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ANNUAL MEETING

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH
MEETING OF THE
FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AND FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION
WORKSHOPS 1989
Gainesville Hilton
Gainesville, Florida

PROGRAM

Thursday, May 11

FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION
Gainesville Hilton

Session I: *Tips, Tricks, and Techniques for Exhibit Production*

- Chair: J. Andrew Brian, Historical Association of Southern Florida
- Panel: Mark Appleby, Fort Myers Historical Museum
James Omahen, Historical Association of Southern Florida

Session II: *Reach Out and Touch Someone:
The Pro-Active Institution*

- Chair: Randy F. Nimnicht, Historical Association of Southern Florida
- Panel: Linda Williams, Spanish Point at the Oaks
Wit Ostrenko, Museum of Science and Industry, Tampa
Susan L. Clark, Loxahatchee Historical Society

Session III: *Using Folklife to Enhance Local Programming*

- Chair: Ormond Loomis, Bureau of Florida Folklife
- Panel: Brent Cantrell, Historical Association of Southern Florida
Nancy J. Nusz, Bureau of Florida Folklife

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FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION
ANNUAL MEETING RECEPTION
Thomas Center, Gainesville

Friday, May 12

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY SESSIONS
Gainesville Hilton

Session I: *Southern Demagoguery and Florida:
A Comparative Approach*

Chair: Paul S. George, Florida Historical Society
Panel: William I. Hair, Georgia College
Wayne Flynt, Auburn University
Glen Jeansonne, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Ray Arsenault, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg

Session II: *St. Augustine in the Flagler Era*

Chair: Leland M. Hawes, Jr., *Tampa Tribune*
Papers: Susan L. Clark, Loxahatchee Historical Society
"Franklin Smith: Pioneer in Concrete Construction"
David Nolan, author, *Fifty Feet in Paradise*
"Lost Architecture of Flagler-Era St. Augustine"
Thomas Graham, Flagler College
"The Hotel Alcazar"

Session III: *Glimpses of Alachua*

Chair: Samuel Proctor, University of Florida
Introduction: Helen Cumberly Ellerbe, Alachua County Historical Society
Papers: Charlotte M. Porter, University of Florida
"William Bartram's Florida Travels, 1774"
Sudye Cauthen, Alachua, Florida
"Voices from the Twentieth Century: Recognizing History When We Hear It"

Session IV: *Eighteenth-Century West Florida: 1756-1805*

- Chair: Robert R. Rea, Auburn University
Papers: Robin F. A. Fabel, Auburn University
"Spying for British West Florida During the Revolution"
Ethan A. Grant, University of West Florida
"The Jersey Settlement at Natchez, 1772-1805"
Wendell L. Griffith, University of West Florida
"The Royal Spanish Presidio of San Miguel de Panzacola during the Seven Years War"
Respondent: Charles W. Arnade, University of South Florida

Session V: *Hernando de Soto in Florida and the Southeast*

- Chair: Eugene Lyon, The St. Augustine Foundation
Papers: Jerald T. Milanich, Florida Museum of Natural History
"The Soto Expedition in Florida"
Charles Ewen, Soto Settlement at Tallahassee
"The Soto Settlement at Today's Tallahassee"
Marvin Smith, Atlanta, Georgia
"The Effects of the Soto Expedition on the Native Americans of the Southeast"

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BANQUET

- Presiding: Paul S. George, President
Speaker: William I. Hair, Georgia College

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 Samuel Proctor to James C. Clark

Rembert W. Patrick Book Prize
presented by Michael V. Gannon to John H. Hann

Charlton W. Tebeau Book Prize
presented by Herbert J. Doherty to Debra Ann Susie

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President's Prizes
presented by Gary R. Mormino to
Sarah H. Brown, Georgia State University
James A. Schnur, University of South Florida

Saturday, May 13

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Session VI: *Antebellum Florida*

Chair: William S. Coker, University of West Florida
Papers: Edward F. Keuchel, Florida State University
Joe Knetsch, Department of Natural Resources
"Land Questions and Frontier Expediency: The
Case of the Little Arredondo Grant"
Everett W. Caudle, University of Florida
"King Cotton Comes to North-Central Florida"
George Klos, Florida State University
"Black-Seminole Relations in Antebellum Florida"

Session VII: *Civil War Florida*

Chair: Rodney Dillon, Broward County Historical Commission
Papers: David Coles, Florida State Archives
"Unionist Sentiment in Florida, 1861-1865"
Robert A. Taylor, Florida State University
"Unforgotten Threat: South Florida Seminoles in
the Civil War"
Lola Haskins, Gainesville
"The Civil War in Florida: A Poetic Approach"

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

May 11, 1989

The semi-annual meeting of the officers and board of directors of the Florida Historical Society was convened at 9:00 p.m.

at the Gainesville Hilton Hotel, Gainesville, May 11, 1989, by Paul S. George, president. Those attending included William R. Adams, Kathleen H. Arsenault, J. Andrew Brian, William S. Coker, David R. Colburn, Hampton Dunn, Henry Green, Robert C. Harris, Marinus H. Latour, Eugene Lyon, Stuart McIver, Samuel Proctor, Eugene W. Roach, Ivan Rodriguez, Niles F. Schuh, Rebecca A. Smith, Gwendolyn Waldorf, Patsy West, and Lewis N. Wynne. Also present were Pete Cowdrey, Nancy Dilley Jacobs, and Jerrell H. Shofner. Dr. George announced that Gerald W. McSwiggan and Michael Slicker have resigned from the board, and that he has appointed Ivan Rodriguez and Rebecca Smith to fill their respective terms.

The minutes for the December 1988 board of directors meeting, as published in the April 1989 issue of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, were approved.

Dr. Proctor distributed copies of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* report. He observed that while things are progressing satisfactorily, there are several problems, namely the dire need for well-researched, carefully written articles, and the need to receive copies of recent books on Florida or the South for either review or notice in the Book Notes section of the journal. Board members were urged to encourage local researchers to submit articles to be considered for publication.

In the absence of Larry Durrence, chairman of the Finance Committee, Dr. Wynne presented the financial report. The committee had met April 19, 1989, to map out general guidelines. Dr. Wynne recommended that the committee assume budget development as one of its responsibilities. During the upcoming year, the Finance Committee plans to meet quarterly, while Mr. Dunn and Dr. Wynne will meet weekly.

Dr. Adams announced the Nominating Committee report which will be presented to the membership at the business meeting. Nominations for directors include Joe Knetsch, district 1; Larry Durrence, district 2; Ivan Rodriguez, district 3; and Raymond Mohl and John Partin, directors-at-large.

Stuart McIver reported for the Publications Committee. Wright Langley and he met with Dr. Walda Metcalf, representing the University Presses of Florida, the afternoon of May 11, and discussed the possible publication of the pictorial history, *Florida Portrait*. Committee recommendations on publication, pricing, and review system were presented and discussed. The

committee recommends a \$24.95 retail price. The advertising sections will be retained. Dr. Shofner, the author, has agreed to take the \$8,000 owed him over a three-year period: \$3,000 the first year, and \$2,500 the two following years. He has agreed to forego any royalties. A press run of 3,000 will cost the Society \$22,000 and will come from the Wentworth and Yonge publication funds.

A motion was made and seconded to proceed with the publication of *Florida Portrait* by the University Presses of Florida, with the Society providing \$22,000, the publisher guaranteeing publication in summer 1990 and handling marketing, a review process being instituted, and with the retail price flexible and not included in the contract. The motion was approved.

Dr. Proctor is editing the manuscript for the index of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* and expects it to be ready for the printer in the fall. Publication costs and number to print will be brought up at the December meeting for discussion and the board's decision. Mr. McIver also noted, as an informational item, that the Morton School has submitted a proposal for funding, editing, and publishing a Florida encyclopedia.

Dr. George noted that Ron Schon of Tampa, who wants to produce a series of thirty-second film clips on the 1992 Quincentenary celebration and other Florida history topics, has asked the Society's approval of his project. This endorsement, he believes, will assist in his fund raising. It was decided that no action would be taken until more is known about the project.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the executive director, as soon as a contract is ready, to pay Dr. Shofner \$3,000 as the first payment for the money owed him for writing the narrative of *Florida Portrait*. The motion was approved.

The publication of the volume of articles from the *Florida Historical Quarterly* was discussed. Dr. Shofner has nearly completed editing the manuscript. Dr. Metcalf of the University Presses of Florida has expressed an interest in this project.

Niles Schuh, chairman of the Bylaws Committee, outlined the changes the committee feels are needed: (1) correcting typographical errors; (2) some clarification that will not change meaning or intent; (3) remove "he" and "his" references from the documents; and (4) interpretation. Needed interpretation modifications included (1) all changes in the dues structure are subject to approval by the membership at the annual meeting.

(2) Succession of president is unclear. The committee interprets the section to mean in the event the president resigns or dies, the president-elect will fill the president's term and will then serve out his own term. At the next general meeting, members will elect a new president-elect. And (3) add a statement to the executive director section stating the process for selecting the executive director shall be determined by the officers and board of directors. The Bylaws Committee will mail the proposed changes to the directors prior to the December 1989 meeting. After approval by the board in December, the proposed changes will be submitted to the membership for approval at the May 1990 annual meeting.

The idea of calendar-year dues was discussed, with the conclusion that the present system is preferable.

Dr. Wynne reported for the President's Prize Committee for which Gary R. Mormino served as chairman. The graduate prize, \$500, will be presented to Sarah H. Brown of Georgia State University, and the undergraduate prize, also \$500, will be presented to James A. Schnur of the University of South Florida.

Ms. Waldorf distributed a report on the activities of the History Fair Committee. Pete Cowdrey, who with Peggy Durham coordinated this year's History Fair, observed that the sixty entries in 1989's History Fair have already won locally. Fifteen judges will select the winners, to whom \$600 in prize money will be distributed. Dr. George thanked Pete Cowdrey and Gwendolyn Waldorf for the excellent results of the work on the History Fair. Future levels of commitment and funding were discussed.

It was moved and seconded to budget \$2,100 for the History Fair next year. The amount was amended to \$2,400. The motion, as amended, was approved.

In the absence of Rodney Dillon, Becky Smith reported that the Library Committee continues to gather information on the four Audubon prints and the Bard watercolor and will make recommendations at the December board meeting on whether to restore or sell them.

A motion was made and seconded that the Library Committee develop guidelines for donor contracts and loan records and report to the board at the December meeting. The motion was approved.

Dr. Wynne reported that membership is currently 2,027. Hampton Dunn and Dr. Wynne plan to contact people whose memberships have expired to urge them to renew. The desire to recruit members of the state legislature, the cabinet, and teachers was discussed. It was moved and passed that a Membership Committee be reactivated.

In order to conform to the Bylaws, Dr. Wynne recommended that the dues increase of \$5 in all categories except students be submitted for approval at the general meeting on May 13. Members who have already paid under the new dues structure between January 1 and May 13 would receive a \$5 credit in their next renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to make the executive director a full-time position. The motion was tabled while the financial reports and current budget were reviewed with Dr. Wynne. Concerns included (1) the withdrawal of \$23,000 from the unrestricted funds in the reserves over the past two years to meet operating expenses; (2) the reasons for the \$2,300 deficit for the 1988 annual meeting; (3) grants the Society has received; (4) the transfer of \$11,715 from the endowed accounts to reimburse the operating account for expenses related to the restricted funds' purposes; and (5) Dr. Wynne's suggestion that the Society go to a cash accrual system. Dr. Wynne and Nancy Jacobs were not present while the following matters were discussed.

The motion to make the executive director a full-time position was reintroduced. It was noted that a full-time director could increase the Society's potential for financial development. The motion was approved.

The board discussed the need for financial oversight to ensure that income is coming in and expenditures are made in accordance with the budget. It was suggested the Finance Committee meet regularly to review income, expenditures, and the budget, and that a monthly financial statement be submitted to the Finance Committee. Dr. George asked Dr. Lyon and Dr. Green to work with the Finance Committee to set up appropriate financial procedures and controls.

A motion was made that the Society advertise for a full-time executive director, applications to be received by a certain date, and Dr. Wynne be encouraged to submit his application. The motion was defeated.

Dr. George asked a small group representing the board to meet with Dr. Wynne, review his performance to date, and articulate the board's expectations for the position. The committee shall follow up with a written job description, and an evaluation of his progress will be made by the board at the December 1989 meeting. Dr. Wynne and Mrs. Jacobs returned for the remainder of the proceedings.

Board members have received copies of the policies and procedures manual. Dr. Wynne asked that they review the manual and provide him with suggestions for its improvement. Dr. Wynne also reported that 2,772 copies of the 1977 index to the *Florida Historical Quarterly* are still in the inventory.

Tampa has invited the Society to hold its 1990 annual meeting in its city. Orlando has expressed an interest in hosting the 1991 annual meeting and St. Augustine the 1992 meeting. It was moved and approved that the Society accept the invitation to meet in Tampa in May 1990. The possibility of seeking local underwriting for annual meetings, as suggested by the Finance Committee, was considered. President-Elect Dunn considers the prospects good for grants for the Tampa meeting. The Society received a \$2,400 grant for expenses from the Alachua County Historical Society to help pay for expenses for the 1989 meeting. Dr. Wynne was directed to seek advice from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation which has been successful in procuring local grants for meetings.

It was moved and approved that the appointments to the board by Dr. George of Ivan Rodriguez and Becky Smith be accepted.

Dr. Wynne noted that, although annual meeting programs were mailed March 31, some members have not yet received their programs. There have been other problems with the slowness of delivery of mail. To alleviate these problems, it was moved and approved that the Society procure a post office box.

The board approved resolutions to Mr. and Mrs. Smyth of Micanopy, who provided their home for the dinner for the board hosted by the Micanopy Historical Society, and the city of Gainesville and other cosponsoring organizations in Gainesville and Alachua and Marion counties for sponsoring the annual meeting. The motion was approved.

Gwendolyn Waldorf reported that she has received a letter from Beth Wright thanking the Society for sponsoring a historic marker in memory of Dr. J. Leitch Wright.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 a.m.

Minutes of the Business Meeting

May 13, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. at the Gainesville Hilton Hotel by Dr. Lewis N. Wynne, executive director of the Florida Historical Society. Dr. Wynne explained that Dr. Paul S. George, president of the Society, had lost his voice, and, therefore, the gavel was being turned over to incoming president Hampton Dunn at the beginning rather than at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Dunn thanked Society members for giving him the opportunity to serve as president. He thanked Dr. George for the great work he had done as president, and presented a plaque to him.

N. Y. Nathery invited Society members to the first annual Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts, to be held in Eatonville, January 25-28, 1990. Speakers will include Alice Walker, the noted writer, and Dr. Robert Hemenway, the author of the definitive biography of Hurston. The Florida Folklore Society will hold its annual meeting in Eatonville the same weekend.

Dr. William R. Adams, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate (as modified from the report presented to the board of directors) for board of directors of the Society: Joe Knetsch, district 1; Larry Durrence, district 2; John Partin, district 2; Ivan Rodriguez, district 3; and Joan Morris and Raymond Mohl, directors-at-large. A motion was made and approved to close the nominations. A motion was unanimously approved to accept the slate.

Joe Knetsch presented a memorial resolution listing the following members who had died during preceding year.

R. U. "Robert" Gladwin, Fort Pierce
 Robert F. Hyatt, Gainesville
 Walter Mann, Winter Haven
 Edward Maturniak, Allendale, New Jersey

Shirley Shofner, Orlando

J. R. "Bob" Stripling, Boynton Beach

Robert L. Taylor, West Palm Beach

Victor B. Yeats, Tampa

Mr. Knetsch presented a resolution urging the Florida Department of State to open bank records in the Florida State Archives within guidelines established by the National Archives. A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution to ask the secretary of state to seek legislation making the records available for historical research, but this motion failed. The original motion to accept the resolution was then passed.

Mr. Knetsch presented a resolution endorsing the development of the Fort Mose site in St. Johns County as a state park. The resolution passed. The resolution opposing the elimination by the state legislature of Florida Boards of Preservation or the reduction of funding for said boards was also adopted.

The following resolution was also read and adopted:

WHEREAS, Allen Morris has rendered decades of unselfish service to the Florida Historical Society and to the people of the state of Florida, and

WHEREAS, Allen Morris has consistently demonstrated his commitment to the Florida Historical Society and to the people of the state of Florida through his research, writing, and public presentations of materials related to the history of the state of Florida and the accomplishments of its people, and

WHEREAS, Allen Morris has consistently demonstrated the highest professional and personal standards of scholarly endeavor throughout his long career of service to this great state, and

WHEREAS, the board of directors and general membership of the Florida Historical Society wish to recognize the innumerable contributions of Allen Morris and to express appreciation for his efforts always to present the story of the state of Florida and its people in the most positive way possible,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of directors, on behalf of the general membership of the Florida Historical Society, hereby extends the gratitude of the Florida Historical Society to Allen Morris, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board of directors directs this statement of appreciation to be publicly presented at the business meeting of the Society on May 13, 1989, by the president of the Florida Historical Society.

Mr. Dunn announced the appreciation of the officers, directors, and membership to Mr. and Mrs. Smyth for hosting a dinner for the board, and to all who helped to make this such a successful and enjoyable meeting; Alachua County Historical Commission; Alachua County Historical Society; Florida Museum of Natural History Associates; Florida Trust for Historic Preservation; Gallery Guild of the University of Florida Gallery; High Springs Historical Society; Historic Gainesville, Inc.; Marion County Historical Commission; Micanopy Historical Society; and the Thomas Center Associates.

A motion was made to raise Society dues \$5 in all categories excepting students which will remain the same. The board had passed the increase in December, but the Society Bylaws require membership approval. Those who had already paid under the revised dues structure will receive a \$5 credit when they next renew. The motion was approved.

Mr. Dunn presented a copy of the resolution of thanks from the board of directors to Mrs. Smyth for the directors' dinner in Micanopy. Mrs. Smyth expressed her appreciation.

Dr. Wynne gave the executive director's report. Membership is 2,027, the highest in the Society's history. Financially, the Society is making progress, and has received some grants this past fiscal year. The Society has moved to new quarters on the fifth floor of the University of South Florida library. A formal, written report is available upon request. Dr. Wynne extended personal thanks to the officers and board of directors for their support.

Dr. William Adams announced that the state funding for historic preservation boards has been restored. The \$500,000 for grants, however, was not put back into the appropriations bill. He urged members to contact their legislators promptly and urge that this be done.

Mr. Dunn announced that the 1990 meeting will be in Tampa in May.

Gwendolyn Waldorf reported that the Society, in cooperation with the Department of State, had placed a historic marker

about William Augustus Bowles in St. George Island Park in memory of Dr. J. Leitch Wright. She read from a letter from Beth Wright, Dr. Wright's widow, thanking the Society for the memorial.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1988-December 31, 1988

REVENUES:

Membership dues & subscriptions	\$ 31,904.00
Contributions	4,425.00
Grants (net)	11,543.66
USF	7,550.00
Sale of back issues and reprints	2,340.57
Transfer from savings to checking account	20,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	77,763.23

EXPENSES:

Annual meeting	2,301.32
Book project	3,669.70
Wright Memorial donation	1,700.00
Printing	19,979.79
Labels & envelopes	549.00
Copyrights	209.70
Editor's expense	1,171.25
Society report	1,865.57
Office expense	6,751.16
Newsletter.....	1,151.16
History Fair	1,585.20
Awards.....	600.00
President's prizes.....	1,166.81
F H Confederation awards	196.53
Professional fees	7,488.37
Corporate taxes	25.00
Promotions/Publicity	1,123.65
Office equipment	3,949.99
Conferences/Receptions	1,152.25
Cultural tours	742.25
Jerome book fund	424.22
Director's expense	585.05
Associate director's expense	1,150.00
Administrative expense	874.68
USF payments	3,197.37
Director's salary	12,500.00
Bank charges	393.85
TOTAL EXPENSES	76,503.87

EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES 1,259.36

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FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	121,903.00	
FUND BALANCE, end of year	\$123,162.36	

GREAT EXPECTATIONS . . .

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Oct. 19-22	Oral History Association	Galveston, TX
Oct. 24-28	Society of American Archivists	St. Louis, MO
Nov. 3-5	Southern Jewish Historical Society	Charleston, SC
Nov. 8-11	Southeastern Archaeological Conference	Tampa, FL
Nov. 9-12	Southern Historical Association	Lexington, KY
Nov. 10-12	Columbus Conference	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Nov. 16	Florida Archaeological Council Forum	Jacksonville, FL
Nov. 18	Florida Labor Seminar	Miami, FL
Dec. 28-30	American Historical Association	San Francisco, CA

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May 10-12	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY— 88th MEETING	Tampa, FL
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Oct. 3-5	Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference	Pensacola, FL
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