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MINUTES  
FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD  
MEETING  
January 18, 1997

The Board of the Florida Historical Society met in Cocoa, Fla., on Saturday, January 18, at 10:00 a.m. for the semi-annual meeting. In attendance were:

Joe Akerman	Pamela J. Hall
Patti Bartlett	James J. Horgan
Mary Ann Cleveland	Maxine Jones
William S. Coker	Marinus Latour
J. Allison DeFoor II	Larry Rivers
James M. Denham	Jim Schnur
Ed Dolan*	Niles Schuh
Jose Fernandez	Patrick D. Smith
George Franchere	Robert A. Taylor

Also in attendance were members of the Florida Historical Library Foundation Board of Directors\*:

A. Clyde Field  
James Ball  
Steve Hipsley

Additional attendees were Nick Wynne, Executive Director; Kari Frederickson, Editor, *The Florida Historical Quarterly*; and Cynthia Putnam Trefelner, Editor, *Journeys for the Junior Historian*.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Dr. Coker. Nick Wynne passed out copies of Dr. J. Larry Durrence's letter of resignation, which he had received on Friday evening. Dr. Durrence cited an increasing workload, extended family illnesses, and his wife's job relocation as the reasons for his resignation.

Under the By-Laws of the Society, Bill Coker automatically became president and will serve the remainder of Dr. Durrence's term (one year) and a full two-year term on his own. A motion was made and seconded to accept Dr. Durrence's resignation with deep

regret and with an expression of gratitude for his previous service to the Society and the Board of Directors.

At the request of President Coker, Nick Wynne introduced the member of the Library Foundation Board. Dr. Coker introduced the new Editor of the *Quarterly*, Dr. Kari Frederickson, who has assumed responsibility for the journal from Dr. Jerrell Shofner.

Dr. Frederickson reported on the current state of the *Quarterly*. The Spring '97 issue will be sent to the printer next week. Dr. Frederickson reported that the next two issues are being assembled, and she also encouraged Board members in academe to push their students toward sending articles to the journal. Dr. Frederickson closed her remarks by thanking Dr. Jerrell Shofner for his assistance in the transition process.

Cynthia Putnam Trefelner reviewed the last year's progress with *Journeys*. Ms. Trefelner asked the Board members to give consideration to submitting articles to the youth magazine and to actively promote the magazine in their local schools. In addition, she requested that all Board members subscribe to *Journeys*, since subscriptions to that journal are not part of the benefits of regular Society membership.

Dr. Robert A. Taylor reported on the status of the upcoming Annual Meeting in Jacksonville on May 29-31, 1997. More than twenty papers have been accepted, and the program has been completed. Nick Wynne added that the Jacksonville Historical Society had received a \$1,500 grant to fund transportation costs for the various tours. He recommended that the Board of Directors express their thanks to the Jacksonville Historical Society for all of its work.

The locations for the next four Annual Meetings were discussed. Three cities have asked to be considered. Tampa will be the site for the 1998 meeting. After some discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Larry Rivers and seconded by Dr. James J. Horgan that the future locations be set for Daytona (1999); Key West (2000); and Pensacola (2001). The motion carried.

Nick Wynne reported on the status of the Florida Historical Library building. The collection was moved to Cocoa in November, and those 700 + boxes are currently stored in a rented storefront. Shelving has been purchased, and Pam Hall of the Vero Beach Library (and the Board) has donated four microfiche readers. A real estate firm in Cocoa recently closed and the furniture from the office was donated to the Library. As of January 15, the Library Foundation's publication, *Ex Libris*, had netted 46 Founding Fellows and

29 Research Fellows. The upcoming Mosquito Beaters Community Reunion will probably generate additional memberships.

The next item on the agenda was a proposal from Florida State University to relocate the editorial offices of the *Quarterly*. Dr. Jose Fernandez moved that any discussion of the move be tabled since the Society currently has a five-year contract with the University of Central Florida. Dr. Robert Taylor seconded. Ed Dolan discussed whether any consideration of a proposal might be viewed as inappropriate at this time. Dr. Maxine Jones, a faculty member at FSU, withdrew the university's proposal at that time. After much discussion about the decision by a previous Board to relocate the journal at UCF and the need to establish guidelines for any future relocation, Dr. Fernandez withdrew his motion to table. Dr. Taylor concurred. In order to devote proper attention to the Society's principal historical publication, President Bill Coker appointed a committee named the "Review and Standards Committee for the Florida Historical Quarterly." The principal responsibilities of the committee are to create an orderly process and establish reasonable guidelines by which the Society can solicit and evaluate proposals from scholarly academic institutions which would be interested in serving as the Editorial Center for the *Quarterly*, beginning on or about 1 July 2001. The Committee is also responsible for identifying and otherwise assisting the Executive Director, Society President, and the Society Board in resolving any difficulty which is likely to affect adversely the relationship between the Society, the University of Central Florida, or any future Editorial Center of the *Quarterly*. Appointed were Ed Dolan, Chair; James M. Denham, J. Allison DeFoor II, James J. Horgan, Robert Taylor, and Pamela J. Hall. President Coker and Nick Wynne will serve as *ex officio* members.

Nick Wynne presented the financial report of FY 1996. The 1996 Annual Appeal brought in approximately \$20,000. The sale of the cigar labels netted \$19,000.

Nick Wynne proposed that the Board of Directors approve a deferral of one-half of his annual salary (\$16,500) until the Society receives the Rossetter Endowment. His reasons were that so much was happening with the establishment of the new library, the writing of grants for renovations, and membership recruitment that he had little time to dedicate to strictly raising operating funds. He also explained that this reduction in operating costs would give him more time to take care of other tasks connected with the new

library. J. Allison DeFoor voiced his opposition to this move and urged the Board to become more active in fundraising. Mr. DeFoor volunteered to head up efforts to expand the Society's fundraising efforts.

Ed Dolan moved that the Board accept Wynne's proposal and that the Board agree to a reasonable rate of interest (5%). The motion was seconded and approved. Mr. DeFoor cast the only "No" vote.

The Board then reviewed potential fundraising activities, including a Society credit card and the possibility of a special cruise around the Florida peninsula with connecting local tours. Nick Wynne is discussing the possibility of arranging such a tour with Clipper Cruises of St. Louis, Mo.

The Board discussed the possibility of the creation of a number of anthologies, put together from previously published *Quarterly* articles, that would tie together certain themes in Florida history. James M. Denham reported that he has talked with the University Press of Florida about such an anthology, and Robert Taylor stated that he had been working on a similar project on the Civil War in Florida. Nick Wynne stated that he would follow up on this idea and put together a package for the Board's consideration.

Pamela J. Hall asked about the possibility of creating a cumulative index for the *Quarterly* and bringing the current index up to date. Marinus Latour remarked that we would need to find someone willing to do the work required for a nominal sum. Ms. Hall remarked that perhaps the genealogical societies in Florida might be willing to undertake the project. The Board took no action on this matter.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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FLORIDA HISTORICAL QUARTERLY

Florida Historical Society  
Proposed Budget  
FYI 1997

INCOME

Memberships

Corporate (5 @ \$100)	\$ 500.00	
Institutional (500 @ \$45)	22,500.00	
Family (220 @ \$40)	8,800.00	
Individual (750 @ \$35)	26,250.00	
Youth	3,250.00	
Contributing (60 @ \$50)	3,000.00	
Confederation (40 @ \$10)	400.00	
Student (70 @ \$15)	1,050.00	
		\$ 65,750.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Annual Appeal	\$15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
*Sales and Research	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
**Grants	\$10,000.00	\$ <u>10,000.00</u>
TOTAL		\$111,750.00

\*Varies each year. This is an optimal figure.

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## DIRECTORS MEETING

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Florida Historical Society  
Proposed Budget  
FY 1997

## Expenses

## Personnel

## Salaries

Executive Director \$ 16,500.00  
(Deferred \$16,500)

Finance and Accounting 3,600.00

Administrative Assistant 15,000.00

## Benefits

Insurance 4,750.00

Retirement  
(E-D \$2,000 Deferred) -0-

FICA/Unemployment 16,800.00

Subtotal \$ 56,650.00

## Operating Expenses

Utilities \$ 3,600.00

Telephones 5,000.00

Insurance 3,000.00

Equipment Maintenance 2,000.00

Postage 1,000.00

Roesch House Maintenance 1,000.00

Printing 3,000.00

Miscellaneous 1,000.00

Subtotal \$ 20,600.00

## Programs

*Quarterly* \$ 25,000.00

*\*Journeys* 5,500.00

*Society Report* 4,000.00

Subtotal \$ 34,500.00

Total \$111,750.00

\*\$10,000 grant applied for. Status undetermined.