

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network, Pensacola, Florida, June 14, 2007 Conference Call for Central Region Proposal

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida, held a public meeting conference call on June 14, 2007, which lasted approximately forty-five minutes. The purpose of the meeting was to select the host of the FPAN Central Region.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Bense at 9:35 a.m. CST.

Roll was taken and the following Directors were in attendance: Dr. Judy Bense, Chair; Ms. Norma Harris; Mr. Robert Carr; Mr. Greg Cook; Dr. Lynne Goldstein; Dr. Hester Davis, and Ms. Sheila Stewart. Others in attendance were Dr. William B. Lees, Executive Officer and Secretary of the Board; Dr. Elizabeth Benchley, staff advisor to the Board; and Cheryl Phelps, FPAN Office Administrator. Absent were Ms. Marion Almy; Dr. Ryan Wheeler, Dr. Jim Miller.

There was only one proposal to review – The University of South Florida, presented by Dr. Brent Weisman. His proposed site would be the Crystal River Preserve State Park, Crystal River, Florida.

After his presentation Board members began their questioning of how the operation would be run – use of volunteers, excavation projects, underwater archaeology projects, cooperation with other centers, etc. After much discussion a motion was made to approve USF as the host center and was approved by unanimous vote.

As USF is host to our West Central Region, discussion of plans to relocate the office from MOSI back to the USF campus ensued. The move would take place in the spring of 2008.