

October 2020 FFAST Assistive Technology Award Discussion

Minutes

October 29th, 2020
1:30 – 2:00 PM EDT



1. Opening

Ms. Whitney Harris opened the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Members Present: Mr. Ben Welter and Mr. Thom Delilla

Staff Present: Ms. Whitney Harris, Mr. Eric Reed

Members of the Public: None

2. Approval of Agenda

No members of the public commented. No modifications were made to the agenda. The agenda was approved with no objection.

3. Assistive technology Award Discussion

Ms. Whitney Harris presented the Michael Phillips Assistive Technology Award of Excellence that she drafted using the Stephan E. Sallee Award as a template. Mr. Ben Welter corrected a few typos. Mr. Welter states that this award should be flexible enough to give it to someone who may not be an assistive technology user. Ms. Harris stated that FFAST has approved Legislative Awards in the past. Both members agree that this award should not include legislators due to FFAST having other awards for legislators. The bullet point saying nominees can be a professional, an advocate, a volunteer, a caregiver, or an assistive technology user will stay. Members agree that it should be awarded once a year.

The next step will be to ask Ms. Karen Clay, mother of Mr. Michael Phillips, to provide FFAST with a professional biography of Mr. Phillips. Mr. Paul Tobin suggested that money be set aside in the Board Operating Reserve account to pay for the plaque. FFAST can add another plaque to the budget. Mr. Welter and Mr. Thom Delilla will present the draft to the full board on November 17th, 2020.

4. Closing

Ms. Harris adjourned the meeting at 2:04 pm.