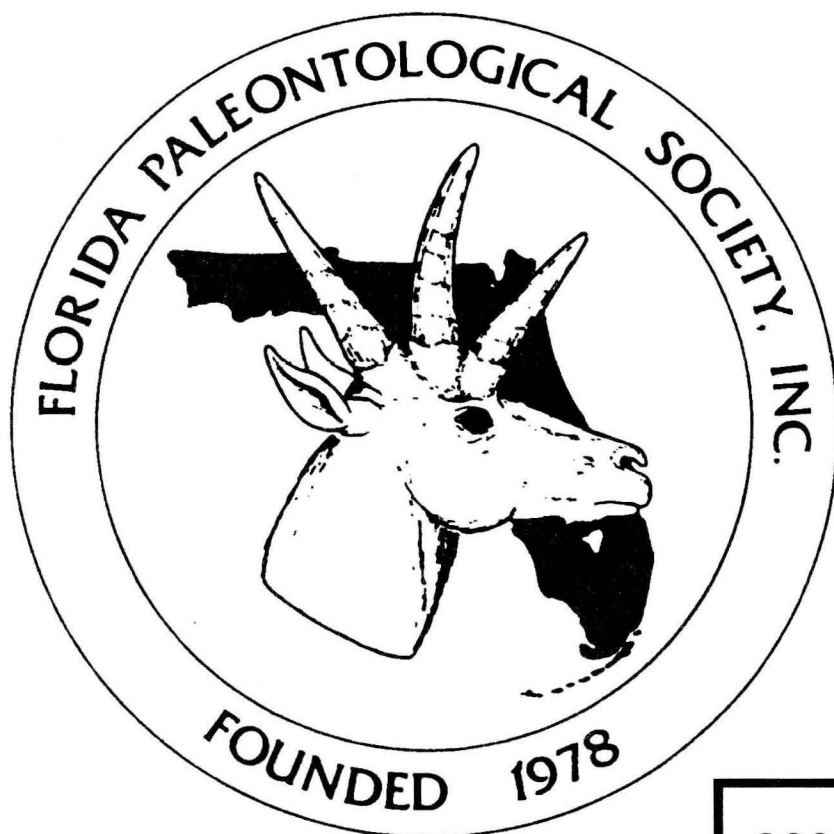


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# FLORIDA PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC

## OFFICERS

President: Tom Ahern, 629 Gail Ave.  
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Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Nita Akin, 7945 Cameron Cay Ct.  
New Port Richey, FL 34653 (727) 845-0528

Treasurer: George Hecht, Florida Museum of Natural History,  
P.O. Box 117800, Gainesville, Florida 32611 (352) 392-0065

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ted Akin, Tampa, 2002	Sue Hutchens, Old Town, 2000
Joyce Bode, Ft. Meade, 2002	Bruce MacFadden, Gainesville, 2002
Jim Toomey, Bradenton, 2002	Roger Portell, Gainesville, 2000
Barbara Fite, Lutz, 2000	Frank Rupert, Tallahassee, 2002
Steve Hutchens, Old Town, 2000	Eric Taylor, Lake City, 2002
Barbara Toomey, Sanibel, 2000	

## COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

Book Committee:	R. Hulbert
Nominations:	J. Toomey, T. Sellari
Finance:	G. Hecht, J. Rupert, R. Portell
Membership:	Ted Akin, G. Hecht, Nita Akin
By-Laws:	R. Portell, R. Miller, D. Thulman, B. MacFadden
Honorary Members and Awards:	R. Portell, T. Sellari, B. Fite, S. Hutchens
Historical:	Brian Ahern
Board of Editors:	R. Portell, R. Hulbert, F. Rupert
Spring Meeting	D. Thulman, F. Rupert
Resident Agent:	Bruce MacFadden

## HONORARY MEMBERS

Anita Brown Lelia and William Brayfield David Webb Gary Morgan Clifford Jeremiah Gordon Hubbell

## INFORMATION, MEMBERSHIP, AND PUBLICATION INFORMATION

Please Address: Secretary, Florida Paleontological Society, Inc.  
Florida Museum of Natural History, P.O. Box 117800  
University of Florida  
Gainesville, FL 32611-7800



**First Announcement**  
**Florida Paleontological Society Spring Meeting**  
**May 11-13th, 2001**  
**Tallahassee, Florida**  
*Hosted by the Florida Geological Survey*

- Open house at the Florida Geological Survey, with tour of the FSU Antarctic Research Facility (bring a jacket)...
- Field trip to north Florida limestone quarry...
- Paleo Talks...
- Dinner with Guest Speaker...
- Possible Sunday vertebrate collecting trip to the Steinhatchee River

**Accommodations & Costs**

Tallahassee room rates typically vary between \$49 and \$99 per night. See motels listed on page 2; please call for best rates and discounts. Some special coupon rates available online. Dinner Saturday evening is TBA, but will likely be a buffet.

See page 2 for more details

*Please RSVP by April 27th and indicate how many will be:*

1. Attending the ARF tour
2. Attending the field trip to the limestone quarry
3. Attending the Saturday evening dinner
4. Possibly attending a Sunday vertebrate trip to the Steinhatchee River

**RSVP to: [FPS@flmnh.ufl.edu](mailto:FPS@flmnh.ufl.edu) or write/call George Hecht at:**

**Florida Museum of Natural History**  
**University of Florida**  
**P.O. Box 117800**  
**Gainesville, FL 32611-7800 phone 352-392-0065**

**Florida Paleontological Society  
Spring Meeting 2001  
Tallahassee, Florida  
May 11-12, 2001**

***Tentative Schedule of Events***

**Friday, May 11:**

6:00 - 8:00 PM Open house at the Florida Geological Survey building on the FSU campus. Visitors may view the displays and learn about current projects underway at the Survey. Concurrently, between approximately 6:30 - 7:30 PM we will tour the Florida State University Antarctic Research Facility (located next door) with Tom Janecek, Curator.

**Saturday, May 12:**

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM Fieldtrip to Marianna Limestone (Oligocene) pit

2:00 - 3:00 PM Optional 'on-your-own' tour of Museum of Florida History for fieldtrip non-attendees or early returners.

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Paleontology talks

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM FPS Board Meeting. Fossil comraderie for non-Board members.

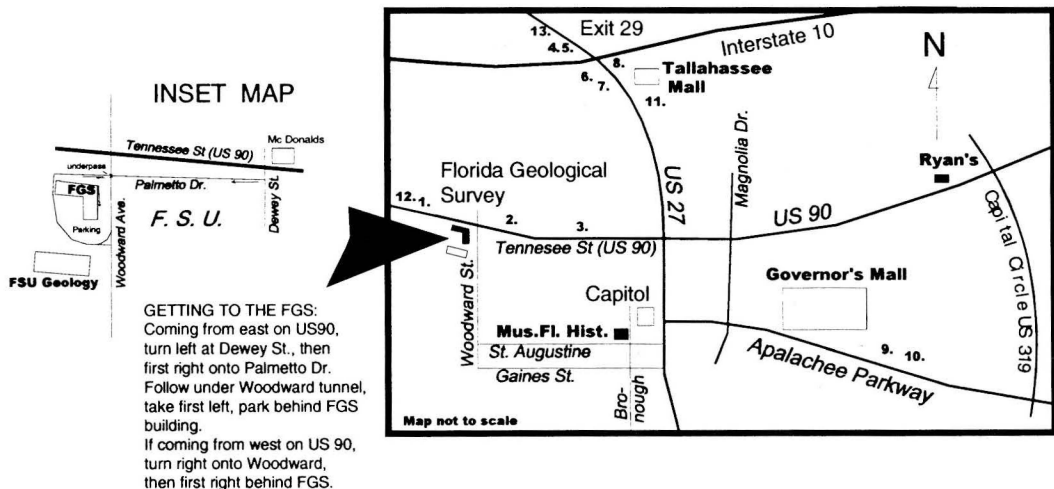
6:00 PM - ? Dinner and talk at local restaurant

**Sunday, May 13:** Travel Home or vertebrate collecting trip to Steinhatchee River (TBA)..

**IMPORTANT:** Please RSVP to George Hecht at the Museum address **by April 27th** and indicate if you will be attending the fieldtrip, the dinner, or both.

1. Ramada Express  
(850) 224-7116
2. University Motel  
(850) 224-8161
3. Holiday Inn Select  
(850) 222-9555
4. Howard Johnson  
Express (850) 386-5000
5. Red Roof Inn  
(850) 385-7884
6. Ramada Inn  
(850) 386-1027
7. Days Inn  
(850) 385-0136
9. Best Western  
(850) 656-6312
10. Quality Inn  
(850) 877-4437
11. Econo Lodge  
(850) 6155
12. Days Inn Univ.  
(800) 325-2525

***A meeting map and some Tallahassee motels***





Florida Paleontological Society

**SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT**

Two FPS Officer positions need to be filled due to the resignation of an officer. Please mark your choices below.

**President-elect**

Joyce Bode

**Vice President**

David Thulman

***Please fold, tape, and return your ballot with the address exposed to George Hecht at the Florida Museum of Natural History or bring it with you the spring meeting.***

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George Hecht  
Florida Paleontological Society  
Florida Museum of Natural History  
University of Florida  
P.O. Box 117800  
Gainesville, FL 32611-7800

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# FPS News Notes

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## **2001 Dues are past due...**

In fact, many year 2000 dues are past due as well. It's easy to forget. Please consider paying now in order to continue receiving the benefits of FPS membership, including book discounts, special publications, the newsletter, and reduced meeting meal costs. A renewal form appears on page 10 of this issue.

## **Your Newsletter needs input...**

In recent years the newsletter has experienced a continued decline in article submissions from FPS members. This is perhaps understandable considering the growing number of active local fossil clubs, with their more frequent newsletters drawing input from members with limited time resources. Very recently the FPS newsletter has been both lean and sporadic in production due to the lack of new submissions. We will attempt to remedy this in the interim by including articles of interest reprinted from other sources. However, we believe that a better newsletter results when members provide news and articles about their current fossil hunting interests and activities. Therefore we are actively soliciting submissions from you. These submissions may include things like book reviews, collecting adventures, or informative articles on Florida fossils. If you have or wish to write articles about your fossilizing experiences, or if you are knowledgeable about a particular type of Florida fossil and would like to educate our membership, please send your work to the editor at the following address: Frank Rupert, 903 West Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, FL, 32304; email: frank.rupert@dep.state.fl.us. Digital format is preferred, but hardcopies are fine.

## **Hulbert Vertebrate Book is out...**

After years of toil the long-awaited "Fossil Vertebrates of Florida", edited by Richard Hulbert, is now published. The book stems from the original series of Plaster Jackets, which began in 1967. It expands and updates the kind of Florida fossil information originally presented in this series in book form. Fossil Vertebrates in Florida is not a guide to finding or identifying fossils. The book describes the fossil vertebrates found here in Florida and attempts to answer questions such as: What animals lived in Florida?..How are they related to other extinct and extant animals?..When did they first appear and become extinct?..What did they eat and what were their past environments like? No special technical background is assumed, just an interest in learning about our state's fossil vertebrates. It is well illustrated and contains exhaustive references on the various fossil vertebrate groups.

Funds for updating the Plaster Jacket series and producing the book were provided bby the FPS. The Florida Museum of Natural History and the Georgia Southern University, in Statesboro made available computer, photographic and research resources. And while numerous individuals contributed to the successful publication of this book, the onus of the work fell on Richard Hulbert, as editor, and Roger Portell, who guided the book through production, dealing with graphics subcontractors and printers and the myriad of other details associated with such a work. The FPS extends its sincere thanks for their efforts and congratulates then on an outstanding product. The new book will be available at the Spring Meeting in Tallahassee.

## **The ice caps aren't melting at the ARF.....**

This year's FPS Spring Meeting features as one of the highlights a tour of the Florida State University's Antarctic Research Facility, a National Science Foundation funded core repository for geologic cores taken on and around the Antarctic continent. Scientists from around the world study various aspects of the cores, including stratigraphy, age-dating, and micropaleontology. The cores are stored in giant freezers to prevent deterioration of the material. So if you plan to attend, bring a jacket for your brief journey into the arctic region!

*Announcing the publication of*

# **Fossil Vertebrates of Florida**

**Edited by Richard C. Hulbert Jr.**

Illustrated with hundreds of photographs and drawings, this authoritative yet readable book describes the fossil vertebrates found in Florida—many unique to the state—and summarizes more than 100 years of paleontological discoveries and research. It bridges the sometimes disconnected worlds of the professional paleontologist and the avocational collector and hobbyist.

Florida has the richest vertebrate fossil record of any state east of the Mississippi, extending back 45 million years. Beginning with an introduction to vertebrate anatomy, Richard Hulbert describes the geological history of the state and the history of vertebrate life in it. He then addresses such questions as what animals lived in Florida, how they are related to one another and to living animals, when they first appeared and when many of them became extinct, what they ate, and what they tell us about past environments.

All types of vertebrates are covered, including sharks and other fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. In addition to exceptionally detailed illustrations (many published for the first time), the book includes a comprehensive list of every verified fossil species ever collected in Florida.

Based on the popular Plaster Jacket series of pamphlets written by renowned natural scientists and published by the Florida Paleontological Society, *The Fossil Vertebrates of Florida* brings information from the last 30 years into an up-to-date, greatly expanded, cohesive book form.

**Contributors:**

- Norman Tessman (sharks, carnivores)**
- Elizabeth S. Wing (skates and rays and, with Camm Swift, bony fish)**
- Walter Auffenberg (snakes, turtles, crocodylians)**
- S. David Webb (proboscideans, peccaries, edentates, camels, ruminants)**
- Robert A. Martin (aquatic rodents)**
- John Waldrop (horses)**
- Jesse S. Robertson (bison)**
- Roy H. Reinhart (sea cows)**
- Steve P. Christman (rattlesnakes)**
- Clayton E. Ray (seals and walruses)**
- Gary S. Morgan (whales and, with Ann E. Pratt, marine mammals)**
- Bruce J. MacFadden (rhinoceroses)**
- Jon A. Baskin (saber-tooth carnivores)**
- Annalisa Berta (dogs)**
- Jonathan J. Becker (birds)**
- Peter A. Meylan (amphibians and reptiles)**

Richard C. Hulbert, Jr., collection manager for the Division of Vertebrate Paleontology at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville, is the author or coauthor of 30 essays and monographs published in scholarly journals, including *Nature*, *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*, and *Journal of Paleontology*.

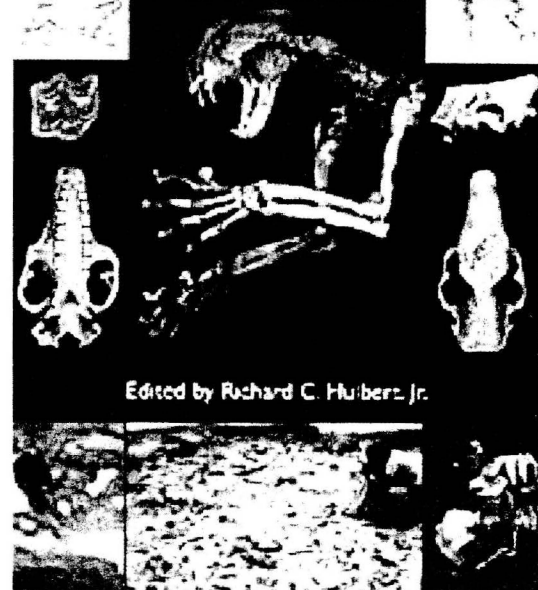
February. 368pp. 8½ X 11.

139 b&w photos, 202 drawings, 2 tables, glossary, references, index.

0-8130-1822-6 Cloth, \$39.95s

The Fossil Vertebrates of

**FLORIDA**



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**FLORIDA PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**(Proposed) BY-LAWS**  
(NOVEMBER 1978 REVISED OCTOBER 1985, January 1995, up for vote 2001)

Note:

~~Strikeout~~ = original wording to be deleted

***Bold italics*** = new wording to be added

**ARTICLE I**

NAME AND TITLE

The name and title of this corporation shall be the FLORIDA PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC., and shall be located at the Florida State Museum, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611. The Corporation may have such other offices as the Board of Directors may determine, or as the affairs of the Corporation may require.

**ARTICLE II**

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any natural person who has attained the age of 18 years may apply for Membership in the Corporation by submitting a completed Membership Application to the Secretary of the Corporation. ~~The Board of Directors shall ascertain whether the applicant is qualified for Membership under Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation, and upon so finding shall declare such applicant elected. Regular Members may hold office in the Corporation and may exercise all voting rights, and shall enjoy all other benefits conferred upon regular Members by the By-Laws.~~ ***The following membership categories apply to such persons:***

*A. Active Member - any individual natural person who has attained the age of 18. The Board of Directors shall ascertain whether the applicant is qualified for Membership under Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation, and upon so finding shall declare such applicant elected. Active Members may hold office in the Corporation, may exercise all voting rights, and shall enjoy all other benefits conferred upon Active Members by the By-Laws.*

*B. Couple - two natural persons, both of whom qualify as Active Members and who reside at the same mailing address. Both individual's names must disclosed to the Secretary of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall ascertain whether the applicants are qualified for Membership under Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation, and upon so finding shall declare such applicants elected. A Couple Membership shall enjoy all benefits conferred upon Active Members by the By-Laws.*

*C. Family - two or more related natural persons, at least one of whom qualifies as an Active Member, and who reside at the same mailing address. All individual family member names must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall ascertain whether the applicants are qualified for Membership under Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation, and upon so finding shall declare such applicants elected. Individuals of the family who qualify as Active Members may vote, and a Family Membership shall enjoy all other benefits conferred upon Active Members by the By-Laws.*

*D. Subscriber – Any person who wishes to receive the publications of the Society and otherwise take no active part in the affairs or to have voting rights may do so by enrolling as a Subscribing Member at the same rate as that charged an Active member. Such person may not hold office, vote, or participate in the activities of the Society. To change his or her status the subscriber must inform the Secretary of his or her desire to do so.*

Section 2. Any person who has not yet attained the age of 18 years may apply for ~~Associate~~ ***Junior*** Membership in the Corporation by submitting completed ~~Associate~~ Membership application to the secretary. The Board of Directors shall ascertain whether the applicant is ~~qualified~~ ***eligible*** for Membership and upon so finding shall declare such applicant elected. The Secretary shall promptly notify new ~~Associate~~ ***Junior*** Members of their election. ~~Associate~~ ***Junior*** Members shall have all the benefits of Active Membership, except the right to vote and the right to hold office.

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Section 3. The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of its Members, may, after an appropriate hearing, suspend or expel a Member ~~or Associate Member~~ for cause. "Cause" is here defined as open and notorious conduct which may be associated in the mind of the public with the Florida Paleontological Society and which can reasonably be expected to injure the reputation of the Society.

Section 4. Any Member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but such resignation shall not relieve the Member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues theretofore accrued and unpaid. Any member, so resigning, may rejoin under the provisions of Article II, Section 1 & Section 2.

Section 5. Honorary Membership may be awarded by the Board of Directors to a person who has rendered eminent service to the Society, or to the cause of paleontology. Honorary Membership bears the privileges of individual Membership (except voting privileges) without the payment of dues. Nominations for Honorary Membership may be made by any member of the Society to the Board of Directors at least 30 days prior to the Annual meeting.

### ARTICLE III

#### DUES

Section 1. Annual dues, for the calendar year shall be ~~ten (\$10.00) for Members and five (\$5.00) for Associate Members~~ **determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Any change shall be effective January 1 of the following year.** All dues shall be payable in advance of the first day of January of each year.

Section 2. Notice of payment of Dues shall be printed in the Society's publication (~~Plaster Jacket~~, Newsletter). Arrearage in payment of dues beyond the month of January in any year shall be construed as resignation from the Corporation. A list of paid Members shall be published in the first yearly issue of the Society's publication; new Members to be published in subsequent issues.

Section 3. A Member shall not be entitled to vote on any issue or matter until such time as said dues are paid current.

Section 4. Any institution wishing to receive the Corporation's publications may subscribe at the same rate as an Active Member's annual dues, but shall not be eligible to hold office nor have voting rights.

### ARTICLE IV

#### MEETINGS

Section 1. An Annual meeting of the Members shall be held on a Saturday ~~in the month of October~~ **during the months of September, October, or November** of each year, beginning with the year ~~1979~~ **1995**, at which meeting the Members shall elect the Directors and Officers for the coming year **if required**, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The hour and date of said meeting shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, **or their designee**.

Section 2. Special Meetings of the Members may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or by not less than one-tenth of the Members having voting rights.

Section 3. The Board of Directors may designate any place within the State of Florida as the location for any Annual or Special Meeting called by the Board of Directors. If no designation is made, or if a Special Meeting be called other than by the Board of Directors, the place of meeting shall be at the principle office of the Corporation in the State of Florida.

Section 4. Written or printed notice stating time, place and purpose for any Special Meeting of the Members shall be delivered to each member either personally, by mail, **or by other electronic means** by the Secretary of the Corporation, not less than thirty not more than sixty days prior to the date of such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, with postage paid thereon, addressed to a Member at such Member's address appearing on the records of the Corporation.

Section 5. Nominations of candidates for office, in addition to those presented by the Nominating Committee, may be submitted to the Secretary in writing no later than September 1, of each year, and any such nominations received shall be noted on



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at the Annual Meeting. Nominations from the floor shall not be permitted and shall be ruled out of order by the President.

Section 6. Election of Officers and Directors shall be by sealed ballots at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, which ballots shall be counted by the Election Committee, and the election results announced at the Annual Meeting. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible Members with an enclosed self-addressed envelope marked "Ballot" forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Meeting. All ballots must be in the hands of the Secretary prior to 9:00 AM on the day of the Annual Meeting with the signature and return address of the member in the upper left hand corner of the ballot envelope in order to be counted.

Section 7. One-tenth (1/10) of the Corporation's Membership shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Membership. If a quorum is not present, a majority of the Members present may adjourn the meeting without further notice.

Section 8. A majority of the votes of the Members at any meeting where a quorum is present shall be necessary for the adoption of any matters coming before them, unless a greater proportion is required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these By-Laws.

Section 9(a). Matters which require urgency and approval by the general Membership may be noted upon by the Membership through the mail *or by electronic means*, provided each eligible member is mailed a copy of the items to be noted upon and a ballot for voting such items. A deadline of at least one month shall be set for the return of said ballots.

9(b). Matters which require urgency and approval by the Board of Directors may be noted upon by the Members of the Board of Directors through the mail *or by electronic means*, provided each eligible member is mailed a copy of the items to be voted upon and a ballot for voting such items. A deadline of at least one month shall be set for the return of said ballots.

Section 10. The Board of Directors shall hold two regular meetings annually. One regular Annual Meeting shall be held without notice other than this By-Law, on the same day and at the same place as the Annual Membership Meeting. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place for the additional regular Annual Meeting of the Board without other notice being necessary.

Section 11. Notice of any Special Meeting of the Board shall be given at least thirty days prior thereto by written notice delivered personally or by mail or telegram to each Director at the address shown on the records of the Corporation.

Section 12. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any meeting of the Board; but if less than a quorum is present at said meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting without further notice.

Section 13. The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting and whereby a quorum is present, shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these By-Laws.

Section 14. All meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

## ARTICLE V

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. To be eligible for election, Directors must be Members of the Corporation in good standing.

Section 2. Commencing with these first Annual Meeting of the Members, the Board of Directors shall consist of not less than ten nor more than seventeen persons.

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Section 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past-President, and a current Curator of the Florida State Museum (appointed by the Director of the Museum). Additionally, there shall be not less than three (3) nor more than ten (10) other directors who shall serve staggered three year terms.

Section 4. No salary shall be received by the Members of the Board of Directors for their services in such capacity. However, by resolution of the Board of Directors, expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for each Regular or Special Meeting of the Board.

Section 5. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors though less than a quorum of the Board. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office or until his or her successor is duly elected.

## ARTICLE VI

### OFFICERS

Section 1. Commencing with the first Annual Meeting of the Members, the Officers of the Corporation shall be: President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom (except as herein provided) shall be elected by the Members from among themselves at each Annual Meeting *held in even numbered years*. After the first Annual Meeting the President-Elect shall automatically assume the office of President for the ensuing ~~year~~ *term* and there shall be no election for the office of President.

Section 2. Each Officer shall assume office immediately upon election and shall hold such office *for a term of two years until the Annual Meetings of the Members held in even numbered years* or until a successor has been duly elected or appointed.

Section 3. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 4. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Corporation and shall in general supervise and control the business and affairs of the Corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the Members, and of the Board of Directors. At each Annual Meeting of the Members, the President shall render a report of his activities and those of the Board of Directors during his tenure in office. He may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper Officer of the Corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, any instrument which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except when the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these By-Laws or by Statute to some other Officer or Agent of the Corporation. The President shall establish needed committees and appoint chairpersons thereof; and, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Vice-President, in the absence of the President or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The President-Elect shall assist the President in any fashion as the President may deem necessary, and in the absence of both the President and the Vice-President, or in the event of their inability or refusal to act, the President-Elect shall assume all the privileges and perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.

Section 7. The Secretary shall keep the Minutes of the meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; maintain the Minutes of Committee Meetings when those Minutes are submitted by committees; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law; prepare and mail notices of meetings, Minutes, proxy forms, ballots and all other correspondence of the Corporation, act as custodian of the Corporate records and seal of the Corporation and see that the seal of the Corporation is affixed to all documents as authorized by the provisions of these By-Laws; issue Membership cards as approved by the Board of Directors, keep a register of the mailing address of each Member; maintain files on all Corporation activities, and in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties assigned by the President or Board of Directors. The Board may authorize hiring the serv-



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ices of a competent person, who need not be a Member of the Corporation, to assist the Secretary.

Section 8. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due or paid to the Corporation from whatever source; deposit such funds in the name of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article VII of these By-Laws; disburse Corporation funds "in accordance with the Corporation's budget or as directed by the Board of Directors; keep full and accurate fiscal accounts; submit a complete annual financial statement at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Corporation; prepare, at the direction of the Board of Directors, an annual budget for the corporation; issue dues notices and collect all dues and financial contributions to the Corporation; and, in general, perform all duties incident to the Office of Treasurer or such other duties assigned to him by the President or Board of Directors. If required by the Board, the Treasurer shall give bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with surety or sureties as determined by the Board, cost of which surety shall be paid by the Corporation. Some or all of the duties of the Treasurer any, upon recommendation of the Board, be contracted out to a Certified Public Accountant or appropriate agency.

## ARTICLE VII

### COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President shall appoint all committees and designate their chairpersons.

Section 2. The President shall appoint a Publications Committee and a chairperson who shall be designated as Editor. The Editor shall be responsible for the publications of the Corporation, subject to the direction of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The President shall appoint a Historical Committee and a chairperson who shall be designated as the Historian of the Corporation. He shall maintain the Corporation's Archives and shall correspond with its Members and others on matters of Paleontological significance.

Section 4. The President, at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting shall appoint an Auditing Committee to consist of three Members of the Corporation, none of whom shall be an Officer or Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for the current year. The Auditing Committee shall carefully examine the Corporation's financial records and submit a report to the Members at the Annual Meeting.

Section 5. The President, prior to June 1 of each year, shall appoint a Nominating Committee to consist of the most recent Past-President of the Corporation, as chairperson, and two Members, which Committee shall, prior to July 1 of each year, submit to the Secretary of the Corporation a list of the Committee's nominees. The Secretary, not later than July 31 of each year, shall publish and distribute to all Members the names of the Nominating Committee's nominees, with a brief biographical sketch of each nominee.

Section 6. The President shall appoint an Election Committee of at least three (3) Members present at the Annual Meeting for the purpose of counting election ballots. No member who has been nominated for office in that election will be a member of this committee.

## ARTICLE VIII

### CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS, FUNDS

Section 1. The Board of Directors may authorize the President of the Corporation to enter into any contract, or execute and deliver any instrument, in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation.

Section 2. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money issued in the name of the Corporation shall require any two (2) signatures of the following officers: President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

Section 3. The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Corporation any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general or special purposes of the Corporation.

Section 4. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December, in each year.

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## ARTICLE IX

### CODE OF ETHICS

Section 1. A Member of the Florida Paleontological Society is expected to strive to increase his own knowledge of paleontology, particularly to Florida prehistory.

Section 2. A Member is expected to share his knowledge with fellow Members and with the public to encourage the study of paleontology.

Section 3. A Member is expected to share significant information with professional paleontologist so that important data is not lost to science.

Section 4. A Member is expected to make fossil material available for examination, under reasonable terms and conditions, by professional and non-professional Members in order to further the study of paleontology.

Section 5. A Member who is a professional paleontologist is expected to deal with non-professional Members in a helpful supportive manner.

Section 6. A Member is expected to be sensitive to ecological concerns when doing field work.

Section 7. A Member is expected to conduct his paleontological activities in such a manner that the Florida Paleontological Society will not be brought into disrepute.

## ARTICLE X

### AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Section 1. Prior to the annual Meeting of the Members in 1979, these By-Laws may be amended, rescinded, altered or added to by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The By-Laws adopted by the Members at the first Annual Meeting of the Corporation in the year 1979 may thereafter be amended, rescinded, altered or added to by a majority of the Members at any meeting where a quorum is present, and when written notice of such intended action has been given to all Members in advance of such meeting, in accordance with the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE XI

### CHAPTERS OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1. Status as a chapter of the Florida Paleontological Society is open to any group of at least ten (10) person who:

- a) As individuals meet the qualifications for Membership in the Society;
- b) Band together for establishment of a local (city, county, or area) organization to pursue the objectives of the Society, as well as for the purpose of their own, so long as such purposes are not contrary to the Constitution of the Society.
- c) Request formal recognition by the Society as a chapter.
- d) Adopt a Constitution and By-Laws (not in conflict with the Society's Constitution and By-Laws) to provide efficient operation of the chapter.
- e) Agree that all Members of the chapter shall maintain Membership in the Florida Paleontological Society, Inc.

Section 2. Application for chapter status shall be made by the interested group to the Board of Directors of the Society. Upon majority vote of approval, the Board of Directors shall instruct the Secretary to issue formal recognition to the chapter.

These By-Laws were adopted by the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation on November 20, 1978

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FLORIDA PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

As of September 30, 2000

**ASSETS**

Cash	
Checking . . . . .	\$8,283.07
Savings . . . . .	10,755.31
Merrill Lynch . . . . .	11,247.38
	Total cash \$30,285.76
Inventory	
Beach and Bank Collecting (Thomas) (1214@ \$2.00) . . . . .	2,428.00
Fossil Shells (Brayfield) (51@ \$4.36) . . . . .	222.36
Handbook of Paleo Prep.(Converse) (860@ \$3.25) . . . . .	2,795.00
Papers in Fl Paleo (1,115@ \$2.00) . . . . .	2,230.00
Plaster Jacket (120@ .50) . . . . .	60.00
Fossil Diving (Sinibaldi) (50@ \$8.00) . . . . .	400.00
Paleo Dictionry (Sinibaldi) (50(~ \$4 00) . . . . .	200.00
Butvar (50 lbs @\$4.52/lb) . . . . .	226.00
	Total Inventory \$8,561.36
	<b>Total Assets \$38,847.12</b>

**REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT**

As of October 20, 2000

**REVENUE**

Membership dues . . . . .	\$3,205.00
Sales	
Thomas: Beach and Bank Collecting . . . . .	3,719.70
Bray field: Fossil Shells . . . . .	1,805.47
Converse: Paleo Prep Techniques . . . . .	763.50
Leisey . . . . .	50.00
Butvar . . . . .	375.00
Shipping . . . . .	270.25
Meetings . . . . .	353.50
Auctions . . . . .	1,768.99
	Total Revenue \$12,310.42

**EXPENSES**

Newsletter . . . . .	548.00
Hulbert . . . . .	4,240.00
Postage . . . . .	321.20
State Filing Fee . . . . .	61.25
Office Supplies . . . . .	63.98
Sinibaldi books . . . . .	600.00
Morgan Award . . . . .	506.84
Meetings . . . . .	1051.10
Student labor . . . . .	400.00
Fuel . . . . .	53.00
	Total Expenses \$7,845.37
	<b>Profit/(loss) \$4,465.05</b>

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**FPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Gainesville, FL, November 4, 2000**

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by President Tom Ahern

**Members in Attendance:** T. Ahern, R. Portell, J. Bode, J. Toomey, B. Mcfadden, F. Rupert, M. Wright, D. Thulman, Nita Akin, Ted Akin, John Ryan and Richard Hubbard.

**General Discussion:** The last auctioned netted \$423.25. Tom addressed the shrinking of membership by 75%. He stated the history of how he became interested in paleontology. Thus he wants build the membership back to it's original status. There is a Vice-President slot open and it will be elected in the Spring. The Treasury Report was given by Roger. The by- laws are set-up to be voted on next meeting. Jim suggested Bio's when electing positions to know their affiliations etc.

**Old Business:**

A) Status of Plaster Jacket book - proofreading index, 350 pages to be indexed. Some photo's are washed out. Currently being advertised on Amazon.com with the ISBN#, no dollars yet. FPS members receive 30% off list price.

B) Status of computer - \$600 was spent to try and fix it, but still not fixed. Roger suggested FPS buy a laptop computer for Treasurer, perhaps under \$2000. Joyce motioned and Jim seconded. Then, Jim motioned @ \$2000. Joyce seconded.

C) Newsletter will be mailed out 1st class.

D) Board decided to keep student on to help with FPS duties.

**New Business:**

A) Election of officers - Jim swapping positions with Joyce. Roger nominated Joyce for President-Elect, Nita seconded.

**Committee Assignments**

B) Committee Appointments - Book Committee Roger and Bruce. Richard is the Chairman. Invertebrate nook was discussed that Roger will be writing. Roger rotated off committee.

Jim Toomey, Chairmen of Nominations.

Finance Chairperson - George Hecht

Membership Committee - George Hecht, Nita Akin, and Ted Akin.

By-laws Committee - David Thurman, Robin and Bruce Mcfadden

Honorary members, awards and scholarships - Roger Portell

Historical Committee - Brian Ahern nominated by Tom Ahern, Richard Hubard seconded.

Board of Editors - Richard Hubard and Roger Portell co-chairing.

Resident Agent - Bruce Mcfadden

C) Gordon Hubble unanimously voted for Honorary Member. President to write letter.

D) Spring Meeting - Tallahassee suggested for Spring meeting. Target month is May 12 th and 13th. The 2nd weekend in May. Barbara fite suggested introduction of book there.

E) Spring Meeting committee - John, David, and Frank. Co-chairpersons, Frank and David.

F) Bruce suggested FPS get involved with the Fall Year 2004 International Meeting of Vertebrate Paleontology.

G) Roger suggested next Paleofest Year 2002 [Recess held at 12:10 pm for 15 Minutes]

H) Richard has a model for new publication summarizing mammalian species. It is a 4-6 page systematics, ex: where found when lived and basic ecology. Florida Species.

I) Tom suggested a "How To Manual" for different directorships.

Tom gave motion to adjourn at 1:47 p.m. Frank seconded.



# FLORIDA PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mail completed form to: Florida Paleontological Society  
University of Florida, Box 117800  
Gainesville, FL 32611-7800

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number (From label) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

### TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

- |                                      |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. INDIVIDUAL ACTIVE (\$15.00) _____ | 2. SUBSCRIBER (\$15.00) _____        |
| 3. INSTITUTIONAL (\$15.00) _____     | 4. GIFT (Mark Type) _____            |
| 5. FAMILY (3 or more. \$25.00) _____ | 6. COUPLES (\$20.00) _____           |
| 7. SUSTAINING (\$50.00) _____        | 8. ASSOCIATE (Under 18 \$5.00) _____ |

FAMILY AND COUPLES PLEASE LIST NAMES OF ALL APPLICANTS IF NEW. PLEASE COMPLETE PERSONAL FACT SHEET BELOW IF NEW OR CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED SINCE PREVIOUS YEAR.

NOTE!!! MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR A CALENDAR YEAR AND ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR! PLEASE RENEW ON TIME!

### BIOGRAPHICAL FACT SHEET

1. NUMBER OF YEARS OF INTEREST IN PALEONTOLOGY \_\_\_\_\_
2. WHICH BEST DESCRIBES YOUR STATUS: COLLECTOR \_\_\_ OCCASIONAL DEALER \_\_\_  
FULL TIME DEALER \_\_\_ PROFESSIONAL POSITION \_\_\_ JUST STARTING \_\_\_

#### 3. PRIMARY AREAS OF INTEREST:

<u>VERTEBRATE</u>	<u>INVERTEBRATE</u>	<u>BOTANY</u>	<u>MICRO</u>
PLEISTOCENE _____	_____	_____	_____
PLIOCENE _____	_____	_____	_____
MIOCENE _____	_____	_____	_____
OLIGOCENE _____	_____	_____	_____
EARLIER _____	_____	_____	_____

4. LIST ANY PREFERRED TYPES (Horses, Sloths, Echinoids etc.)-
5. LIST ANY PUBLISHED WORKS ON PALEONTOLOGICAL SUBJECTS.

6. DO YOU BUY  
\_\_\_\_\_ TRADE \_\_\_\_\_ FIND \_\_\_\_\_ FOSSILS?

7. LIST ANY SKILLS OR ABILITIES THAT MAY BE OF USE TO THE SOCIETY'S PROJECTS (RESTORATION, PREPARATION. COMPUTER USE. GRAPHICS SKILLS, SPEAKING, PHOTOGRAPHY, PUBLIC RELATIONS, WRITING, FUND RAISING ETC.)

8. LIST ANY UNUSUAL SPECIMENS FOUND, CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THEY WERE LOCATED AND THEIR DISPOSITION. PLEASE USE AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF REQUIRED! THANK YOU!

Payments, contributions or gifts to the Florida Paleontological Society are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Dues payments may be deductible by members as ordinary or necessary business expenses. We recommend that you consult with your tax advisor.

## FLORIDA PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

As stated in the Articles of Incorporation, "The purposes of this Corporation shall be to advance the science of Paleontology, especially in Florida, to disseminate knowledge of this subject and to facilitate cooperation of all persons concerned with the history stratigraphy, evolution, ecology, anatomy, and taxonomy of Florida's past fauna and flora. The Corporation shall also be concerned with the collection and preservation of Florida fossils." (Article III, Section 1).

### CODE OF ETHICS

#### ARTICLE IX

- Section 1. Members of the Florida Paleontological Society, Inc., are expected to respect all private and public properties.
- Section 2. No member shall collect without appropriate permission on private or public properties.
- Section 3. Members should make a sincere effort to keep themselves informed of laws, regulations, and rules on collecting on private or public properties.
- Section 4. Members shall not use firearms, blasting equipment, or dredging apparatuses without appropriate licenses and permits.
- Section 5. Members shall dispose of litter properly.
- Section 6. Members shall report to proper state offices any seemingly important paleontological and archaeological sites.
- Section 7. Members shall respect and cooperate with field trip leaders or designated authorities in all collecting areas.
- Section 8. Members shall appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- Section 9. Members shall conduct themselves in a manner that best represents the Florida Paleontological Society, Inc.

**ANNUAL DUES** for the FPS are \$5.00 for Associate Membership (persons under age 18) and \$15.00 for Full Membership (persons over age 18) and Institutional Subscriptions. Couples may join for \$20.00, and Family memberships (3 or more persons) are available for \$25.00. A Sustaining membership is also available for \$50. Persons interested in FPS membership need only send their names, addresses, and appropriate dues to the Secretary, Florida Paleontological Society, Inc., at the address inside the front cover. Please make checks payable to the FPS. Members receive a membership card, the FPS newsletter, the Papers in Florida Paleontology, and other random publications entitled to members.

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