



**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the
Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network,
Annual Meeting
Jupiter, Florida
May 20, 2016**

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida, held its annual board meeting on May 20, 2016, 8 a.m. – Noon EDT, in Jupiter, Florida. The meeting convened at 8 a.m. and lasted approximately 4 hours. The purpose of the meeting was to review past year’s achievements and to hear general updates.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judith Bense at 8 a.m. EDT. Dr. Bense called for all attendees to introduce themselves.

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

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; FPAN staff – Dr. Della Scott-Ireton, Mike Thomin, Barbara Clark, Sarah Miller, Jeff Moates, Sarah Nohe, and Sara Ayers-Rigsby.

Motion: Chair Bense called for the approval of the agenda. Lynne Goldstein made a motion to approve the agenda, Terry Klein seconded, and all Board members approved.

Motion: Chair Bense called for the approval of the meeting minutes from the October 22, 2015, Board of Director’s meeting held via conference call from Pensacola, Florida. Lynne Goldstein made a motion to approve, Robin Moore seconded, and all Board members approved.

Director’s Report: William Lees presented his report personnel transitions: President Abare of Flagler College will be retiring in the spring; Tom Pluckhahn is new host PI for USF; Rachael Kangas moved to Ft. Myers office as Coordinator; Sara Ayers-Rigsby has been appointed Director of Southeast/Southwest Region (FAU); Sarah Nohe has been appointed the position of Associate Director Development. We received funding for the addition of two Post-Docs – Heritage Tourism, and Program Assessment beginning in August, 2016; DHR’s new SHPO Director Tim Parsons. William reviewed the success in halting the isolated finds bill this year but reminded us it would reoccur next year. There was discussion on the sea level rise initiative, erosion by boat wakes along coast line and river banks, and river pollution leading to the creation of a monitoring system - HMS – Heritage Monitoring Scouts. Judith Bense suggested a shoreline survey initiative. Much discussion ensued on how to and who were already

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considering this need. Shorty Robbins suggested developing a partnership for estuary, coastal cleanup with parks and the public. Mary Glowacki discussed the NOAAH grants available for such cleanup needs, along with how to manage the data collected for effective management. Lynne Goldstein suggested approaching companies for a more innovative, technological way to document some sites, include public assistance. The use of drones was brought up, but drone laws were unclear so Terry Klein offered to follow up the laws. There is a system called Lidar that monitors the coastline, which could be used in comparison with current monitoring.

Board Appointments: Judith Bense reappointed herself to the Board. There were no other vacancies to address. Terms that expire next year were asked to consider their intentions.

Memorandum of Agreement: The MOA was simplified last year, but as DHR attorneys are questioning the MOA. Mary Glowacki explained the concerns the DHR attorney had. Judith Bense suggested creating FPAN by-laws and eliminate the MOA but keep program objectives with DHR.

MOTION: Lynne Goldstein made a motion to revise MOA and pull out organizational components of FPAN and convert to bylaws and work with DHR on an annual basis on programing.

Little Salt Springs: The UWF possession of Little Salt Springs by FPAN is in limbo at this time. Due to the uncertainty of funding (UWF's inability to take ownership in time with legislature) a suggestion was made to put in private trust or to invite other agencies – put on list of Acquisition in Restoration Council for State Land for funding (Tim Parsons on council); Florida Department of Environment Protection – to look at this situation and get them involved.

FPAN Development: Sarah Nohe is the FPAN Associate Director of Development and explained her plan for fund raising, creating sponsorship programs for projects, overseeing execution of projects, developing fund raising activities and projects, submitting grant applications, and overseeing heritage core idea. She is now employed by UWF.

Regional Reports were presented by Barbara Clark, NC/NW Regions; Emily Jane Murray and Keving Gidusko, NE/East Central Regions; Jeff Moates, Central/West Central Regions; Sara Ayers-Rigsby, SE/SW Regions; Mike Thomin, Destination Archaeology Resource Center; and Sarah Nohe. Many notable accomplishments were brought to the attention of the Board who were impressed with the creativeness of the staff.

Partner Updates: Partner updates were presented by Patty Flynn for FAS, Ramie Gougeon for FAC, and Mary Glowacki for DHR.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourned: No further business the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. EDT.