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THE ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 7-9, 1964

MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS MEETING

THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS of the Florida Historical Society held its annual meeting at 8:00 p.m., May 7, 1964, in the conference room of the Everglades Hotel in Miami. The following board members were in attendance: Frank B. Sessa, James R. Knott, Lucius B. Ruder, Thelma Peters, Margaret Chapman, H. J. Doherty, Jr., Adam G. Adams, Charles W. Arnade, Mrs. John T. Bills, Mrs. Ralph Davis, Mrs. John R. Dubois, Walter R. Hellier, James H. Lipscomb, III, Ben C. Willis, and Samuel Proctor.

President Sessa called the meeting to order and distributed a printed agenda for the meeting. He then read a letter from Ney C. Landrum, director of the Florida Outdoor Recreational Planning Committee, asking that our Society recommend historical and archeological sites worthy of preservation through the efforts of the state park service. He introduced William A. Buckley of the Florida Outdoor Recreational Planning Committee who spoke briefly of the work of his committee in preserving historical landmarks. It was agreed that the Society would be happy to cooperate in the establishing of such sites.

Dr. Charles Arnade, chairman of the Committee for Investigation of Historical Claims made by Florida Attractions, reported on a meeting of his committee held recently in Cocoa. The other members of his committee who attended the Cocoa meeting were Mrs. Ralph Davis, William Goza, Carver Harris, and Mr. Bartell of the Fernandina museum. The committee recommended that the president of the Society set up a committee to establish a "seal of approval" to be awarded biennially to those Florida attractions which have authentic historic claims, the legitimacy to be established by an investigation of the Society. The committee believes that attractions would vie for this approval and that the prestige of the Society would be enhanced by having a recognized "seal of approval." Mr. Adams moved that the permanent

committee recommended by Dr. Arnade be created and plans formulated for carrying out a study of Florida attractions in order to determine those which are authentic. Judge Knott seconded the motion and it carried.

Dr. Sessa read a letter from Earle W. Newton, director-general, of the National Quadricentennial Commission, St. Augustine, suggesting that the Society set the date of the next annual meeting to coincide with a Pan American Congress on Historic Monuments to be held in St. Augustine, June 10-12, 1965. After some discussion, it was determined that it would be more in the interest of the Society to meet in May, and Judge Willis moved that the president schedule the meeting to be held sometime prior to May 15, 1965. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bills and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Goza renewed an invitation for the Society to meet in Clearwater at the Jack Tar Harrison Hotel in 1966. Miss Chapman moved the acceptance of this invitation. Dr. Doherty seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dr. Sessa announced the following as winners of the essay contest sponsored annually by the Society in the high schools of Florida:

Charles Devenny, "The Second Seminole War"

(Archbishop Curley High School, Miami)

Ronnie English, "The Five Towns of St. Marks"

(Leon High School, Tallahassee)

Neila Palmer, "Osceola"

(Leon High School, Tallahassee)

Dr. Sessa commended Dr. Merlin Cox of Daytona Beach Junior College for his work as chairman of the contest committee.

Dr. Doherty stated that the Quadricentennial Committee of St. Augustine wants to republish twenty or more articles from the *Quarterly* as a part of the 1965 celebration. In this connection Dr. Sessa read the following resolution prepared by Al Manucy of the Quadricentennial Commission:

WHEREAS, the St. Augustine Quadricentennial Commission, appointed by the President of the United States of America to assist in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of St. Augustine, Florida, has asked the Florida Historical Society to partici-

pate in the observance of this anniversary by permitting the use of certain historical articles printed in the *Florida Historical Quarterly*; such use to be in the form of reprinting the said articles as separate booklets for sale to the public;

AND WHEREAS, the St. Augustine Historical Society has agreed with the Commission to act as Publisher of the said booklets;

AND WHEREAS a major purpose of the Florida Historical Society is the dissemination of historical information;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida Historical Society will participate in this program of publication by allowing the use of articles from the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, at the discretion of the Editor of the Florida Historical Quarterly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Editor is authorized to negotiate agreements with the Publisher for suitable royalties upon publication of each article.

Judge Willis moved approval of the resolution. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it carried. Dr. Doherty moved that the editor of the *Quarterly* in carrying out his responsibility as called for in the resolution must always include in publishing arrangements: (1) a split of royalty between the Society and the author (if the author wishes royalty), and (2) a proper identification of the article as being a reprint from the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Hellier reported that a Museum of Underwater Relics is being planned at Jupiter. There was some discussion as to whether this was a genuine museum or another commercial "attraction." Mrs. Dubois said that she had heard that the Florida Park Board and the National Geographic Society had endorsed the project as a marine archeological museum. Mr. Hellier moved that our Society endorse the project provided a further investigation proves it to be an authentic museum. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Adams reported on the proposed Newsletter for the Society. The purpose of this periodical publication would be to keep the thirty or so historical societies and commissions in Florida informed about the Florida Historical Society and about events of significance to Florida historians. One way the *Newsletter* could be of service would be by making a composite of all collec-

tions and publications owned by societies, commissions, museums, or individuals. Mr. Adams expressed hope that Florida State University might supply an editor for the *Newsletter* and said that the name of Dr. William W. Rogers of the FSU faculty had been proposed to him. Judge Willis moved that the president appoint a committee to establish a specific plan for publishing a *Newsletter*, determine what material the *Newsletter* should include, and select its editor. Mrs. Bills seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Goza as chairman of the membership committee reported that a total of 169 new members had been added during the year, 131 individuals and 38 institutions. It was announced that the Society presently has more than a thousand members, the largest in its history.

Mr. Goza also reported that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee composed of himself, Dr. Proctor, Dr. Patrick, and Miss Chapman had prepared the necessary papers to file for re-incorporation of the Society with the Secretary of State. Miss Chapman said that Secretary of State Tom Adams had praised the committee for their efficient work.

Judge Knott offered a resolution commending Dr. Doherty for his capable service as editor of the *Quarterly* during the past two years. Miss Chapman seconded the resolution and agreement was unanimous. Dr. Samuel Proctor will become the editor of the *Quarterly* beginning July 1, 1964. Dr. Doherty recommended and it was voted that the editor would receive \$300 annually for editing expenses. A letter from Dr. Patrick supporting this expenditure was read by the president.

Miss Chapman distributed printed copies of the financial report. The balance in the treasury as of March 31, 1964, was \$14,500.38. Dr. Sessa announced that Paul L. Maddock had made an additional gift to the Society of stock certificates valued at \$232.50. Mr. Adams offered a resolution expressing gratitude to Mr. Maddock for his valuable gift. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Davis offered, gratis, the services of her husband, a professional photographer, and herself for the photographing in color or black-and-white of any monument or historical site for which the Society might desire to have a picture.

Upon the recommendation of Miss Chapman, who was recently elected president of the Florida Library Association, the Board appointed Miss Anita Geiger of the University of South Florida as assistant executive secretary. Miss Chapman announced that the Society added a total of 171 new members for the period April 1, 1963-May 5, 1964.

Dr. Sessa appointed the following to the publications committee: Samuel Proctor, chairman, Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., Rembert W. Patrick, and Margaret L. Chapman.

The Board of Directors then adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Florida Historical Society was held in the Banyan Room of the Everglades Hotel in Miami at 9:30 a.m., May 9, 1964. The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Sessa.

Dr. Sessa introduced Charles Devenny, the first place winner of the annual essay contest sponsored by the Society. Mr. Devenny is a student at Archbishop Curley High School in Miami and the topic which won him a fifty-dollar bond was "The Second Seminole War." Devenny's teacher, Brother Hellman, was also recognized.

Judge Knott, chairman of the resolutions committee presented a memorial resolution and two resolutions of thanks which were unanimously approved.

Duncan L. Clinch gave the report of the nominating committee which was unanimously approved as the slate of officers for the next year. They are: President, James R. Knott; 1st Vice-President, William Goza; 2nd Vice-President, Rembert W. Patrick; Honorary Vice-President, Lucius S. Ruder; Recording Secretary, Thelma Peters; Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Margaret Chapman; Directors, Robert L. F. Sikes (for one year), James C. Craig, Jay I. Kislak, David Forshay, Herbert J. Doherty, Morris White, Walter P. Fuller, and Merlin G. Cox.

The following were named for the nominations committee: Adam G. Adams, chairman, Frank B. Sessa, Gilbert Lycan, J. Ryan Beiser, and Mrs. W. S. Manning.

Hold-over Directors are Mrs. John T. Bills, E. M. Coving-

ton, Mrs. Ralph Davis, Ben Willis, Walter H. Hellier, Mrs. John R. Dubois, and Frank B. Sessa.

Dr. Sessa thanked the officers who have worked with him during his two years as president of the Society. Mr. Goza called for a rising vote of thanks for Dr. Sessa's faithful performance of his office. The response was unanimous.

Mrs. Emily Vance asked if it would not be possible to have the longer session on Saturday so that more working people could attend. In the discussion that followed it was stated that many out-of-town members liked to get home before Sunday. Dr. Sessa said he would leave it up to his successor to consider any changes in the scheduling of the annual meeting.

Dr. Sessa expressed appreciation of the Society to Dr. Charlton Tebeau of the University of Miami for his hospitality as arrangements chairman. The meeting was then adjourned.

R E S O L U T I O N

James R. Knott, chairman of the resolutions committee, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted as read.

I N M E M O R I A M

RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Florida Historical Society observe with grief and regret the deaths of several members during the past year, including:

Raymond Camp, Sr.	Charles L. MaGruder
B. A. Carpenter	James P. Martin
Frederick W. Dau	John F. Miller
Fred K. Elder	I. N. Parrish
A. F. Fugitt	D. H. Redfearn
John W. Goggin	Bayard B. Shields
William L. Hart	Frederic A. Swain
G. B. Knowles	Thomas Edward Yandre
Henry E. Luhrs	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the members of the Florida Historical Society in annual meeting assembled that this resolution be recorded in the official minutes of the Society, and that this resolution be published in due course.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the officers and members of the Florida Historical Society do record their gratitude to Dr. Herbert J. Doherty, Jr. for the outstanding service which he has rendered the Society and to the people of Florida as Editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* during the past two years. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Society and that a copy be forwarded to Professor Doherty.

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the officers and members of the Florida Historical Society express their gratitude to the Historical Association of Southern Florida, to the University of Miami, to the Committee on Local Arrangements, and to the Program Committee for their joint efforts in making the 1964 Annual meeting an unusually successful one in every sense. We also express our appreciation to the management of the Everglades Hotel for its hospitality. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be inscribed in the minutes of the Society and that copies be forwarded to our hosts.