



**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the
Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network,
Conference Call
Pensacola, FL – September 30, 2009**

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida, held a public meeting conference call on Wednesday, September 30, 2009, in Pensacola, Florida. The meeting convened at 2 p.m. CST and lasted approximately 40 minutes. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of the East Central Region office.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Judy Bense at 2 p.m. CST.

Roll was taken and the following directors were in attendance: Dr. Judy Bense, Chair, Ms. Lee Hutchinson; Ms. Norma Harris; Mr. Paul Jones; Mr. Greg Cook; Dr. Lynne Goldstein, Mr. Robin Moore, Mr. Terry Klein, Dr. Ryan Wheeler, and Ms. Patty Flynn.

Others in attendance were Dr. William B. Lees, Executive Officer and Secretary of the Board; Dr. Elizabeth Benchley, staff advisor to the Board; Cheryl Phelps, FPAN Coordinating Center Office/Contract Administrator; Dr. Rachel Wentz, East Central Regional Director; Ms. Lee Bailey and Dr. Ben Brotemarkle of the Florida Historical Society.

Dr. Bense called for the approval of the meeting minutes from the July 28, 2009 Board of Director's meeting. Motion for approval was made by Patty Flynn and seconded by Norma Harris. The minutes were approved by the majority.

The purpose of this conference call was to discuss hosting of the East Central Region given the announcement by Brevard Community College that they want to terminate their hosting contract with UWF. Dr. Lees brought the Board up to date on the current situation. In early September, BCC first said they did not want to host the FPAN regional center due to lack of space. Upon discussion with Dr. Lees they agreed to evaluate continuing to host the center is an off-campus partner could be found that could offer office space. No partner had been identified and BCC has not signed their renewal contract. At this time, East Central FPAN personnel are still working at the present location.

Dr. Bense asked for suggestions on how to handle this matter. Dr. Wheeler stated he had run into this type situation before and suggested a Settlement Agreement issued from Procurement. Dr. Lees will contact Procurement to further discuss our options.

The Board agreed to end our working relationship with Brevard Community College. Discussion moved to finding another host center via Request for Proposal with another agency or a state university. The University of Central Florida was suggested as they have many satellite offices along the east coast. Dr. Lees will contact UCF to inquire about their interest in FPAN. Dr. Lees

had recently met with Dr. Ben Brotemarkle, Florida Historical Society; and he was on the conference call and made a statement of interest in becoming a FPAN host.

A motion was made by Paul Jones for Dr. Lees to send out a request for Letters of interest; post notice in public, and possibly issue an RFP in search of a FPAN host. Accessibility will be important selection criteria. Dr. Lees will keep the board informed of his progress. Motion was seconded by Patty Flynn and all approved.

There was no old or new business discussed.

No further business was brought forward and the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. CST.