



**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the  
Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network,  
Semi-Annual Conference Call  
December 1, 2016 (approved May 20, 2017)**

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida, held its semi-annual board meeting via conference call on December 1, 2016, Noon – 1:30 p.m., Pensacola, Florida. The purpose of the meeting was to review achievements since the last meeting and to hear general updates.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Judith Bense at Noon, CST.

Roll was taken and the following directors were in attendance: Dr. Judith Bense, Chair; Dr. Greg Cook, Vice-Chair; Dr. Lynne Goldstein; State Archaeologist Dr. Mary Glowacki; Mr. Terry Klein; Ms. Lee Hutchinson; Dr. Ramie Gougeon; and Ms. Patty Flynn. Ms. Shorty Robbins and Mr. Robin Moore were 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. State Historic Preservation Officer Tim Parsons also joined the call.

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

**Motion:** Chair Bense called for the approval of the meeting minutes from the May 20, 2016, Board of Director's meeting held in Jupiter, Florida. Terry Klein made a motion to approve, Greg Cook seconded, and all Board members approved.

**Director's Report:** Dr. Lees presented his report beginning with personnel transitions: Dr. Bense will be stepping down as University of West Florida President on December 31, and will be replaced by current UWF Provost Dr. Martha Saunders; FPAN has two new Post Doctoral Associates at the FPAN Coordinating Center – Dr. Sorna Khakzad and Dr. Laura K. Clark; and Flagler College has announced the selection of Joseph Joyner to replace Dr. William Abare on his retirement at the end of the year. Dr. Lees also reviewed effects of Hurricane Matthew on the Northwest Region office; discussed relocation of East Central office from Merritt Island to Sanford; reviewed ongoing programs/projects and government issues to monitor. Dr. Lees also congratulated Mike Thomin, manager of FPAN's Destination Archaeology Resource Center, on being awarded the Museum Excellence Award by the Florida Association of Museums.

**MOA:** Recommendation from the last board meeting was to take out the administrative functions from the MOA because the agreement is programmatic rather than administrative. Dr. Lees is

still working with UWF General Counsel Pat Lott and DHR on these changes which will define FPAN's relationship with DHR, the Board of Directors, and program functions. At this time Dr. Lees recommends no action be taken but expects a document will be put before the board for approval at the May 2017 Board meeting.

**Board Appointments:** Dr. Lees reviewed board members whose appointments will be expiring this year and next. Dr. Lees and Dr. Bense reviewed a new procedure whereby current board members who desire to be reappointed will need to complete an application in advance signifying their interest. These along with any other applications received from individuals desiring a board appointment (an application is always posted on the FPAN webpage) will be provided to the board for consideration at the upcoming board meeting.

**FPAN Development:** Sarah Nohe, FPAN Associate Director of Development, reviewed her ideas for fund raising. She has been in training with the UWF Office of Development and has created a strategy for fund raising: Sponsorships, large donations, grants, and heritage tourism experiences (tours).

**Little Salt Spring:** Progress on UWF and FPAN involvement in the operation and management of Little Salt Spring was reviewed, focusing on difficulties in terms of ownership and funding. It was decided that, at this time, further developments in this area may not be in the University's best interest although the potential remains high if the right partnerships become available.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Terry Klein advised the Florida Archeology Preservation Organization to meet with the Cultural Heritage Partners, who work with many archaeology organizations, for preparing for "CRM Industry in Age of Trump."

Florida SHPO Tim Parsons recommended anyone interested in possible political changes in federal preservation laws to consider attending Preservation Week, March 15, in Washington, D.C. Tim also brought to light the discovery of shipwreck of the 1565 French Ribault Fleet off of Cape Canaveral.

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m., CST.