



**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the  
Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network,  
Tampa Bay History Center, 801 Old Water Street, Tampa, FL  
February 3, 2011  
9am – 3pm**

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida, held a public meeting on Thursday, February 3, 2011, in Tampa. The meeting convened at 9 a.m. EST and lasted approximately 6 hours.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Bense at 9 a.m. EST.

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

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; Michael McDonald, FGCU; Mike Harris, FAU

Dr. Bense called for the approval of the minutes from the October 11, 2010 conference call. Dr. Goldstein made the motion to approve the minutes and Lee Hutchinson seconded. All members approved.

Dr. Lees gave a brief update of the FPAN operations from August to date. The Outreach retreat held in fall was innovative, creative, and most helpful to the coordinators. In November Dr. Lees attended the FAS meeting to discuss FPAN's role in Florida Archaeology Month (FAM) in March, 2011. In September, 2010, the office of DHR and FPAN met to review shared duties and meet staff. It was so successful another meeting is scheduled for September, 2011. In October, 2010 the BOD, through conference call, met to select the new host of the Southwest Region. Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, was selected. Matt Schuld, Outreach Coordinator, will continue his duties at FGCU, and the search for a Regional Director will begin. Susan Fohs is the Administrative Assistant to the Southwest Region.

Our North Central office in Tallahassee is now open. Barbara Hines, Coordinator, moved into the Carriage House at The Governor Martin House at the end of January. DHR has been very helpful by supplying furniture for the office.

Jason Kent, Web Architect, has finalized the consistent-style web pages for all regions and is working on other related projects. To commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War, Dr. Lees has included a Destination Civil War site to the web page.

The Destination Archaeology Resource Center's store section is being remodeled and will include rotating exhibits, student research and travel exhibits. The new museum manager will be selected soon.

The Central Region office has hired Jason Moser, Outreach Coordinator. He comes to us with an extensive archaeology and historian background including maritime and underwater archaeology. We welcome his expertise.

The recent SHA and SEAC conferences were well attended by FPAN staff and students. We continue to share FPAN information around the country and world.

Dr Goldstein advised an improvement to our Twitter site by identifying the area/center when twittering would be helpful to the public; and also suggested the use of Drop Box for file sharing. Dr. Bense was pleased with staff interaction and the web growth of FPAN information.

The next agenda item were changes to the May 2008 and 2009 minutes to correct term limits of board members. Patty Flynn made the motion to accept and Paul Jones seconded. All approved.

The next agenda item was review of the strategic goals and objectives - ways to evaluate and measure results. Prior to the Board meeting the FPAN Regional Directors met to discuss ways to measure these goals and a two-hour summary session of this information was then detailed to the Board members allowing further questions and discussion.

The Board broke for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and returned at 1:15 p.m.

The next agenda item was the appointment/renewal of Board members – Dr. Lynne Goldstein; Robin Moore; Paul Jones; and Greg Cook. These members volunteered to continue on the Board. Norma Harris was also appointed Vice Chair. Lee Hutchinson made a motion to accepted these appointments, Patty Flynn seconded, and all approved.

FPAN is seeking an At-Large Board member and had received four applications: Lianne Bennett, Karen Malesky, William Brisben, and Robin (Shorty) Robbins. Dr. Goldstein requested more references based on personal knowledge about the applicants from the FPAN staff. Several FPAN staff members expressed their knowledge/experience about the applicants they had worked with, knew personally, or had served with on other committees. The Board found the information helpful. Afterwards a verbal vote was taken and Robin (Shorty) Robbins was selected unanimously. Her term begins July 1, 2011, ending June 30, 2014.

## **Old Business**

The mid-term meeting calendar has been sent out and it looks like December 15, 16, 2011, may be the date. The Southeast Region has volunteered to host the meeting in Ft. Lauderdale.

## **New Business**

Dr. Bense proposed an idea of creating a FPAN award for students. There could be two awards, one for an individual, non-archaeologist who is *doing well* for archaeology and one for a student who works with the public. She suggested finding ways to engage students in public archaeology. Dr. Benchley suggested linking to college archaeology blogs. Dr. Goldstein suggests encouraging students to promote sites to visit either virtual or real. Jason Moser suggested the use of a web cam at working sites.

Dr. Bense ask that you send your suggestions for the student award to Dr. Lynne Goldstein for further discussion at the next Board meeting in May.

Terry Klein suggested we make Goal #11 a priority. "Secure private funding sources to assist with the implementation of FPAN programs." The group agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.