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MEMBERSHIP
May 30, 1998

Nick Wynne called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. He recognized Ray Arsenault, Gary Mormino, Paul Camp and the local arrangements committee for their assistance in putting together a very successful and enjoyable historical society meeting. Bill Coker was then introduced.

President Bill Coker thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Next year's meeting will be at Daytona Beach. The theme will probably be East Coast Plantations and Cultures or possibly Exotic Florida, Fantasy and Reality.

Sites for future meetings were given. Key West is the site for the meeting in 2000, Pensacola in 2001, and Ft. Myers in 2002 (with special emphasis on Estero and the Koreshan Unity). No site has yet put in a bid for the meeting in 2003.

The election of the new board members was the next item on the agenda. Pam Hall of the nominating committee read the list of members proposed to serve on the board. They are Don Gaby, District 1; Ernest Dibble, District 2, and Robert Taylor, District 3. Ted Van Itallie moved that the nominations be closed. Bob Dabney seconded the motion. Those nominated to serve on the board were elected unanimously.

Under New Business, John Mahon stated that the Seminole War Foundation, Inc., has saved the Ft. Izzard site. The site is now under the control of the Seminole Foundation, Inc. The University of Miami Press is publishing Prince's diary. Dr. Mahon added that more must be done to save historic Indian sites in Florida; the Ft. King site is threatened with development and asked the members of the society for their assistance in supporting the work done by the Seminole War Foundation.

Ray Arsenault asked the Society about our efforts for minority representation on the Society Board. Bob Taylor stated that the search for minority board members was widespread and proactive. Nick Wynne said that our commitment to minority representation stands firm; the Society Board has, for the first time, a Native American representative on the board.

Nick Wynne gave the membership report. Our membership is currently about 2,400. He asked Society members to give subscriptions to the *Journeys for the Junior Historian*, and added that *Journeys* is currently looking for an editor. The Florida Historical Library Foundation will begin publishing a popular history magazine, tentatively called *Historical Horizons*. Article submissions of 500-1500 words are requested. He also encouraged Society members to join the Florida Historical Library Foundation.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

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