

FLORIDA SOCIETY OF GEOGRAPHERS

Minutes of the 1986 Business Meeting
Annual Meeting, Ft. Myers, February 1, 1986

President Nancy Erwin opened the Annual Business Meeting at 1:15 p.m. She announced that the current meeting will break even financially and will earn some money for the organization.

The past Secretary/Treasurer, Hal Gilman, who was unable to attend last year's business meeting at Miami, did not present a report. It appeared, however, that very little transpired. Nevertheless, during the general meeting there was a lengthy discussion about the orientation of the organization which focused on the role of Community Colleges in annual meetings and the structure of these meetings with regard to field trips and picnics. At the Miami meeting Cliff Holmes was appointed by the President to fill the office of Secretary/Treasurer, the post vacated by Hal Gilman.

The new Secretary/Treasurer, Cliff Holmes, indicated that the treasury had \$632.00 when he assumed office. After paying the bills for the Miami annual meeting, the cost of the last issue of the Florida Geographer, and receiving new dues, the current balance was \$151.77. The results of the Fall 1985 elections by mail were: Allan Lippert, Vice President, and James Anderson, Executive Committee member. The Dues Resolution passed setting the annual membership dues effective in 1986 at \$3.00 for students and \$7.00 for all others.

David Lee, editor of the Florida Geographer, stated there will be only one annual issue of the journal and he has already received several manuscripts. The next issue will appear in the Fall of 1986. Dave also said he will include in the journal the minutes of the annual business meeting and a list of the current officers of the organization.

The incoming President Allan Lippert announced that the 1987 annual meeting will be held in Bradenton, the location of his college. He asked the Society for approval to move the date of the meeting from the customary months of January/February (the peak of the tourist season) to March or later. If this is done, Allan stated, the cost of the meeting would be much less. The consensus of those attending was that the meeting might be held during the first week of April. To schedule the meeting in March would conflict with spring break of universities and colleges, a period many professors cannot set aside for attending a geography meeting. In any event each school should send Allan their spring break schedule for 1987 so he can make the final decision. In conjunction with the upcoming annual meeting, Allan mentioned that corporate financial sponsorship will be forthcoming. Ronald Schultz mentioned that in the past, corporate advertisements were printed in the Florida Geographer; he asked if these should run again.

As a follow-up to the Miami meeting, which included special sessions on geographic education, Nancy Erwin devoted the next portion of the meeting to this subject by first calling upon George Hepner. Mr. Hepner is compiling a Workbook, funded by Exxon Oil Corporation, to further international ideas through **geography** and the teaching of world regional geography.

Pat Kixmiller then discussed a special program at the Miami-Dade Community College which prepares elementary teachers to teach geography. Tom Boswell noted that a so-called "Geography Bee" was being developed in 17 junior high schools in Dade County and that Pat Kixmiller, Nancy Erwin, and he are participating in the program. Tom noted that this particular program was good publicity for geography.

Concerning new elections: In preparation for upcoming elections, a motion was passed electing to an ad hoc nominating committee Ronald Schultz, James Henry, and Tom Boswell. This committee will nominate a Vice President, a second Vice President (since there was not a fall balloting, this temporary post is needed), a Secretary/Treasurer, and one Executive Committee member to replace Jeanne Fillman Richards. The other two executive committee members are James Anderson and Bill Kuyper.

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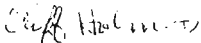
The need to file papers pertaining to the tax-free status of our Society was discussed. However, as James Henry indicated, the complexity of filing the papers precludes the advisability of the action, especially since the Society has so little money.

A consensus believed it appropriate to have an additional member of the Society who could sign checks in the absence of the Secretary/Treasurer. It was agreed that the Editor of the Florida Geographer, who has held that post for many years, should have this authority. Therefore, Dave Lee will also be able to sign checks for the Society.

John Rickerson discussed the use of air photos and census materials of the South West Florida Water Management District.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Roland C. Holmes
Secretary/Treasurer
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