Minutes of the Public Meeting of the
Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network
Annual Meeting
Jacksonville, Florida
5 May 2017

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida, held its annual board meeting on May 5, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – Noon EDT, in Jacksonville, Florida. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. and lasted approximately four hours. The purpose of the meeting was to review the past year’s achievements and updates and to select new members of the board.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Judy Bense at 8 a.m. EDT.

Present were Dr. Judy Bense (chair), Dr. Greg Cook (vice-chair), Dr. Ramie Gougeon, Dr. John Worth, State Archaeologist Dr. Mary Glowacki, Mr. Terry Klein, Ms. Patty Flynn, Ms. Shorty Robbins, and Ms. Lee Hutchinson. Director Dr. Lynne Goldstein joined the meeting via phone. Director Robin Moore was absent. Also present were Dr. William Lees, executive officer and secretary of the board; Dr. Elizabeth Benchley, staff advisor to the board, and FPAN staff including Associate Director Dr. Della Scott-Ireton, Office and Contracts Manager Cheryl Phelps, Nicole Grinnan, Mike Thomin, Sarah Miller, Sara Ayers-Rigsby, Barbara Clark, and Jeff Moates.

After approval of the agenda (motion, approved) and the minutes (motion, approved) from the December 1, 2016, conference call meeting of the Board, Executive Director Lees presented his report. Highlights were the retirement of Cheryl Phelps after 26 years with UWF and 12 with FPAN, hiring of Julie Byrd as her replacement, completion of the masters degree in Public History by Destination Archaeology Resource Center Manager Mike Thomin, receipt of a Meritorious Achievement Award in the Media Category from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation for the Northeast Region’s Tidally United video series on YouTube. Dr. Lees also reviewed the decision to not continue funding of a dedicated development officer for FPAN due to lack of results.

Dr. Bense introduced the process to fill the board positions being vacated by Robin Moore (in state at large director), Lynne Goldstein (out of state at large director), Shorty Robbins (at large, lay director), all of whom chose not to apply for an additional term.

Two applications were received for each position through the FPAN web site submission process:

For at large, out of state director:

Dr. Jeffrey M. Mitchem, Arkansas Archeological Survey, Station Archeologist, Parkin Archeological State Park

Dr. Matthew Reeves, Director of Archaeology, James Madison's Montpelier

For at large, in state director:

Dr. Lori Collins, Research Associate Professor, USF Libraries, University of South Florida

Chris Davenport, MA, Historic Preservation Officer/Archaeologist, Palm Beach County Government
For at large, Florida resident lay person (not an archaeologist)

Deborah Bauer, MA (ABD), Motom Strategies LLC Historical Consulting

Adrienne Burke, J.D., Executive Director, Riverside Avondale Preservation

Through secret ballot of voting members of the board, new board members selected were Dr. Mitchem, Mr. Davenport, and Ms. Burke. Terms for each are three years and begin on July 1.

Vice Chair Dr. Greg Cook was reappointed to an additional three-year term by Dr. Bense.

Dr. Lees reviewed the newly signed Memorandum of Agreement between FPAN and the Division of Historical Resources, which is substantially streamlined over prior versions, and the accompanying revised Board Policies.

Associate Director Dr. Della Scott-Ireton reviewed for the Board the work plan between FPAN and the Division of Historical Resources for the coming fiscal year. This document is developed in the spring of each year through discussions between the agencies.

Field reports were presented by staff: Barbara Clark: Northwest and North Central Regions; Sarah Miller: Northeast and East Central Regions; Sara Ayers-Rigsby: Southeast and Southwest Regions; Jeff Moates: West Central and Central Regions; and Mike Thomin: Destination Archaeology. Post-Doctoral Research Associates Laura Clark and Sorna Khakzad presented reports on their projects, Program Assessment and Northwest Florida Heritage Tourism, respectively.

FPAN partner updates were provided by Dr. Gougeon (Florida Archaeological Council), Ms. Flynn (Florida Anthropological Society), and Dr. Glowacki (Bureau of Archaeological Research).

The call for old business yielded none. The call for new business led to a discussion of progress in searching for the next St. Augustine City Archaeologist who will replace Carl Harlbert on his retirement.

Dr. Bense adjourned the meeting at 12 p.m. EDT.

Approved by vote of the Board November 15, 2017.