



**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the  
Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network,  
Conference Call – October 11, 2010**

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida, held a public meeting via conference call on Monday, October 11, 2010. The meeting convened at 1:00 P.M. CDT and lasted approximately 25 minutes. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposal from Florida Gulf Coast University to host the Southwest Region.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Bense at 1:02 p.m. CDT.

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. Absent board members were: Mr. Robin Moore and Mr. Terry Klein.

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 and Alison Elgart, FGCU.

Dr. Bense called for the approval of the minutes from the August 25, 2010 conference call. Dr. Goldstein made the motion to approve the minutes and Patty Flynn seconded. All members approved.

Dr. Lees gave a brief update of the FPAN operations. The Board will meet face-to-face in Tampa on February 2 and 3, 2011. Accommodations and dinner will be in Ybor City. The meeting will be held on the USF campus with a tour of the West Central FPAN office. The Central Region has selected Jason Moser as their Outreach Coordinator. He is well qualified bringing a wide range of archaeology knowledge and experience to the position.

Dr. Bense called for the next item – discussion of Florida Gulf Coast University's proposal to host the Southwest Region. Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) had originally applied to be a host in 2008, and was favorably reviewed at that time. Dr. Lees traveled to Ft. Myers to visit the University and site designated for a FPAN office. He was pleased with the reception received and felt it was indicative of a clear level of commitment. Michael McDonald revised the proposal and budget and presented to the Board who found it very acceptable. FGCU has worked with FPAN at the Mound House and is familiar with our program. The similarities between FGCU and FPAN – same outreach service area, work with the Seminole Tribe, a state university, and expanding Anthropology/Archaeology classes – will be a good fit. Board member Paul Jones expressed how much easier it will be for us to work with another state agency as opposed to a local agency. Dr. Goldstein asked what FGCU hoped to acquire from this FPAN relationship. Mr. McDonald expressed hopes of expanding their curriculum in applied Anthropology and Public Archaeology, to gain work experience, and to make Anthropology programs more visible in the community. Greg Cook questioned the two site locations mentioned in the proposal. Mr. McDonald explained the

Green Building was not built at this time, but awaiting matching funding. Until then, the FPAN office would be located in Whitaker Hall which Dr. Lees stated was a good location. FGCU will also bring Outreach Coordinator Matt Schuld on staff. Dr. Wheeler questioned what would be their biggest challenge. Mr. McDonald's response was integrating into the network and getting to know everyone.

At this time, a motion was made by Dr. Goldstein to grant proposal for the Southwest Regional Center to FGCU. Paul Jones seconded. All approved. A hearty Welcome Aboard was offered by all. This center will be established November 23, 2011.

### **Old Business**

Dr. Lees remarked about the meeting with DHR in September. The meeting was successful in meeting the staff, discussing programming and future events, and establishing a working relationship between FPAN and DHR. This will become a yearly meeting.

Dr. Goldstein complimented FPAN on the active Twitter and Facebook sites.

### **New Business**

None

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.