



# Florida LGBTQA Democratic Caucus

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## FLORIDA LGBTQA DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS WINTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2015

Pride Community Center of North Central Florida  
3131 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 62  
Gainesville, FL 32609

### Minutes – *Pending Approval*

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Aebli, Boyd  
Albistu, Ercilia  
Allen, Charles  
Altermatt, David  
Avin, Amir  
Ayala, M. Alex  
Azzarello, August  
Basmajian, James  
Bassham, Linda  
Bottcher, Susan  
Boylan, Rick  
Cappiello, Marilyn T  
Clay, Karen  
Cook, Cathy  
Cutler, Dave  
Dickman, Jocelyn  
Eustace, Roger  
Fleming, Terry **VP**  
Foxx, Evelyn  
Gander, Sandra

Goldsmith, Abigail  
Hall, Steven  
Hurst, Ryan  
Hypes, Charlene  
Hypes, Dean  
Jacobson, Nancy  
Jacopelle, John  
Janecek, Andy **S**  
Jones, David  
Karp, Robert  
Kemp, Patricia  
Kiker, Suzanne  
Martin, Timothy  
Mastrodicasa, Jeanna  
McCarthy, Elizabeth  
McDonald, John  
Moody, Vertigo  
Morgan, Gayle  
Muth, Kevin

Patterson, Russell  
Pepper, Stewart  
Phillips, Sally **P**  
Pratt, Fred  
Rettinger, Bill  
Salas, Marissa  
Schechner, Alex  
Schumacher, Carmen  
Sharp, Terri  
Smith, Susan  
Strain, Helen  
Terrell, Ryan  
True, Cynthia  
Turcotte, Florence  
Warren, Helen  
Wells, William Peña  
Wilbanks, Woody  
Willoughby, Josh  
Woods, Janet

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Phillips at 1:07pm

#### DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

With a total of 58 members in attendance, the Secretary informed the membership that a quorum was present.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

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President Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silence.

**PRESIDENT’S WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS – Sally Phillips (Tampa)**

President Phillips thanked the Alachua County chapter for hosting this year’s annual meeting and complimented the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida on their stellar facilities. President Phillips provided opening remarks and thanked all in attendance.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Terry Fleming (Gainesville)**

Vice President Fleming introduced City of Gainesville Commissioner Helen Warren. Commissioner Warren provided remarks. Vice President Fleming commented on the great strides that have been made in the fight for equality.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT – Andy Janecek (Tallahassee)**

Secretary Janecek reported on the status of the organization’s name and appropriate updates to social media accounts and the website.

- Review of Minutes from March 15, 2014, Special Membership Meeting
- Review of Minutes from July 19, 2014, Membership Meeting

**MOTION:** Rick Boylan made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2014, and July 19, 2014, meetings; Bill Rettinger seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT – Marilyn Capiello (Tampa)**

Treasurer Capiello provided the membership with a current financial report ending January 31, 2015.

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2015	\$5,946.21
Cash Receipts	\$820.00
PayPal Fees	(\$22.19)
Disbursements	(\$1,167.31)
Ending Balance as of January 31, 2015	\$5,576.71

**AT-LARGE AND REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS**

President Phillips introduced all at-large and regional directors present in the room. Additionally, Secretary Phillips introduced all local chapter presidents present in the room. Directors and chapter presidents gave brief reports.

**2015 OFFICER AND AT-LARGE DIRECTOR ELECTIONS – Nominating Committee**

Nominating Committee Chair Bill Rettinger provided an overview of the elections process and thanked all members of the nominating committee for their service.

Mr. Rettinger announced that Terry Fleming had been nominated to the position of President by Sally Phillips. Mr. Rettinger opened the floor for additional nominations. No other nominations were received.

**MOTION:** Nancy Jacobson motioned to close nominations and to approve the election by acclamation; Dave Cutler seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

Mr. Rettinger announced that Marissa Salas had been nominated to the position of Vice President by Terry Fleming. Mr. Rettinger opened the floor for additional nominations. No other nominations were received.

**MOTION:** Ken Key made a motion to close nominations and to approve the election by acclamation; M. Alex Ayala seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

Mr. Rettinger announced that Andy Janecek had been nominated to the position of Secretary by Terry Fleming. Mr. Rettinger opened the floor for additional nominations. No other nominations were received.

**MOTION:** James Basmajian made a motion to close nominations and to approve the election by acclamation; David Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

Mr. Rettinger announced that William Pena Wells had been nominated to the position of Treasurer by Terry Fleming. Mr. Rettinger opened the floor for additional nominations. No other nominations were received.

**MOTION:** David Altermatt made a motion to close nominations and to approve the election by acclamation; Carmen Schumacher seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

Mr. Rettinger announced that Sally Phillips had been nominated to the position of Director of Membership and Chartering by Terry Fleming. Mr. Rettinger opened the floor for additional nominations. No other nominations were received.

**MOTION:** David Altermatt made a motion to close nominations and to approve the election by acclamation; Jocelyn Dickman seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

Mr. Rettinger announced that Dave Cutler had been nominated to the position of Director of Communications by Terry Fleming. Mr. Rettinger opened the floor for additional nominations. No other nominations were received.

**MOTION:** Kevin Muth made a motion to close nominations and to approve the election by acclamation; Karen Clay seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

Mr. Rettinger announced that David Jones had been nominated to the position of Director of Campaigns by Terry Fleming. Mr. Rettinger opened the floor for additional nominations. No other nominations were received.

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**MOTION:** Ken Key made a motion to close nominations and to approve the election by acclamation; Ryan Terrell seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

Mr. Rettinger announced that Elizabeth McCarthy had been nominated to the position of Director of Legislative Action by Terry Fleming. Mr. Rettinger opened the floor for additional nominations. No other nominations were received.

**MOTION:** Nancy Jacobson made a motion to close nominations and to approve the election by acclamation; James Basmajian seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

Mr. Rettinger announced that Linda Bassham had been nominated to the position of Director of Financial Resource Development by Terry Fleming. Mr. Rettinger announced that James Basmajian had been nominated to the position of Director of Financial Resource Development by Tim Ross. Mr. Rettinger opened the floor for additional nominations. Linda Bassham announced that she was withdrawing her nomination in consideration of Terry Fleming's request to do so to "promote caucus unity." No other nominations were received.

**MOTION:** David Altermatt made a motion to close nominations and to approve the election by acclamation; Kevin Muth seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

**MOTION:** David Altermatt made a motion to delay the election of Executive Regional Directors until after the proposed bylaws amendments were reviewed; Nancy Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

**MOTION:** David Jones recognized Sally Phillips for her service as President and made a motion to bestow the title of *President Emeritus* upon Mrs. Phillips; Bill Rettinger seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

## **BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS – Rick Boylan (St. Pete Beach)**

Bylaws Committee Co-Chair Rick Boylan introduced the discussion and provided a brief overview of the bylaws amendment process. The membership began to review each proposed change based upon the number assigned to each proposal in the bylaws amendment package.

**MOTION:** Bill Rettinger offered a motion and subsequent amended motion to approve proposals 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 36, 37, 38, 40, 42, 48, 51, 54, 56, 57, 59, 60, 62, 63, 67, 70, 71, 73, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84 and 86 with the implementation of changes related to the appointment, rather than election, of at-large directors becoming effective in advance of the 2017 organizational meeting, with the exception that any vacancies occurring before the 2017 organizational meeting would be filled using these new procedures; David Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed. Rick Boylan clarified that pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order, all amendments, including the delayed amendments relating to at-large directors, will be included as approved in the bylaws.

**MOTION:** Andy Janecek offered a motion and subsequent amended motion to approve proposals 22, 47, and 65 with amended language that would require the appointment of At-Large Directors to be ratified by the Board of Directors; Ryan Terrell seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

**MOTION:** Bill Rettinger made a motion to pass a transitional resolution allowing the Bylaws Committee Co-Chair and Secretary to implement the approved bylaws changes and to update the Articles of Incorporation as needed; Nancy Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

Bill Rettinger noted that there was no longer a need to revisit the election of Executive Regional Directors since those positions were now eliminated based upon the approval of the proposed bylaws amendments.

**MOTION:** Bill Rettinger made a motion to dissolve the Nominating Committee; Nancy Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

President-elect Fleming thanked Sally Phillips and Marilyn Cappiello for their service to the organizations and presented them with plaques and gift baskets. He further acknowledged their dedication, service, and outstanding leadership during their terms of office.

## **DISCUSSION ON ADVANCING TRANSGENDER INCLUSION**

Terri Sharp gave a presentation to the membership entitled, "Overcoming Cisgender Biases", and led a discussion on the importance of transgender inclusion as the organization moves forward.

**MOTION:** Ryan Terrell made a motion for the membership to issue a resolution formally opposing HB 583, a measure that would require the use of single-sex facilities be restricted to persons of sex for which facility is designated, as the language of the bill is discriminatory to the transgender community; Terri Sharp seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no members opposed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President-elect Fleming announced that a meeting of the Board of Directors would commence immediately following the adjournment of the membership meeting.

## **INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

City of Gainesville Commissioner Helen Warren swore in all new and returning members of the Board of Directors.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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President Phillips provided closing remarks and thanked all members for attending the meeting.

**MOTION:** President Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Sandra Gander seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26pm.