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**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the
Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network,
Flagler College, St. Augustine
May 9 and 10, 2013
2pm – 5pm; 9am - Noon**

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida, held a public meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at Flagler College. The meeting convened at 2 p.m. EST and lasted approximately 3 hours.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Judith Bense at 2 p.m. EDT.

Roll was taken and the following directors were in attendance: Dr. Judith Bense, Chair; Ms. Patty Flynn; Mr. Paul Jones; Ms. Lee Hutchinson; Mr. Robin Moore; Mr. Terry Klein; Dr. Greg Cook, Vice-Chair; and Dr. Mary Glowacki. Dr. John Worth participated by conference call. Absent were Dr. Lynne Goldstein and Ms. Shorty Robbins

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 Administrator; Dr. Michael McDonald, Florida Gulf Coast University; Dr. Ben Brotemarkle, Florida Historical Society; Dr. Mike Harris and Dr. Clifford Brown, Florida Atlantic University; FPAN regional directors and Outreach Coordinators.

Dr. Bense called for the approval of the minutes from December 19, 2012. Paul Jones made the motion to approve the minutes and Terry Klein seconded. All members approved.

Dr. Lees reviewed FPAN staff and board transitions for fiscal year 2012-13. Dr. John Worth was added to the Board to replace Norma Harris who retired from UWF and Greg Cook was appointed as Vice-Chair of the FPAN Board of Directors. Dr. Richard Estabrook and Dr. Annette Snapp resigned to take other job opportunities, Nicole Bucchino was hired to replace Irina Sorset, and Amber Weiss resigned in order to return to graduate school at the University of Florida. New vehicle upgrades are being implemented around the state. Rather than have the Directors give verbal reports all FPAN centers designed posters reflecting their regional accomplishments. The posters will be displayed at the FAS Conference as well.

The position of FPAN Board Chair was up for renewal. Dr. Bense expressed her willingness to continue as FPAN Board Chair and the group enthusiastically agreed. Other members whose appointment will expire in 2014 may apply for reappointment before the mid-year meeting, October 31, 2013.

Dr. Lees reviewed the FPAN budget through the years including past budget cuts which amounted to roughly 19%, of which only 6% has to date been passed on the hosted Regional Centers. He

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reviewed the use of carry-forward to buffer the Regional Centers from the full effect of the budget reductions, and that this will no longer be possible. In order to bring all FPAN operations within annual appropriated funding, he recommended making permanent a restructuring in the USF hosted regions made possible by the resignation of Dr. Estabrook, and to implement a similar restructuring in South Florida (Southeast and Southwest Regions) and Northeast Florida (Northeast and East Central Regions). Restructuring in South Florida would be made somewhat easier due to the Director vacancy resulting from Dr. Snapp's resignation. After a lengthy discussion of FPAN's historical and structural budget issues, and a review of a proposal to implement a consolidated approach to management of multiple FPAN Regions following the USF model, the Board adopted a motion: The Executive Director and Coordinating Center are to do an analysis of approaches to consolidation in FPAN Regions taking into account all options, develop a model for consolidation, implement consolidation, and report to the Board. Board discussion that followed clarified that the Executive Director could implement reorganization though consolidation as soon as feasible without further Board approval, although no deadline was specified. Patty Flynn seconded, and all approved.

Terry Klein, of the Development Committee, reported on the need for FPAN to find funding from other sources, to not rely solely on state funding, but the problem of where the funds would be kept and and how they would be distributed needs to be addressed. Discussion of the issues involved ensued, and the following actions were called for by the Board:

- 1) Each director needs to research how their host would handle FPAN donations or how they would feel about UWF holding all donations.
- 2) Regions will determine how to "get" the money, i.e. a design a fund raising campaign with set goal. Each center needs to search for people who love FPAN and are willing to donate to the program.
- 3) Dr. Bense will explore with Pat Lott the implications of making FPAN into a University Direct Support Organization
- 4) Mary Glowacki will explore how their DHR CSO might be able to assist

Jeff Moates reviewed the Florida Archaeology Month poster and restructuring of next year's committee. The program will need more funding for next year's poster project.

The meeting was recessed for the day at 5:00 p.m.

**Continuation of FPAN Board Meeting
Friday, May 10, 2013, 9:00 a.m.
Flagler College**

The meeting was reconvened at 9:05 a.m. by Dr. Judith Bense. Introductions were made and all Board members were in attendance except Shorty Robbins and Dr. Lynne Goldstein.

Dr. Lees introduced the idea of changing the MOA structure to allow the Coordinating Center more formal input to FPAN host personnel matters, including the personnel annual review process. After much discussion it was agreed the MOA should remain as is and Dr. Lees should draft a policy to cover this matter and send via email to Board members to decide if we need it, like it, and whether it should it be a policy or a MOA change.

Dr. Mary Glowacki presented the Bureau of Archaeological Research update.

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Dr. Della Scott-Ireton reviewed a concept for a FPAN recognition award program in partnership with FAC of which could be given out at a planned event or possibly in conjunction with FAS; or creating a separate award based on archaeo-tourism. The cost of the project would have to be paid from Foundation funds, of which FPAN does not have sufficient funding to cover the awards banquet. The project is up for Board consideration.

Dr. Bense expressed interest in a FPAN Field Program for the public. She would like to capture the *good parts* of archaeology that the public enjoys. It could be offered as a grant project, inviting scholars and students to assist, one site per year. Dr. Lees expressed concern with the level of effort it would require, permits, cost, logistics, follow-up reports, fee charge, etc. but that such a program could succeed if it is partnered with a scholar with institutional support, and who would take responsibility for everything after the fieldwork. Jason Moser said Earth Watch charges \$1500 to \$2000 per person. Dr. Benchley expressed her experience with volunteers is they do not want to dig in the heat, but preferred to sort artifacts in the shade. Dr. Della Scott-Ireton suggested we do a field school training for the public at a working site. After much discussion a task force was formed to explore all aspects of a public field school. Task force volunteers are Terry Klein, Dr. Elizabeth Benchley, Dr. Mike McDonald, Robin Moore, Sarah Miller, Greg Cook, and Barbara Hines.

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Meeting adjourned at noon.