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FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting

August 13, 1988

President Paul George called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Florida Endowment for the Humanities in Tampa. Present were Hampton Dunn, Kathleen Arsenault, Marinus Latour, Randy Nimnicht, Samuel Proctor, and Michael Slicker. Also attending, in a nonvoting capacity, was Nick Wynne, executive director of the Society. The purpose of this specially called meeting was to consider proposals from the city of St. Augustine and Saint Leo College to relocate the Society's headquarters, and from the University of South Florida to remain on its campus. A second item was the selection of a site for the 1989 annual meeting. Dr. Wynne presented the committee with an interim financial report.

Dr. Francis T. Borkowski, president of the University of South Florida, attended as the guest of Hampton Dunn. He noted the long and warm relationship between the University and the Society and reiterated his hope that the Society would remain at the University. He answered questions about continuing University financial support, providing additional facilities for the Society's office and library, and a more cooperative relationship between the Society and the University's Department of History.

The Future of the Society Committee had recommended that the Society accept the offer of St. Augustine to relocate to the Segui/Kirby Smith House. Randy Nimnicht reviewed the invitation from St. Augustine and the Future of the Society Committee's report.

The invitation from Saint Leo College was reviewed again, but the Committee voted not to accept since the financial support would be limited to a five-year period, ending December 31, 1994.

After a lengthy discussion on the merits of the St. Augustine and University of South Florida offers, the Executive Committee voted, four to three, to accept the offer of the University of South Florida, provided a written agreement could be obtained

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that reaffirmed President Borkowski's assurances of continuing support and which guaranteed the following points:

(1) The University will continue its support of the executive director's salary and will endeavor to increase that support in the future.

(2) The University will provide adequate, independent space and basic equipment for the program and collection needs of the Society.

(3) In addition to the current secretarial support that the University provides, the Society will also have the services of a part-time student assistant.

(4) The Society will continue its warm relationship with the University of South Florida, and it will seek to develop even closer ties with the administration, history department faculty, and library staff.

(5) In order to establish a sense of permanency, the Society and the University will enter into an agreement for ten years, with the right of renewal by either party.

Voting in favor of remaining at the University of South Florida were Hampton Dunn, Samuel Proctor, Kathleen Arsenault, and Michael Slicker. Voting in favor of St. Augustine's offer were Randy Nimnicht, Paul George, and Marinus Latour.

The Executive Committee selected Gainesville as the site of the next annual meeting scheduled for May 11-13, 1989.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS . . .

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Oct. 13- 16	Oral History Association	Baltimore, MD
Oct. 19-22	Southeastern Archaeological Conference	New Orleans, LA
Oct. 19-23	National Trust for Historic Preservation	Cincinnati, OH
Nov. 4-6	Southern Jewish Historical Society	Birmingham, AL
Nov. 9-12	Southern Historical Association	Norfolk, VA
Nov. 11- 12	Florida State Genealogical Society	Pensacola, FL
Nov. 13-14	“Spanish Pathways in Florida,” FEH Conference	Tampa, FL
Dec. 28-30	American Historical Association	Cincinnati, OH

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March 9-11	Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference	Mobile, AL
April 6-9	Organization of American Historians	St. Louis, MO
April 28-30	Florida Anthropological Society	Jacksonville, FL
May 11- 13	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY– 87th MEETING	Gainesville, FL
May 11	FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION	Gainesville, FL

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