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**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the  
Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network,  
Pensacola, FL – May 8, 2009**

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida, held a public meeting on Friday, May 8, 2009, in Pensacola, Florida. The meeting convened at 8:00 A.M. CST and lasted approximately 4.25 hours. The purpose of the meeting was to select a new Board member, 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. CST.

Roll was taken and the following directors were in attendance: Dr. Judy Bense, Chair, Ms. Marion Almy; Ms. Norma Harris; Mr. Paul Jones; Mr. Greg Cook; Dr. Lynn Goldstein, Mr. Robin Moore, Mr. Terry Klein. Absent were directors Dr. Ryan Wheeler, and Ms. Sheila Stewart arriving late.

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/Contract 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. 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 May 2, 2008 Board of Director's Meetings. Marion Almy made the motion to approve and Lynn Goldstein seconded. All members approved.

New Board members, Robin Moore and Terry Klein, were introduced to the other members. They replace Hester Davis and Robert Carr.

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. His report began with multi-region programming through radio spots, and partnering with the History Department on a project to bring both history and archaeology to the public. Dr. Ryan Wheeler has offered use of the Governor Martin House in Tallahassee for FPAN personnel. This idea is under consideration. Budget matters were a main topic of discussion with hopes of a smaller cut than previously indicated. Final determination comes after the legislative vote. The idea of FPAN

becoming an official state center is under consideration. Dr. Lees is working with Sponsored Research on this project. The Southwest Region is preparing to offer the Director position pending budget approval, putting the region in operation for the new fiscal year. FPAN will host the SHA conference at Amelia Island in January 2010. It is time to review and renew the standard FPAN MOA. Planning for FPAN's future includes public outreach, assistance to local governments, and assisting the DHR in its archaeological responsibilities. This will be accomplished through needs assessments from all regional centers.

Dr. Bense called for discussion of the replacement of board member Marion Almy. Lee Hutchinson, of Archaeological Consultants, Inc., was suggested as her replacement. A discussion ensued; a vote was taken and all approved. Ms. Hutchinson was contacted and offered the Board position which she accepted. She will remain in office until 2013.

Dr. Lees began an in-depth discussion on next year's budget presenting a strategy to handle various percentage cuts. Lynn Goldstein moved to approve his strategy in principle, and the motion was approved by all.

Next, each regional center made their annual presentation on the programs, presentations, and public contacts they made throughout their region.

Southeast Region – Dr. Michele Williams

Northwest Region – Dr. Della Scott-Ireton

Northeast Region – Sarah Miller

West Central Region – Jeff Moates

East Central Region – Dr. Rachel Wentz

Central Region – Richard Estabrook

## **Old Business**

The Board members asked to receive copies of quarterly reports and other information on each region's progress. Various methods are being looking into to handle the information to be sent.

## **New Business**

Terry Klein offered information on how to get additional funding through Sec. 106 Archaeological Data Recovery program.

Lynn Goldstein suggested that FPAN consider the use of Twitter for quick communication and public service announcements.

The board adjourned at 12:15 p.m. CST.