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**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the
Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network,
Sebring, Florida May 11, 2007**

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida, held a public meeting on Friday, May 11, 2007, in Sebring, Florida. The meeting convened at 8:10 A.M. EST and lasted approximately four hours. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct business of the Network.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dr. Judy Bense at 8:10 a.m. EST.

Roll was taken and the following Directors were in attendance: Ms. Marion Almy; Dr. Judy Bense, Chair; Ms. Norma Harris; Ms. Sheila Stewart, Mr. Robert Carr; 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; Christy Pritchard, NE Coordinator; Richard Estabrook, FPAN West Central Regional Director; Cassandra Rae, West Central Coordinator; Kara Bridgman Sweeney, FPAN Southwest Regional Coordinator; Dr. Rachel Wentz, FPAN East Central Region Director; Dr. Michele Williams, FPAN Southeast Region Director; and Dr. Kira Kaufman, SE Archaeologist.

Absent were Dr. Hester Davis, Dr. Jim Miller and Mr. Greg Cook.

Dr. Bense called for the approval of the meeting minutes from the Oct. 27 Board of Director's Meeting in Pensacola, Florida. All members approved.

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

Directors Report

Dr. William Lees presented his updates, including changes to the region's boundary maps, and web page redesign. He welcomed the two new centers, Southeast Region (FAU) and the East Central Region (BCC), and their directors.

Regional Center Reports

Regional Center Directors presented their activity reports:

Southwest Region – Kara Bridgman Sweeney

Northwest Region – Della Scott-Ireton

Northeast Region – Sarah Miller

West Central Region – Richard Estabrook

The quarterly reports included contacts made; events attended and hosted; creation of educational programs; and enthusiasm for the opportunity to be a part of FPAN.

Old Business

None

New Business

The University of South Florida offered a proposal to host the FPAN Central Region. Richard Estabrook made the informal presentation, with a full written proposal to follow. A motion was approved for a conference call to be scheduled in June to further discuss.

Individual web page presentations were made by each center.

A presentation was discussed on the issue of endorsing the ICOMOS Charter on the Protection and Management of Underwater Cultural Heritage (1996) and the Annex to the UNESCO Convention of the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (2001) as models for best management practice and encourages the timely adoption of their Articles, Rules and Principles into the laws, policies, professional standards and guidelines of all programs involved in the management of underwater cultural heritage – the FPAN BOD approved support.

Pillsbury Parcel options of disposition of property were discussed. The hope is to preserve the area for public access. Seeking the Board's support to public purchase of the mound a motion to accept the resolution was made and approved.

The MOSI Odessa Shipwreck exhibit selling artifacts in the museum and its conflict with FPAN's mission was discussed.

Dr. Wheeler offered to host the September quarterly meeting in Tallahassee, Sept. 24-27, while the BAR had an open house.

12:05 EST meeting was adjourned.