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ANNUAL MEETING

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH  
MEETING OF THE  
FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
AND  
FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION  
WORKSHOPS 1988  
DuPont Plaza Hotel  
Miami, Florida

PROGRAM

Thursday, May 12

FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION  
Historical Museum of Southern Florida, Miami, Florida  
Executive Committee Meeting

Evening Sessions

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS  
J. I. Kislak Museum

Friday, May 13

FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION SESSIONS

Session I: *Collections: Managing What You Have*

Chair: Pamela Gibson, Manatee County Public Library  
Panel: Tom Baker, Florida Agricultural Museum  
Mary Montgomery, Museum of Florida History  
Ellen Babb, St. Petersburg Historical Society

Session II: *Education Programs at Historical Institutions*

Chair: Betty Camp, Florida State Museum  
Panel: Connie Favert, Historical Museum of Southern  
Florida

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Shirley Ritchey, Spanish Point at the Oaks  
Kathy Brown, Museum of Florida History

Session III: *Conservation: Addressing Your Needs*

Chair: Patricia Wickman, The Kislak Organization  
Panel: Becky Smith, Historical Museum of Southern  
Florida  
Scott Loher, St. Lucie County, Museum Division

Session IV: *Publishing/Printing at  
Historical Institutions*

Chair: Miguel Bretos, Florida International University  
Panel: Tim Schmand, Historical Museum of Southern  
Florida  
Patti Bartlett, Fort Myers Historical Museum  
Thomas Greenhaw, *Florida History Newsletter*

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY SESSIONS

Session I: *Spanish Influence in New World Florida*

Chair: Patricia Wickman, The Kislak Organization  
Panel: Carlos Fernandez Shaw, Consulate General of  
Spain  
Miguel Bretos, Florida International University

Session II: *Historical Papers*

Chair: Eugene Lyon, St. Augustine Foundation  
Papers: Robert L. Gold, St. Augustine Historical  
Society  
"Spanish Spies and Secret Communication with  
British East Florida"  
Kenneth Kiple, Bowling Green State University  
"Disease in Cuba and Florida"  
Respondents: Light T. Cummins, Austin College  
Robert Paquette, Hamilton College

Session III: *South Florida's History and Its Writers*

Chair: Daniel Hobby, Fort Lauderdale Historical Soci-  
ety

Panel: Helen Muir, author of *Miami, U.S.A.*  
Stuart McIver, author of *Ft. Lauderdale and Broward County, An Illustrated History*  
Arva Parks, author of *Miami: The Magic City*  
David Kaufelt, author of *American Tropic*

Session IV: *Historical Papers*

Chair: Paul S. George, Florida Historical Society  
Papers: Francis J. Sicius, St. Thomas University  
"Cubans in Miami: An Historic Overview"  
Eugene and Asterie Provenzo, University of Miami  
"The Impact of Immigration on Dade County Schools: 1959 to 1987"  
Respondent: Raymond Mohl, Florida Atlantic University

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BANQUET

Presiding: Paul S. George, president  
Speaker: Michael V. Gannon, Institute of Early Contact  
Period Studies, University of Florida  
"Hello, Columbus!"

Presentation of Awards

American Association of State and Local History Awards  
presented by Linda Williams

Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History  
presented by Marcia Kanner to Dr. Gary R. Mormino

Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Prize  
presented by Thelma Peters to the late Dr. Leitch Wright, Jr.

Charlton W. Tebeau Book Prize  
presented by Charlton W. Tebeau to Robert Hawk

President's Prizes

Presented by Governor LeRoy Collins to  
Jane Landers, University of Florida  
George Klos, Florida State University  
Milton O. Polk, University of South Florida  
Jack McClellan, University of North Florida

Saturday, May 14

Session V: *Multi-Media Presentation on the Discovery of  
The Atocha*

presented by Patricia Cline, Mel Fisher,  
Maritime Heritage Museum

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING  
May 12, 1988

The semi-annual meeting of the board of directors of the Florida Historical Society was convened at 7:30 p.m. in the galleries of the J. Kislak Foundation, Miami, May 12, 1988, by Paul S. George, president. Officers and directors attending included Rodney E. Dillon, Jo Bigelow, J. Andrew Brian, Randy F. Nimnicht, William R. Adams, David R. Colburn, Raymond A. Mohl, Marinus H. Latour, Hampton Dunn, Kathleen H. Arsenault, Gwendolyn B. Waldorf, Patsy West, Gerald W. McSwiggan, Gary R. Mormino, Lewis N. Wynne, Robert C. Harris, Wright Langley, Michael Slicker, and Gregory Bush. Also present were Olive D. Peterson, Milton Jones, Alva Jones, J. Kislak, and Patricia Wickman. There were several other guests representing the city of St. Augustine, Saint Leo College, and the University of South Florida. Dr. George thanked Mr. Kislak for the evening's hospitality.

Representing the city of St. Augustine and its historical societies and agencies, a delegation, including Jean Parker Waterbury, John Griffin, Janice Williams, Eugene Lyon, Thomas Graham, and Robert Gold, invited the Society to return its "home" in St. Augustine. In their proposal, the delegation offered: (1) the Society's use of the historic Segui/Kirby Smith House and an adjoining two-story structure, subject to certain deeds of trust; (2) an endowment of more than \$100,000 to provide for the maintenance of the property; (3) a one-time grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the Tourist Development Council to provide funding for a meeting to be held in St. Au-

gustine during the year 1989; (4) the shared services of a curator from the St. Augustine Historical Society, in return for the storage of nineteenth-century county historical papers; (5) clerical and secretarial assistance from Flagler College; and (6) probable financial assistance from various development agencies in the short-term future (next two to three years).

Representing Saint Leo College, Dr. Joseph Cernik reiterated an earlier issued invitation for the Society to locate on his campus. Included in Saint Leo's proposal are: (1) space in the present library for the Society's collection and offices, with any necessary furniture and equipment; (2) a salary of \$31,000 per annum for a director for the next five years; (3) full-time secretarial/clerical assistance; and (4) cooperative efforts in grant-seeking and fund-raising.

Representing the University of South Florida, Acting Provost James Anker assured the board of his university's continued interest in the Society by pointing out the institution's past efforts and its continuing support, namely: (1) space in its library for the Society's collection and offices; (2) released time for one of its faculty members to serve as executive director, and half-salary for the director; (3) part-time clerical assistance; and (4) the cooperation of the library staff in curatorial and reference work.

A Future of the Society Committee was appointed, including David R. Colburn, chairman, Randy F. Nimnicht, Michael Slicker, and William R. Adams. The committee was directed (1) to study the offers and proposals presented by each of the three delegations, to summarize them, and to present a recommendation for a location of the Society's headquarters to the Society's Executive Committee before September; (2) to study the role of the executive director and his relationship with the Society, while assuring the current director of the board's continuing support; (3) to contact President Borkowski, Provost Anker, and the editorial staff of the *Tampa Tribune*, and to assure all the interested parties that the Florida Historical Society has enjoyed a pleasant and mutually beneficial relationship with the university over the past twenty-five years, and that should the Society decide to move, it would not be because of any ill will; and (4) to prepare a statement of the current and future goals of the Society. The Executive Committee—consisting of the officers and Kathleen H. Arsenault and Marinus H. Latour—will

evaluate the report and all other pertinent data, and vote on where the Society's office and library will be located.

Gerald McSwiggan, chairman of the local arrangements committee for the annual meeting, presented Patricia Wickman with an Honor Award for her many contributions to the success of this year's meeting.

Michael Smith, representing the accounting firm of Leonard Anton of Tampa, presented the auditors' report. (See the treasurer's report.) Included with the report were several recommendations and suggestions. These were referred to the Future of the Society Committee for its consideration.

The Executive Director's report was jointly prepared and given by Dr. Gary Mormino and Dr. Nick Wynne. Dr. Mormino suggested that the Society evaluate the cost and effectiveness of the *Newsletter*. He noted a decline in membership for the first time in six years, and provided the following membership totals: 1982, 1,318; 1983, 1,349; 1984, 1,375; 1985, 1,538; 1986, 1,984; and May 1988, 1,925. Dr. Wynne reiterated the Society's need to increase its membership, and he made several suggestions and recommendations about how that might be accomplished. The board approved establishing procedures for allowing memberships to be paid with Mastercard and VISA, and referred other matters to the Future of the Society Committee for its consideration.

Student and county participation in the History Fair continues. Dr. Wynne suggested that the Society reconsider its commitment to the Fair, and evaluate the financial obligation and its benefits. Dr. Wynne reported this year's winners of the Society's literary prizes. The Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History was awarded to Dr. Gary R. Mormino for his article, "Florida Slave Narratives," which appeared in the April 1988 issue of the *Quarterly*. The Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award went to the late Dr. J. Leitch Wright, Jr., for his book *Creeks and Seminoles: Destruction and Regeneration of the Muscogulge People*, published by the University of Nebraska Press. The Charlton W. Tebeau Book Award was won by Robert Hawk for his book, *Florida's Army: Militia, State Troops and National Guard, 1565-1985*, published by Pineapple Press of Sarasota.

On behalf of Dr. Proctor, Dr. Colburn reported the continuing success of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, due in large part to the work and support of many people and the cooperation

of the University of Florida. The board authorized Dr. Proctor to secure bids for the publication of the next *Index* volume, to report his findings to the Executive Director, and to proceed with the printing.

A Publications Committee was appointed, including Dr. Wynne, Milton Jones, Wright Langley, and Michael Slicker, to negotiate a contract and to oversee the publication of the pictorial history, *Florida Portrait*.

Andrew Brian reported on the activities of the Florida Historical Confederation. Mary Blanc, Diane Lewis, Betty Camp, Ellen Babb, Pam Gibson, and J. Hamilton have been elected to the Confederation's board. At its general meeting, May 12, the Dorothy Dodd Distinguished Service Award was presented to Charlton W. Tebeau for his life-time support of state and local history. Mr. Brian noted that the resource notebook should be completed before year's end.

Gainesville and St. Augustine have invited the Society to hold its 1989 annual meeting in their respective cities. Because part of St. Augustine's invitation for the Society to relocate there involves making funds available for a meeting, a decision regarding the location of the 1989 convention was tabled, pending the action of the Executive Committee.

Olive Peterson announced the nominations committee report which will be presented to the membership at the business meeting. Nominations include: Hampton Dunn, president-elect, and David Colburn, vice-president. Nominations for directors include: William S. Coker, District 1; Stuart McIver, District 3; Henry Green, District 3; Eugene Lyon, At-Large; and Eugene W. Roach, District 2.

Gwendolyn Waldorf reported that the state of Florida will dedicate an historical marker in the memory of Dr. J. Leitch Wright. The Society will pay one-half the cost of the marker.

Dr. George thanked everyone for attending the business meeting which was adjourned at 12:40 a.m.

*Minutes of the Business Meeting*  
May 14, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. at the DuPont Plaza Hotel by Dr. Paul S. George, president of the Florida Historical Society. In his opening remarks, Dr. George reported the possibility of moving the Society's headquarters from the



University of South Florida. St. Augustine and Saint Leo College have submitted proposals, but the final decision will be the responsibility of the Society's Executive Committee. The board created a Future of the Society Committee to study the invitation proposals and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee. The Committee will meet on August 13, 1988. It will also decide the site of the 1989 annual meeting.

Dr. Gary Mormino reported on the "State of the Society." He also announced his resignation as Executive Director. Dr. George introduced Dr. Lewis N. Wynne, the new Executive Director. Dr. Wynne briefly sketched his ideas on the direction the Society should proceed in the next few years.

The nominations presented by the Nominating Committee were unanimously approved by voice vote. Elections were Hampton Dunn, president-elect, and David Colburn, vice-president. The new directors include: William Coker, District 1; Stuart McIver, District 3; Henry Green, District 3; Eugene Lyon, At-Large; and Eugene W. Roach, District 2.

In the absence of Dr. Samuel Proctor, editor, Dr. David Colburn presented the report for the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

Joe Knetsch read a resolution on behalf of Stetson Kennedy that encourages the Society to develop an aggressive policy to recruit new members from the various population minorities in the state. Joe Knetsch also presented the memorial resolution listing members who had died during the preceding year. Both resolutions were approved. President George noted the important contributions of the members of the Society, and he paid special tribute to the work of the late Dr. Frank B. Sessa, former president of the Society.

Dr. George thanked the outgoing board members for their work on behalf of the Society, and he welcomed the newly elected directors and urged them to continue in the fine traditions established by previous boards.

The meeting was adjourned. Members were invited to participate in the Society picnic at Brickell Park.

#### FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION

May 12, 1988

The general membership meeting of the Florida Historical Confederation was called to order by Chairman J. Andrew Brian at 12:00 noon. The minutes of the general meeting held

May 6, 1987, in St. Augustine were approved. Mr. Brian reported that the Confederation had a total of \$3,651.19 as of December 31, 1987. Most of these assets are committed to a FEH grant from the St. Augustine meeting.

Mr. Brian presented the Dorothy Dodd Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Charlton W. Tebeau, professor emeritus, University of Miami, in recognition of his lifetime work in the cause of state and local history, particularly the history of south Florida.

The following board members were introduced by the region they will represent: Merri Belland, Bob Burke, and Betty Camp, District 1; Ken Forbes, Pam Gibson, Ellen Babb, District 2; and Andy Brian, Miguel Bretos, and Scott Loehr, District 3. Mr. Loehr presented the following slate of candidates: Diane Lewis, District 1; Jennifer Hamilton, District 2; and Andrew Brian, District 3. A motion was made and approved to accept these candidates. Mr. Loehr then presented the following slate of officers: Andrew Brian, chairman; Diane Lewis, vice-chair; and Merri Belland, secretary. A motion to accept the nominations was passed unanimously.

A committee has been appointed to review the Articles of Confederation and to make recommendations for change or modification. The proposed revisions will be made available during the fall so that decisions can be added at the mid-year board meeting. The proposed changes will then be published in the *Newsletter* so that they can be brought before the membership at the 1989 annual meeting.

Dr. Thomas Greenhaw, editor of the *Newsletter*, reported the changes that are being examined for that publication. The *Newsletter* may be eliminated due to budget constraints, or there may be a change in format with a computer-generated newsletter. He also suggested that a new editor may be needed, preferably someone who is not an academician. He reminded everyone of the need for news and pictures for the *Newsletter*.

Mr. Brian reported the need to complete the resource notebook project. Existing materials for the notebook are being mailed to board members for review and for discussion at the next board meeting.

Mr. Brian reported that the small response to the awards program was due in part to the lengthy application form and to the fact that notification of the award was late reaching histor-

ical agencies throughout the state. There will be a more timely mailing schedule for 1988-1989 with contacts to encourage participation. Board members will be urged to encourage participation in their districts.

Mr. Brian reported that the Historical Directory needs to be updated to better serve the citizens of Florida. He wanted the members to recommend topics for the 1989 workshops. He seeks more participation from the membership in the workshops. He also recommended consideration of a joint meeting with the Florida Museum Association. Linda Williams suggested a survey or evaluation on the success of joint meetings before proceeding with a meeting with the Museum Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1987-December 31, 1987

#### REVENUES:

Membership dues & subscriptions .....	\$ 33,907
Contributions .....	8,115
Grants (net) .....	600
Annual meeting .....	2,125
Sale of back issues and reprints .....	3,281
Book project .....	3,434
Tour .....	12
Investment income including net gains and losses on investments .....	3,519
<b>TOTAL REVENUES .....</b>	<b>54,993</b>

#### EXPENSES:

Printing .....	13,790
Labels & envelopes .....	872
Instructions resources .....	6
Editor's expense .....	1,256
Office expense .....	6,513
Newsletter .....	3,989
History Fair .....	2,590
Awards.....	800
Professional fees .....	2,446
Corporate taxes .....	25
Copier expense .....	936
Computer expense .....	100
Jerome book fund .....	372
Director's expense .....	1,500
Associate director's expense .....	5,900
Projector .....	437
Christmas cards.....	2,254

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Administrative expense .....		189
Bank charges .....		<u>78</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES .....		44,053
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES .....		10,940
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year .....		<u>125,409</u>
FUND BALANCE, end of year .....	\$	<u><u>136,349</u></u>