

This was totally wrong because there were many more Floridians who helped make the conference a success (see list below). This omission has unnecessarily damaged the reputation of all members of District 4 (Florida).

Now, it would be understandable if no one from Florida had volunteered to help at this conference. For those of you who are not aware of the history of the Orlando 2005 LPA conference, it must be explained that District 4 never asked for or bid to have this conference.

It was forced on us by the misguided efforts of former LPA President Leroy Bankowski and then enabled by a past board who refused to address his illegal actions until it was too late to avoid massive hotel penalties and expensive legal actions.



Marriott Hutchinson Island.

Despite having a conference unwillingly forced upon us, many Floridians put the past behind them and stepped forward to help. Although their efforts do not begin to compare with the monumental number of hours put in by Marge Carlisle, Dottie Mackay and others on the conference's core committee, the work put in by the following Florida members

should not be disregarded nor go unrecognized:

Deanna Uhl, Perni Patel and Amy Nguyen (N. Florida Chapter 51) managed the buying and serving of breakfast and lunch for all the doctors during their stay to give them more time to see patients. Prior to the conference they solicited donations from area restaurants and funds from the Florida LPA chapters. Every morning at 6:00AM they were picking up breakfasts at neighboring restaurants, setting up in the doctor room, serving and then cleaning up, only to head out again to pick up hot lunches, set up, serve and clean again. They missed all the workshops and parent meetings because this was an all-day job.

Olga Marohnic (S. Florida Chapter 12) planned and coordinated the Hispanic parents workshops and other Hispanic meetings. This included the preparation, translation and printing of hand-out materials.

Robert Van Etten (S. Florida Chapter 12 – was eventually recognized at banquet after requesting correction) Robert managed the entire Expo which involved an advance planning trip to the hotel, getting vendors registered, helping them with shipping of display/merchandise and setting up, ordering banners and coordinating the hotel side of the set-up and security. He also did presentations at two workshops: one on Adaptations and another on Knies-SED.

Lauren Mayeux (C. Florida Chapter 13) helped Dan Okenfuss in public relations, working with the press at the confer-

ence. She also was asked to take pictures during the banquet for LPA Today and was a member of the teen panel speaking at the parents meeting.

The Bieniek family (N. Florida Chapter 51) donated a copier to be used by the doctors for all their photocopying needs during the conference

Nancy Mayeux (C. Florida Chapter 13) translated for many Latin American patients during their doctor examinations. She helped moderate and plan the Latin American parent meetings, presented at the English-speaking parent meeting, and translated for the conference committee when a couple of problems arose with attendees who could not speak English.

Cindy Demitruk (S. Florida Chapter 12 – received recognition, but not as a “Florida” member) helped with registration

Tricia Mayeux (C. Florida Chapter 13) co-hosted the Fashion Show.

Angela Van Etten (S. Florida Chapter 12) did a workshop with Betty Adelson on writing memoirs, and spent several hours doing press interviews. She also wrote all the visa invitation letters for our international attendees and was an active participant on the Executive Committee that supported the conference.

Three Florida Chapters (S. Florida Chapter 12, C Florida Chapter 13 and North Florida 51) contributed funds to buy breakfast and lunch for all the