



**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the
Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network,
Ybor City, Tampa, FL – May 2, 2008**

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida, held a public meeting on Friday, May 2, 2008, in Ybor City, Tampa, Florida. The meeting convened at 8:00 A.M. EST and lasted approximately 4.5 hours. The purpose of the meeting was to select new Board members, discuss budget reductions, and consider other business brought before the board.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Bense at 8:00 a.m. EST.

Roll was taken and the following directors were in attendance: Dr. Judy Bense, Chair, Ms. Marion Almy; Ms. Norma Harris; Ms. Sheila Stewart; Mr. Paul Jones; Mr. Greg Cook; and Dr. Lynne Goldstein. Absent were directors Mr. Robert Carr; Dr. Hester Davis; and Dr. Ryan Wheeler.

Other 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. Della Scott-Ireton, FPAN Northwest Region Director; Sarah Miller, FPAN Northeast Region Director; Richard Estabrook, Central Region Director; Dr. Michele Williams, FPAN Southeast Region Director; Dr. Kira Kaufmann, FPAN Southeast Region Marine Archaeologist; Dr. Rachel Wentz, East Central Region Director; and Jeff Moates, FPAN West Central Region Director.

Dr. Bense called for the approval of the meeting minutes from the October, 27, 2006; May 11, 2007; June 14, 2007; and February 5, 2008 Board of Director's Meetings. Dr. Goldstein called for the motion to approve and Paul Jones seconded. All members approved.

New Board member, Paul Jones, was introduced to the other members. He replaces Dr. Jim Miller as the representative from the Florida Archaeological Council.

Dr. Bense called for the report from the FPAN Executive Director, Dr. William Lees. Dr. Lees presented his yearly report on the operation of the Florida Public Archaeology Network statewide. He discussed the regional growth with the addition of the Central Region located at Crystal River, and the success of the East Central and Southeast regions at the end of their first full year of operation. He also reviewed the selection of a new host, the Town of Fort Myers Beach, for the Southwest Region after the termination of the agreement with the Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida. The contract with the Town of Fort Myers Beach has been negotiated, signed by the Town, but has been put on hold pending adoption of a plan to deal with budget reductions. Dr. Lees reminded everyone of the relocation of the West Central Region office from MOSI to a more suitable office suite at the edge of the University of South Florida Campus. He reviewed the series of budget reductions that had occurred

throughout the past year. Dr. Lees also informed the board of the resignation of Dr. Davis, due to consistently bad spring weather that has prevented her from attending the last two meetings, and of Northeast Region Outreach Coordinator, Christy Wood Pritchard, who is relocating to Kentucky with her family.

At the conclusion of Dr. Lees' report, Ms. Almy suggested an organizational chart be placed on the web site to further understand the flow of the organization and to facilitate staff contacts.

Next, the discussion of replacement of Members-at-Large ensued. The term of Dr. Lynne Goldstein, Board Member-At-Large, Non-Florida Resident, ended at this meeting. She was reappointed to another term by unanimous vote of the Core Directors, and accepted this new appointment. Her new term expires May, 2010.

The term of Board Member-At-Large, Florida Resident Robert Carr's expired at this meeting and he was not eligible for reappointment. Several names were brought up for discussion as his replacement. After much discussion of the merits of the various candidates and of the need for geographic balance of board members, the Core Directors voted to appoint Robin Moore, County Archaeologist for St. Johns County, as Board of Director- At-Large, Florida Resident. His term expires May, 2011. Mr. Moore, who was not in attendance, accepted his appointment via telephone.

Budget cuts around the state have affected FPAN and Dr. Lees presented a report on the most current budget reduction scenario and with five options on how FPAN might adapt to a reduced level of funding. After presenting options, discussion ensued which included, by board request, input from the regional directors' and other stakeholders in the audience. At this time, the contract for the Southwest Region (Mound House) was still open. After weighing the options, it was voted to adopt the option that would continue funding at the FY2007-2008 level at each of the established regions, to execute the contract with the Town of Fort Myers Beach (Mound House) for the Southwest Region Center at the full negotiated rate, and to not establish a regional center in the North Central Region. Dr. Lees was directed to prepare a plan to provide some service to the North Central Region by assistance from adjacent regions and by other means as he may determine appropriate.

Regional Center directors presented a report of center activities since the last meeting of the Board of Directors:

Southeast Region – Dr. Michele Williams and Dr. Kira Kaufmann

Northwest Region – Dr. Della Scott-Ireton

Northeast Region – Sarah Miller and Christy Wood Pritchard

West Central Region – Jeff Moates

East Central Region – Dr. Rachel Wentz

Central Region – Richard Estabrook

Old Business

There was no old business brought before the board.

New Business

Dr. Hester Davis had submitted her resignation from the Board to Dr. Lees a few days prior to the meeting. The Board accepted her resignation with regret and created the position of "Director Emeritus" to recognize the special contribution of retiring board members. This position will have no voting rights and will be appointed by the board at their discretion. By unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, Dr. Davis was named as the first Director Emeritus of FPAN.

A replacement for the board position vacated by Dr. Davis was discussed. By vote of the Core Directors, Terry Klein, Executive Director of the SRI Foundation, Inc., of Albuquerque, NM, was appointed as Director-At-Large, Non-Florida Resident. Mr. Klein, who was not in attendance, accepted this appointment via telephone. His term expires May, 2010.

Sheila Stewart stated the FAS did not receive their grant to support Florida Archaeology Month (FAM), noted our offer to pay for the printing costs of the FAM poster this year, and asked if FPAN intended to support the publishing of the Florida Archaeology Month poster in future years. Dr. Lees stated that FPAN was happy to be able to help with major support for the FAM project in this year of crisis but that FAS should not expect FPAN to routinely provide this level of financial support. He mentioned that FPAN has provided some financial support for FAM since FPAN was established but that support at the level offered this year would have to be considered on a year-by-year basis.

It was requested that Regional Director quarterly reports be made accessible to the Board via the website. We are working on establishing an FTP page for this purpose.

The board adjourned at 12:30 p.m. EST.