

November 7, 2025 PAST Board (Virtual) Meeting

Zoom meeting began with the following people in attendance: Marie Prentice, Guy Prentice, Fred Gaske, Jirye Kang, Hank Kratt, Lonnie Mann, Jeff Mitchem, and Karli Protho-Bromeley. Carol Haack did not attend.

Marie began the meeting by introducing FSU graduate students Jirye Kang and Karli Protho-Bromeley to the other board members.

This was followed by Marie reporting that all of the PAST board members had been re-elected with all receiving 100 percent of the votes cast.

Next on the agenda was the proposed clean-up at Verdura. Marie explained the site's background to Jirye and Karli and PAST's visit to the site last year. Marie reported that \$1,200 should cover the cost of clean-up, with PAST and the Tallahassee Historical Society (THS) each contributing \$600. The board members then voted unanimously to fund the project at \$600 and also provide refreshments. Marie agreed to inform THS of PAST's willingness to help in the clean-up. When to schedule the clean-up was left undecided with Fred noting that gun season for hunting deer would be in effect from mid-December through February 22, 2026.

Next to be discussed was the recent involvement of the Miccosukee Tribe in local affairs. Lonnie reported on the lecture series being given by the Miccosukee at the Leon County Library, mentioning that they are heavily engaged with the Tallahassee Historical Society and will also be presenting at the next THS monthly meeting. Also discussed was the Miccosukee's interest in buying land around Lake Miccosukee and plans to take THS members for a walk around the lake. It was also mentioned that the Miccosukee had obtained easements on approximately 6 acres at Lake Miccosukee with an interest in buying.

This was followed by Marie announcing that Sam Wilford had been picked to be the new director at the Museum of Florida History.

A brief mention was then made regarding the excellent job that Carol Haack has been doing, but Marie inquired as to what title she should be given since Carol was being paid to perform her duties. A decision on the matter was not immediately forthcoming.

The forum was then opened for any new business, which Lonnie began with a brief mention of the positive response that was received regarding Leon County obtaining the services of an archaeologist by Commissioner Minor at a listening session put on by the Leon County Environmental Division. Jeff mentioned that Miranda Kles was intending to visit all the FAS chapters. When and how that might occur wasn't known. Marie mentioned that she and Guy would be visiting Bill McKowen near Quincy to do a walkover of his property to assess the potential for archaeological sites, and possible presence of a mound.

Last on the agenda was a brief summary of the current lineup of monthly presenters.

The currently scheduled speakers are:

- November 2025 – Jeff Mitchem on the evidence for De Soto at the Parkin site
- December 2025 – Mary and Mike Glowacki on the Presidio and overview of PCARG's Hurricane Michael Grant

- January 2026 – Sara Van Beck on how plants relate to archaeology
- February 2026 – Della Scott-Ireton on Tristan de Luna
- March 2026 – Andrea White (City of St. Augustine) on the Lincolnville Redoubt.
- April 2026 – A. J. Van Slyke (previously with the NPS's Submerged Resources Center, now at UT-Chattanooga) on a topic of his choosing
- May 2026 – Allisen Hunter, fresco pigments, Coloring the Image
- June 2026 – Victoria "Vic" Hayes (Charlie Cobb's PhD student) on an as yet undetermined topic

This concluded the board meeting.