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MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS MEETING

Florida Historical Society

December 2, 1967

The officers and directors of the Florida Historical Society met in the Graduate Research Library, University of Florida, at 9:30 a.m., December 2, 1967. Prior to the meeting, coffee was served in the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History. Mr. William M. Goza presided, and members present at the meeting were Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., James C. Craig, Pat Dodson, Margaret L. Chapman, Samuel Proctor, Robert H. Akerman, Mrs. T. O. Bruce, James D. Bruton, Jr., August Burghard, Milton D. Jones, Frank J. Laumer, William Warren Rogers, and James A. Servies.

Dean Robert Mautz, vice-president of academic affairs of the University of Florida, welcomed the board members to the campus. Reflecting briefly on man's concern with his condition and the university's place in his dilemma, Dean Mautz commented, "You can't talk about man without examining his history. And in this country, Florida has a large portion of this history. You render a service in bringing forth this part of man's being." Dr. Margaret K. Goggin, acting director of the University of Florida Libraries, also welcomed the group to the campus.

Dr. Doherty gave a brief resume of the life of the late Dr. Rembert W. Patrick, pointing out his many notable contributions to the writing and interpretation of the history of Florida, the South, and the nation. Dr. Doherty noted Dr. Patrick's many services over the years to the Florida Historical Society and the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The members of the board observed a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Patrick. Dr. Proctor announced that a memorial service for Dr. Patrick was scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 5, 1967, in Gainesville.

The minutes of the annual meeting held in Key West on May 5-6, 1967, were approved as written. Miss Margaret Chapman, executive secretary, gave a short financial report, and noted the following current balance in the Society's regular and special accounts:

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Florida National Bank, Gainesville	\$ 908.69
First Federal Savings and Loan, Gainesville	7,942.79
First National Bank, Tampa	29.59
Julien C. Yonge Publication Fund	9,691.81
Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Fund	2,595.03

Miss Chapman reported that the Society has a current membership of 1,463 with 121 new members added since the last meeting.

Dr. Proctor, editor of the *Quarterly*, reported that he has a sizeable backlog of scholarly articles representing many important areas of Florida history. Nevertheless, he encourages research, particularly in the political, social, and intellectual aspects of late nineteenth and twentieth century Florida. He hopes that graduate students working in Florida history will submit articles for consideration to the *Quarterly*. He thanked his board of editors for evaluating manuscripts, George Buker, the graduate assistant working on the *Quarterly*, Miss Elizabeth Alexander, Mrs. Peggy Jacobs, and the other members of the P. K. Yonge Library staff for their help and cooperation. He pointed out the great value of Mr. Craig's press releases.

Mr. Goza reported that the 1968 annual convention would meet at the Daytona Plaza Hotel, Daytona Beach, May 3-4, 1968. He appointed Dr. Doherty as program chairman, and Dr. Charlton Tebeau of the University of Miami and Dr. Proctor as members of the committee. The board voted a life membership to Mrs. Arthur W. Thompson in appreciation of her endowment of the Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Award in Florida History. The award is given annually for the best article appearing in the *Quarterly*. The recipient's name is announced at the annual banquet.

Mr. Goza reported that a Florida history-oriented tour of Spain is scheduled for either July 12 or August 2, 1968. The seventeen-day trip will depart from Miami, with a stopover in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The complete package, including all travel and hotel accommodations, will cost \$723 per person. To be eligible, persons must be members of the Florida Historical Society for at least six months prior to the trip. Reservations can

be made with Miss Chapman, University of South Florida Library, University of South Florida, Tampa.

Dr. Doherty reported on the progress of the Society's speakers bureau. He has a file of more than twenty-five persons who are qualified and willing to speak on various subjects relating to Florida history. Arrangements for speakers can be made with Dr. Doherty at his office, 352 Little Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville.

Mr. Craig as membership chairman reported that he has a goal of at least 1,600 members by the May 1968 annual convention and that he is optimistic about meeting this objective. He pointed out that one of the best sources of new members is from local and area historical societies, and he asked each member of the board to be a member of his membership committee and to distribute applications to prospects in Florida and outside the state. Mr. Goza reported that Walter S. Hardin was still working on selling the property owned by the Society in Volusia and St. Johns counties but that he had not yet found a purchaser.

Mr. Dodson reported on the establishment by the 1968 Florida legislature of the Pensacola Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission, a statewide commission for the historical development of Pensacola and Escambia County. Mr. Dodson also moved that the Society present an annual award of excellence to a member of the Florida news media for outstanding articles, features, or programs relating to Florida history. Mr. Milton Jones seconded the motion, which passed, and he volunteered to present the plaques. Mr. Goza will appoint a committee to administer the award, and he asked that nominations be secured from local and area historical societies and commissions. The award will be made at the annual meeting, beginning with the meeting in Daytona Beach in May.

Mr. James Servies, director of libraries at the University of West Florida, reported on a joint project with the Mobile (Alabama) Public Library to microfilm the Forbes Papers. He also indicated the University of West Florida's interest in indexing articles in Florida historical journals. Dr. Proctor reported that the project to index the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, Vols. XXXVI-XLV, has not begun since funds for a graduate student to begin work under his direction are not yet available. A letter from the Col-

lier County Historical Society was read. It detailed the need for archaeological work on Marco Island before an announced real estate development begins. A resolution to the Florida cabinet requesting aid for the continuation of this important archaeological work was passed unanimously.

Dr. Doherty, as first vice-president, was appointed chairman of the committee to select a site for the 1969 convention. Several Florida cities have already invited the Society to meet in their communities next year. Dr. Proctor suggested that the possibility of increasing membership dues be studied, and Mr. Goza said the matter would be referred to the finance committee. The board agreed that henceforth questions from non-members directed to Miss Chapman or to Dr. Proctor that require a large amount of research time should not be answered; always an effort will be made to answer routine historical inquiries which do not require lengthy research.

Mr. Goza thanked the staffs of the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History and the University of Florida Library for arranging this meeting and the members of the board for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Pat Dodson
Recording Secretary