners of the Americas may be moving to a new job location.

- **"Our Birds are Your Birds Too" program**

No new activity to report

New Business

- **Amigos Unidos – Support recommendation**
Would like to follow up on supporting with donation of children's clothing/shoes or financial means to support one of their programming efforts. To discuss further at upcoming meeting.
- **Partners Campus Update**
- **Project Profiles document creation**

Need to update and create promotional items to provide to Harold Silva will send template and programs to create promotional materials.
- **Update on Web Presence**
- **Partners Counts**
- **Send out information to log information to support future funding**
- **Next Meeting**