

# TAMPA BAY AREA COALITION

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### School Administrator Associations

### Minutes of October 14, 2009

The 42nd bi-Monthly meeting of the Tampa Bay Area Coalition was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at the **Gary Adult High School Campus located at 5101 North 40<sup>th</sup> Street, Tampa, Florida 33610**. The luncheon meeting began at 12:30 PM and ended at 2:00 PM.

Coalition members present were: Dody Sapp from Volusia, Bob Clark from Orange, Richard Wells from Seminole, John Weant from Charlotte, Dr. Neriah Roberts from Polk, Ed Stickles from Lee County, Richard Myers from Brevard, Terry Aunchman from Pasco, Peggy Johns from Pinellas, Dough Berger from Sarasota; representing district level administrators: David Underhill from Manatee, Melodie Deeds from Sarasota; representing school level administrators: Jim Knight from Hernando County, and Dr. John Miliziano and Dr. Ken Allen from Hillsborough. Each of the 14 Coalition member districts were represented at this meeting. Guest speakers were: Jim Warford, FASA Executive Director; Marie Wright, FASA President; and Wendy Dodge, FASA Legislative Liaison. Also present as guests were: Tempress Solomon, HASA President; Jean Leone, FASA Past President; and Ernest Fernandez, HASA Retired Administrators Representative.

In the Absence of Coalition Secretary Rob Aguis, alternate Terry Aunchman reviewed the minutes of August 19, 2009. Minutes were approved with no corrections. Dr. Neriah Roberts, Coalition Treasurer, presented the financial report dated 10/9/2009 stating that as of this date the Coalition's fund balance was \$8,120.73. On this day 4 districts submitted their annual Coalition dues checks. Dr. Roberts pointed out that 12 of the Coalition members had paid their annual dues for 2008 – 2009. As of today only two districts have not paid their annual dues.

Dr. Miliziano distributed the Agenda Packet, minutes of the last Coalition meeting, and the treasurer's report. Also distributed was a list of names from Coalition member districts that have joined FASA during the month of October. Miliziano distributed 100 FASA membership forms and asked Coalition members to do their best to get administrators from their districts to join FASA. All 100 forms were taken by those present at the meeting. Once again, John Miliziano reiterated the need for Coalition member districts to encourage membership in FASA. If administrators in Florida are ever going to have any influence in what goes on in Tallahassee we need a strong state level association to look after our interest.

Dr. Miliziano announced that he had requested that Mr. Larry Carmichael, the Florida Retired Educators Association's legislative liaison, come and speak with the Coalition at this meeting. Because of a personal conflict, Larry promised to come to the next meeting if possible. Miliziano will contact Mr. Carmichael and request that he attend the next Coalition meeting scheduled for December 2, 2009.

In effort to save postage, John Miliziano distributed copies of the recently published HASA Fall Newsletter to all Coalition Members present at this meeting. The newsletter is normally mailed to the Coalition members via US Mail.

Jim Warford, FASA Executive Director and Marie Wright, President of FASA, spoke about the importance of having a strong relationship with local administrators associations. Both Jim and Marie believe that local districts can play a vital role in collaborations with FASA in having a strong impact with state level issues. FASA would like to see the state divided into several regions, much like the Tampa Bay Area Coalition, which represents 14 administrator associations. If this could be accomplished communications between FASA and the local districts could be greatly enhanced. Mr. Warford told the group that FASA is trying very hard to develop better communications means of reaching administrators throughout Florida. The weekly video vignettes that were started this year have been very well accepted.

Jim Warford also said that FASA was now solvent and all past debts have been satisfied. Jim was pleased that membership is growing in spite of the fact that there is a loss of members due to administrators exiting the DROP. It was also pointed out that membership in FASA has been made easier

because now secondary schools and district level administrators can join only FASA and not have to join the National Associations. Several members of the Coalition asked who they can contact at the FASA office to get a list of FASA members from their respective districts. Jim said to contact Cindy Casavant at 850-224-3626.

Wendy Dodge spoke about lobbying at the local districts levels prior to members going to Tallahassee for FASA's Legislative Days. Wendy will send talking points on all five legislative priorities that the Coalition and FASA have identified for the 2010 legislative session. After a review of the five priorities the group prioritized the issues as follows:

- First, Class size amendment
- Second, Graduation Requirements
- Third, DROP
- Fourth, School starting Time
- Fifth, FRS benefits to single employees

It was announced that FASA's legislative days have been set for January 10-12, 2010. Jim Warford suggested that John Miliziano possibly lead a session during legislative days for the purpose of trying to come up with a system of grouping local administrator associations into regions, with the possibility of creating a position on the FASA Board for local associations.

**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](http://www.hasaonline.com).**

**The next Coalition meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 12:30 PM at Gary Adult High School Campus in Tampa. This will be a working luncheon meeting. Food & drinks will be served.**

**The meeting for February 2010 has been tentatively scheduled for February 3, 2010. Please mark your calendars.**

# **INVOICE**

**Coalition Membership Dues for 2009 – 2010**

**Due July 1, 2009**

**Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of members in your association # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Remit \$ 1.00 for each of your members \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make checks out to HASA for Coalition Annual dues.**

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