

TAMPA BAY AREA COALITION

Of

School Administrator Associations

Minutes of June 2, 2010, Meeting

The 46th bi-monthly meeting of the Tampa Bay Area Coalition was held on Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at the Gary Adult High School Campus located at 5101 North 40th Street, Tampa, Florida 33610. The luncheon meeting began at 11:30 and ended at 2:00 PM.

Eight Coalition members representing six member districts were present: Dody Sapp from Volusia County; Dr. Neriah Roberts and William Londeree (New Executive Director replacing Dr. Neriah Roberts) from Polk; Terry Aunchman from Pasco; Marjorie Ebersbach from Brevard; Bob Clark from Orange; ;Dr. John Miliziano and Dr. Ken Allen from Hillsborough. Also present as guests were Tempress Solomon, HASA's President, and Jean Leone from Hillsborough. Many of the Coalition members who did not attend were involved with the last days of schools, graduations, etc., and could not get away. We went ahead with the meeting knowing that many Coalition members would not be able to attend, because we wanted to have a work session with the representatives from the four Regions. Present from the Miami Dade area were Del Diaz, the new Executive Director of DASA, and James W. (Bill) Lee from Washington County representing the Florida Pan Handle Region. Also participating by telephone conference was Alan Due from Duval County representing Florida's Northern Region. We attempted but were not successful in reaching David Sigurjak from Santa Rosa for the phone conference.

Terry Aunchman, reviewed the minutes of February 3, 2010, the Coalition April meeting was substituted by the April 27th FASA Summit. The February minutes were approved with no corrections. Dr. Neriah Roberts, Coalition Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report dated 5/25/2010 stating that as of this date the Coalition's fund balance was \$4,908.43. Dr. Miliziano presented receipts of the expenditures made for the FASA Summit. It was pointed out that even though the Coalition had appropriated \$1,000, Summit expenses exceeded \$2,500. The reason for this was due to the large number of attendees and all the correspondence necessary to inform all the participants. VALIC also contributed \$1,000 to help pay for the luncheon that was served to all the participants. Dr. Roberts pointed out that all 14 Coalition members had paid their annual dues for 2009 – 2010. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved as presented.

Members were reminded that Coalition annual dues for the 2010 – 2011 are now due. An INVOICE was provided for payment of these dues.

It was also mentioned that elections for the four Coalition office positions are scheduled for the next September meeting: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Coalition Bylaws also provide for the appointment of an Executive Director which may or may not be something the membership may want to consider. Annual dues remain \$1 for each association member.

Dr. Miliziano introduced Del Diaz from Miami/Dade and Bill Lee from Washington County. Also introduced were Tee Solomon, HASA's President, and Jean Leone HASA's Representative Board Member. Alan Due from Duval County joined the meeting via telephone conference. Dr. Roberts introduced William Londeree the new Executive Director of Polk County's Association who has replaced Dr. Roberts as he retired as executive director. Dr. Roberts was recognized with a standing ovation for all the leadership he has provided to the success of the Tampa Bay Area Coalition. Prior to the start of the meeting, all present at the meeting introduced themselves.

John distributed several packets of information to be used for discussion on how to go about organizing the three additional Regions. John mentioned that Jim Warford told him that the FASA Board approved allowing one representative from each of the four Regions to sit on FASA's Board of Directors. In an email dated May 26, 2010, from FASA's Tricia Arnold, John was informed that the "The FASA Board of Directors, including the 4 new local association leaders, will meet in the morning prior to the all Board meetings". A schedule of the Summer Conference Agenda shows that this meeting will take place on Sunday, July 25, from 11:00 – 1:10 PM. Tricia also said that the 4 regional directors are also invited to the "all Board meetings" from 1:30 to 4:00 PM. All four region representatives are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Reminder that Chris Brown, VALIC District Manager, offered to pay the registration fee to FASA's Summer Conference for each of the four Regional Directors.

A hard copy of the April 27 FASA Summit meeting minutes was distributed along with a list of names by district of all those who attended the Summit, a list of counties by assigned Regions, and a Contact list of 92 names of those persons who were contacted prior to the Summit being held.

A third packet of information tabbed as "Getting Started" contained a list of 9 steps recommended for getting the Regions (Coalitions) organized. This list was used to generate a period of discussion and dialogue between members of the Tampa Bay Area Coalition (TBAC) and three Regional Directors attending the meeting: Del Diaz, Bill Lee, and Alan Due. This packet also included a copy of a letter dated September 25, 2001, used by John Miliziano to get the TBAC started; minutes of the first two TBAC meetings; the Coalition's Constitution and By-laws; list of the Tampa Bay Area Coalition members; a list of TBAC accomplishments; list of all those who attended the Summit who volunteered to help organize the Regions; and contact sheets for each of these volunteers.

Discussion ensued about the Agenda for the next Coalition meeting. It was recommended and approved that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2010. It was further agreed that the agenda for this meeting would be devoted to a round table discussion on the 2011 Florida Legislative Session and what we can anticipate what the legislators will do to our retirement benefits and other crucial issues. It was suggested that we invite: From FASA, Juhan Mixon, Jim Warford, Wendy Dodge; Connie Milito Hillsborough School Board Lobbyist; Larry Carmichael from the Florida Retires Educators Association FREA; FASA's four new local

association regional directors; Central Florida Coalition; Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association; a representative from County Council PTA; Police and Firemen Benevolence Group, etc. **Coalition members were asked to suggest others that could be invited to this round table discussion.**

Please NOTE that all past minutes of the Tampa Bay Area Coalition meetings, Coalition's Constitution and Bylaws, and much more, are archived in HASA's Web Site www.hasaonline.com

The next Coalition Luncheon meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 1, 2010**. **Please note the new time: 11:30 to 12:00 Lunch, and 12:00 to 2:00 Meeting**. Please mark your calendar now.