



**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the
Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network**
Video Conference
20 May 2021

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida, held its annual Board meeting on May 20, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. Central Time via Zoom video conference.

Agenda Item I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Judy Bense at 8:00 a.m. Central.

Agenda Item II. Board Members present were Dr. Judy Bense (chair), Dr. Greg Cook (vice-chair), Ms. Marion Almy, Ms. Adrienne Burke, Mr. Chris Davenport, Dr. Ramie Gougeon, Dr. Jeff Mitchem, Dr. Matthew Reeves, Dr. Jason Wenzel, and Dr. John Worth. Also present were Dr. William Lees, executive officer and secretary of the board, Dr. Kathryn Miyar, state archaeologist with Board ex officio, and Dr. Elizabeth Benchley, staff advisor to the board.

Agenda Items III and IV. Dr. Bense called for any additions or changes to the draft agenda. A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented (Motion 1, M/S/Approved).

Dr. Bense called for additions or changes to the draft minutes from the November 12, 2020, meeting of the Board. Dr. Gougeon noted a correction was needed in Section VI for Dr. Wenzel's organization to be changed to Florida Anthropological Society instead of Council. A motion was made to accept the November 12, 2020, minutes with noted correction (Motion 2, M/S/Approved).

Agenda Item V. Dr. William Lees thanked board members for joining the meeting, even from the field and the highway. As Dr. Lees began his Executive Director's Report he noted that the past year with COVID-19 has been a challenge and became a new way of life. The University is looking forward to lifting many of the COVID protocols in the next month. Even with COVID restrictions, FPAN has had successful virtual programming.

Dr. Lees provided a budget update, reminding the Board of the \$150,000 cut to the 2020-2021 budget. In order for the Coordinating Center budget to cover an expenses shortage of about \$33,000, each regional office budget allocation was cut by \$11,000 for fiscal year 2021-2022. Most of the Coordinating Center's expense categories were cut, including staff and Board members' travel and students' travel and employment. There will very likely be

no carry forward which eliminates a cushion for next year's budget. The current year's extra funds are being invested in equipment and vehicles.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) updated in 2017 is due to be renewed in 2022.

FPAN staff agree that racial justice and equity are essential to archaeology's future and will continue their discussions.

Dr. Lees recognized and congratulated Sarah Miller as the winner of the Ripley P. Bullen Award to be presented at the FAS 2021 Conference this weekend.

Agenda Item VI. Sarah Miller, Patty Meyers-Gidusko, and Kassie Kemp were excited to report that during the HMS grant period, 609 forms were submitted, 502 sites monitored, 61 sites monitored twice, by 112 scouts which included 68 volunteer scouts, 25 land managers, and 19 FPAN Staff. Monitoring occurred in all but 31 counties. There have been 265 new scout signups.

For all monitoring, including the grant monitoring, 1,129 forms were submitted, 968 sites monitored, 106 sites monitored twice, with 144 contributing scouts (76 volunteer scouts, 44 land managers, and 31 FPAN staff). Monitoring occurred in all but 13 counties.

HMS turns five years old this summer. In that time 2,482 forms were submitted, 1,615 sites monitored, and 432 sites were monitored twice.

The HMS Grant has been extended to October 2021.

Sarah pointed out that Land Managers are using the site even without FPAN staff.

Save the Date: A call for papers was issued for the Tidally United Conference scheduled on August 20-21, 2021.

Dr. Lees noted that the work was done under extremely limiting protocols and commended the group for making it go smoothly. It has been an amazing undertaking.

Dr. Bense praised the staff for their success and noted the work will stand as one of FPAN's contributions to archaeology.

Agenda Item VII. Dr. Scott-Ireton updated the Board on the FPAN logo trademark process. UWF's Research Administration and Engagement Office will work with a trademark attorney on FPAN's behalf. For now, just the FPAN main logo is being submitted. The cost is about \$1,000. As more funds become available FPAN may submit other program logos.

Della then reported on the Shipwreck Tagging Archaeological Management Program (STAMP). This program grew out of an FPAN Graduate Assistant's Master's thesis. It is a management tool used to tag shipwrecked timbers that wash up on the beach and then get moved around during storms. The tag with a QR code is entered into a database. Citizen Scientists can scan and enter in the app so the timbers can be tracked. Recently a MOU was signed with the State of Virginia and National Park Service to use it. North Carolina and Maryland have MOU's in process. Della pointed out that we need to add the State of Florida.

FPAN met with the Bureau of Archaeological Research (BAR) to discuss how the Underwater Preserves program can be rejuvenated. FPAN will take over the administration of the program and plans to update the webpage and develop virtual programs. Dr. Miyar said she is excited at the partnership between the two agencies.

An online Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar (HADS) is being conducted this week, with 15 attendees registered, including one person from Iceland. The next seminar will be a hybrid: part in-person and part virtual.

Agenda Item VIII. Each Regional Director and the Destination Archaeology Resource Center Manager updated the Board on the work they have accomplished and programs they have presented in 2020-2021, a year of COVID-19 restrictions. The virtual programs and social media platforms have been very popular, allowing participants from around the world to attend.

Agenda Item IX. Dr. Gougeon provided a partner update for the Florida Archaeological Council (FAC). Elections are going on now and ballots are due today (May 20). They are revisiting the *Significance Volume* last published 12 years ago. FAC is seeking a closer relationship with DHR. He then notified the Board that this is his final meeting since his term with FAC is expiring. He thanked FPAN for allowing him to participate on the FPAN Board of Directors.

Dr. Wenzel gave a Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) update. The latest edition of *The Florida Anthropologist* is out. They are releasing color versions of the journal through a digital format and back issues from 1949 to 2019 have been digitized and are available in pdf format. Their first virtual conference starts tomorrow (May 21).

Dr. Miyar provided the State Archaeologist's report. She mentioned new personnel and announced they are back in the office. Their travel ban has been lifted with the easing of the COVID-19 restrictions. The HD37 Cemetery Bill passed. HD909 incorporates museums back under DHR. There remains a space crisis for their collections. She thanked FPAN for helping with their Statute 872 cases of unmarked human remains (58 cases in 2020 and 21 cases so far in 2021). They have received two grants from NOAA. A new database has been created for collections and conservation.

Agenda Item X. Dr. Bense called for any old business to be discussed. Nicole Grinnan shared views of FPAN's website currently being redesigned.

Agenda Item XI. Dr. Bense called for any new business to be discussed. Dr. Mitchem announced he is retiring in early 2022 and moving to Tallahassee. His term ends June 2023 but he would not be an out-of-state board member any longer.

Agenda Item XII. Dr. Bense asked if there were any public comments; there were none.

Agenda Item XIII. Meeting was adjourned.

Approved by the FPAN Board of Directors at the November 19, 2021 meeting.