



**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the
Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network**
Video Conference (Zoom)
28 October 2024

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida (UWF), held its Fall Board meeting on October 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time via Zoom video conference.

Agenda Item I. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Katherine Miller Wolf, Board of Directors Chair, at 9:00 a.m. Central. Dr. Miller Wolf asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item II. A moment of silence was observed for those who lost their lives October 20, 2024, in a tragic accident at Georgia's Sapelo Island.

Agenda Item III. Board members in attendance were Glenda Simmons Jenkins, Dr. John Jensen, Maureen Mahoney, Dr. Kathryn Miyar, Dr. Tim Parsons, Dr. Heather Riddell, Dr. Isabel Rivera-Collazo, and Dr. Katherine Miller Wolf, along with Dr. Mary Furlong Minkoff, Executive Officer and Secretary to the Board. Chris Davenport was absent.

Agenda Item IV. Dr. Miller Wolf called for additions or changes to the draft agenda. A motion and seconded was made to accept the October 28, 2024 agenda as presented. (Motion 1, M/S/Approved)

Agenda Item V. Dr. Miller Wolf called for additions or changes to the draft minutes from the May 13, 2024 (Spring) and June 24, 2024 (Summer) meetings of the Board. A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 13, 2024 and June 24, 2024 minutes as presented. (Motion 2, M/S/Approved)

Agenda Item VI. Old Business.

Dr. Minkoff welcomed Dr. Miller Wolf as the new Board Chair, representing the University of West Florida, Department of Anthropology-Maritime Archaeology. She also welcomed new Board member Dr. Heather Riddell, also representing UWF, from the Communication Department.

There are two Board member positions to be filled: Director at Large Out-of-State and Director at Large In-State. In spring 2024 the Nominations Committee met regularly and selected a slate of candidates that they feel best fits the current needs of FPAN and the Board. A special Board meeting was held June 24, 2024 to review the Nominations Committee's recommendations. The Board put forth Dr. Meryl Shriver-Rice, University of Miami and Dr. Albert Gonzalez, California State University/East Bay. However, the meeting did not have a quorum to vote on the recommendations and the vote was delayed until the Board's fall meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the appointments of Dr. Meryl Shriver-Rice and Dr. Albert Gonzalez to the FPAN Board of Directors. (Motion 3, M/S/Approved)

Agenda Item VII. Field Reports:

Dr. Minkoff reported that the Coordinating Center has been very busy, most recently with hosting the Slave Dwelling Project and Celebrating Our Ancestors event in Pensacola. This was a multi-day program that included on Friday a reception, book talk, and book signing with *Sleeping with the Ancestors* authors Joe McGill and Herb Frazier followed by a fireside talk and sleepover in the Historic Pensacola Village. Saturday there was an all-day celebration of African American performances of music and dancing, poetry, spoken word, and vendors, mini-workshops, and the Slave Dwelling Project Cooking Program. This event built powerful and important relationships in the community.

Dr. Minkoff is on the Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC) planning committee and all FPAN staff will be participating in Williamsburg, VA, November 14-17. Dr. Scott-Ireton is on the Society for Historical Archaeology Conference Committee to be held in January in New Orleans.

She continues working with more departments and offices at UWF. In addition to History, Anthropology, and the Archaeology Institute, she is collaborating with Communication, World Languages, the Art Gallery, and College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities (CASSH) Community and Student Success program.

The Region Directors and the Director of Education and Interpretation highlighted their workshops, conferences, programs and presentations they provided and attended over the past six months. Kassie Kemp reported that the Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS) course she and Rachael Kangas have been working on extensively launched in CANVAS in August.

Agenda Item VIII. New Business:

- A. Dr. Miller Wolf noted the legislative changes regarding the bylaws and the impetus for the update came from the State University System. Dr. Scott-Ireton worked on editing the by-laws to ensure alignment with the other university departments. FPAN's bylaws are a little different. The first section applies to how FPAN is set up such as how the Board of Directors membership is made-up and determined, terms, meetings, and duties. The next section refers to UWF employees who are located in the Coordinating Center, Northwest Region, and North Central Region. Specifically, noted changes are on how the employees are evaluated and addresses how FPAN

works differently from the university departments in teaching and scholarly contributions. A motion was made and seconded to approve the revised Bylaws as presented. (Motion 4, M/S/Approved)

- B. Dr. Minkoff reported that she and Dr. Scott-Ireton met with Katie Miyar and others at the DHR/BHR. At the time they were still waiting on the MOA to be finalized. She noted the meetings were productive and collaborative. They made notes of action plans and how FPAN and BAR will continue to collaborate. These discussions will form the annual collaborative work plan. They plan to meet annually. Dr. Miyar also noted the meetings were productive and beneficial, in the spirit of partnerships.
- C. Dr. Minkoff noted that committees can be formed as needed, on an ad-hoc basis. She invited Board members to serve. One meeting established is the Development Committee to discuss ways to bring in more money. The Nominations Committee was headed by Dr. Matthew Reaves in the past but now that his term has ended, the committee needs a board member to serve.
- D. FPAN has developed a FAQ for Board Members. Dr. Scott-Ireton noted it is a living document and asked members to send suggestions to be added.

Agenda Item IX. Public Comments: None.

Agenda Item X. Meeting adjourned.