

FRIENDS OF THE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA INC.

MINUTES

January 6, 2023

Via Zoom

**Present**

**Board of Directors**

David Benjamin  
Gloria Colvin  
Gene Coppola  
Claire Dygert  
Kathleen Malloy  
Jinfang Niu  
Taryn Rodriguez-Boette  
Rachel Walton

**Division Staff**

Dolly Frank  
Beth Golding  
Lindsey Harrington  
Amy Johnson  
Tom Peña  
Rebecca Thomas

**Absent**

Ramona La Roche

**Visitors**

Ryan Ash  
Secretary of State Cord Byrd

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Eastern on January 6, 2023, by President Gene Coppola. Roll was called and a quorum was noted. Secretary of State Cord Byrd addressed the board.

**Adoption of agenda**

Jinfang Niu moved to adopt the draft agenda. The motion was seconded, and the agenda was unanimously adopted.

**Approval of minutes from the October 7, 2022, meeting**

Taryn Rodriguez-Boette moved to approve the draft minutes. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

**Financial report**

Director's office staff presented the year-to-date budget to the board and an update of the current account balance via the profit and loss worksheet. Staff provided the board with requested information regarding nonprofit entities maintaining a balance in their funds. Beth Golding provided an update on SARC funds held in the Friends bank account.

**Director's comments**

Division Director Amy Johnson thanked the board for the continued provision of bottled water to the State Records Center and reported on the following:

- 2022 Sunshine Awards.
- State Library and Archives Research Stipends review.
- Quarterly division update.
- \$600 donated by COSLA toward the Florida Center for the Book (now part of Florida Humanities).
- Division-hosted pre-conference session on records management at 2023 FLA Annual Conference.
- Friends' long-range plan review at the March 2023 Friends board meeting.
- Travel information for the upcoming meeting.

Amy responded to questions from the board regarding the Research Stipends.

Dolly Frank reported on the progress of the statewide digital platform. Claire Dygert asked the division to think about ways the board could support the initiative.

Gloria Colvin requested an update on the FLIN SHAREit sticky books funded by the Friends. Amy reported that the books have been proofed and are ready to be ordered.

### **Business items**

The board discussed preparing for review of the Friends' long-range plan, scheduled for March. Division staff agreed to provide a copy of the most recent plan, highlighting items that have been accomplished.

Gene Coppola expressed an interest in continuing to pursue a meeting of all division CSOs.

The Board discussed being part of Florida Library Legislative Days. Gloria Colvin felt that a letter or statement of support from the board for construction or disaster funding would be helpful.

### **New business**

The board did not discuss any new business.

### **Next meeting**

The board will meet in person March 2-3, 2023, in Palm Harbor, Florida with a virtual option available via Zoom. [NB: The Division decided, following the adjournment of this meeting, to hold the March 2-3, 2023, meeting only virtually.]

### **Public comment**

A call was made for public comment and there was none.

### **Adjourn**

Jinfang Niu moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. Eastern on January 6, 2023.