



**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the
Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network,
Pensacola, Florida, October 27, 2006**

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida, held a public meeting on Friday, October 27, 2006, in Pensacola, Florida. The meeting convened at 8:25 A.M. CST and lasted approximately eight hours. The purpose of the meeting was to select the areas of the remaining regional centers and conduct other business of the Network.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Bense at 8:25 a.m. CST.

Roll was taken and the following Directors were in attendance: Ms. Marion Almy; Dr. Judy Bense, Chair; Ms. Norma Harris; Dr. Jim Miller; Ms. Sheila Stewart, Mr. Robert Carr; Mr. Greg Cook; Dr. Lynne Goldstein; and Dr. Ryan Wheeler. 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 Office Administrator; Dr. Della Scott-Ireton, FPAN Northwest Regional Director; Sarah Miller, FPAN Northeast Regional Director; Richard Estabrook, FPAN West Central Regional Director; Kara Bridgman Sweeney, FPAN Southwest Regional Coordinator. Absent was Dr. Hester Davis.

Guests: Dr. Clifford Brown, Florida Atlantic University (FAU); Mr. Mike Harris, (FAU); Lee Bailey, Brevard Community College (BCC); Doug Andrews, South Florida Community College (SFCC).

Dr. Bense called for the approval of the meeting minutes from the May 12 Board of Director's Meeting in Stuart, Florida. Dr. Davis had reported some minor corrections to be made. Jim Miller called for the motion to approve as corrected and Sheila Stewart seconded. All members approved.

Next, Dr. Bense called for the report from the FPAN Director, Dr. William Lees.

Directors Report

During this past year a new FPAN logo was developed. The L&N renovation continues, with plans to move in around January, 2007. The museum designs of exhibits includes a "roadmap" of archaeological places open to the visiting public.

In September we held our first "Network Director's" meeting to brainstorm and discuss a "branding" process whereby we would lay the groundwork allowing the Centers to retain their individual character and be able to respond to local need, but where we would remain a Network bound by our common mission. Brochures are being designed.

Regional Center Reports

Regional Center Directors presented a report of center activities since they were established:

Southwest Region – Kara Bridgman Sweeney

Northwest Region – Della Scott-Ireton

Northeast Region – Sarah Miller

West Central Region – Richard Estabrook

Each Center presented their quarterly reports outlining their contacts made, events attended and hosted, creation of programs, and enthusiasm for the opportunity to be a part of FPAN.

Review of Proposals for Regional Centers

Dr. Lees introduced the process of reviewing the proposals for new Regional Public Archaeology Centers. He first presented an overview of the four proposals—two from the East Central Region and two from the Southeast Region:

East Central Region

South Florida Community College
Brevard Community College

Southeast Region

Florida Atlantic University
Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society, Inc.

Representative of each of the proposals were either present (South Florida Community College, Brevard Community College, and Florida Atlantic University) or available via phone (Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society). Formal consideration of proposals ensued.

Review of East Central Region proposals:

Brevard Community College represented by Lee Bailey.

South Florida Community College represented by Doug Andrews.

After their presentations the representatives left the room and the Board discussed the pros and cons of the two proposals before they voted. Based on the tabulation of ranks, Brevard Community College was identified as the location of the East Central Region Public Archaeology Center pending successful conclusion of a contract with the University of West Florida.

Southeast Region Proposals

Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society, Inc. represented by Madeline Burnside.

Florida Atlantic University represented by Mike Harris and Dr. Clifford Brown.

After their presentations the representatives left the room and the Board discussed the pros and cons of the two proposals before they voted. Based on the tabulation of ranks, Florida Atlantic University was identified as the location of the East Central Region Public Archaeology Center pending successful conclusion of a contract with the University of West Florida.

Old Business

Discussion ensued over higher salaries for some areas along with increased funding. A motion was approved to cover higher salaries where needed to acquire experienced professionals.

Realignment of the Center's regions was discussed and approved and the regions' map would be redrawn.

New Business

A discussion ensued as to whether we search for the best possible candidate(s) for Regional Centers through solicitation via webpage announcements or a personal approach of a selected institution. No final decision was made.

To maintain the indirect rate of 5% was voted on and approved by the Board. This motion will be formalize as an amendment to the FPAN MOA.

The idea of incorporating the river divers and their interest in archaeology into the network was presented. FPAN should consider offering a National Register Site recognition for both underwater and terrestrial sites.

4:30 p.m - Meeting adjourned