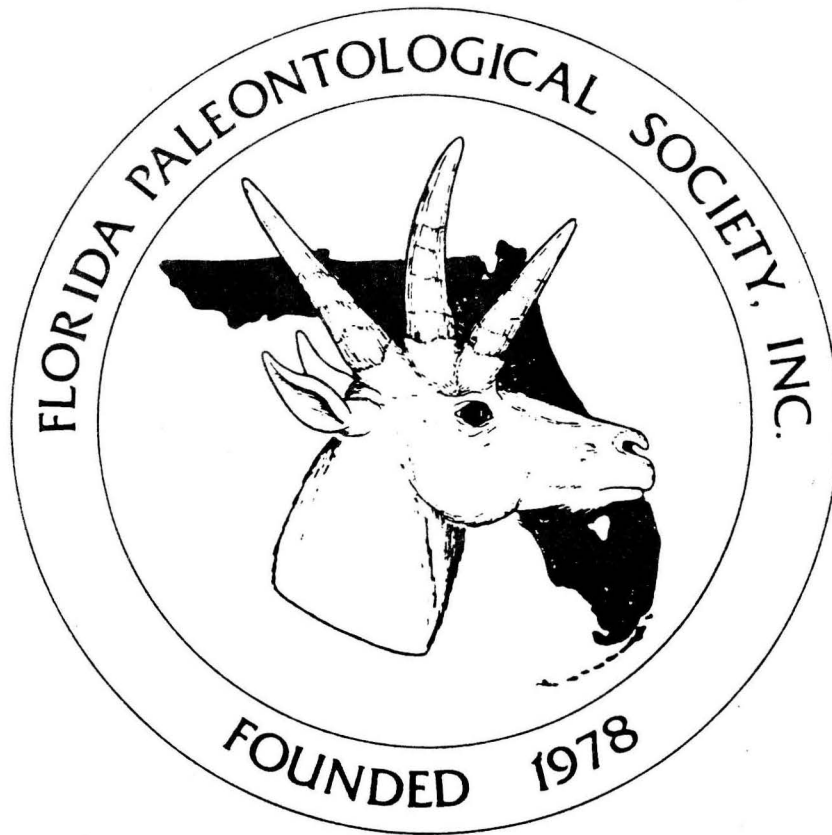


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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

AND INTEREST

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again we are preparing for a new slate of officers and for the Fall Meeting. Make sure that you do your part and return your completed ballot.

My term as President will end with the Fall Meeting, but my goal of establishing a traveling exhibit will not. My original goal is still a priority. Therefore, I am establishing a permanent committee to work toward the day we can take paleontology into the community colleges, schools and local communities. The initial committee will consist of CLIFFORD JEREMIAH, DON LORENZO, PETE KERN and BOB MARSH. If you would like to join us, please contact me.

At the Spring meeting, 80% of those present indicated that they would purchase an FPS T-shirt. To date, only 12 shirt orders have been received; that only 10%. Obviously, at my age, I cannot wear out 108 T-shirts! The new order form lists YOUTH SIZES, so the whole family can proudly display our logo. Remember -- the family that wears the shirt will find more in the dirt! As originally stated, I WILL HAVE YOUR T-SHIRTS AT THE FALL MEETING .

BOB MARSH
PRESIDENT

TENATIVE AGENDA - FALL MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1989 - Univ. of Florida

REITZ UNION AUDITORIUM

- 8:00 AM Arrival, Registration
- 8:30 AM Opening Remarks
- 8:35 AM MORNING SESSION I - Univ. of Florida Graduate Students:
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|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dan Bryant | "Miocene Rodent Population Ecology" |
| Linda Ivany | "Eocene Seagrass Fossils" |
| Craig Oyen | "Florida Echinoid Fossils" |
- 9:30 AM Coffee Break
- 10:00 AM MORNING SESSION II - Keynote Speaker
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| Dr. Steven M. Stanley - Johns Hopkins University |
| "Plio-Pleistocene Mollusks of SW Florida" |
- 11:00 AM BUSINESS MEETING
- 12:00 PM LUNCH - On Your Own
- 1:00 PM AUCTION - REITZ UNION AUDITORIUM
- 2:00 PM Visit Florida Museum of Natural History
- | |
|-----------------------|
| Fossil Identification |
| Collections Visit |
- 4:00 PM Florida Paleontological Society Board Meeting - Open to Membership
- Florida Museum of Natural History Classroom

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A Guggenheim Fellow and winner of the Schuchert Award of the Paleontological Society, Stanley is a member of the Board on Earth Sciences of the National Research Council. He is the author of several books, including: The New Evolutionary Timetable; Fossils, Genes, and the Origin of The Species (Nominated for an American Book Award); two editions of Principles of Paleontology (with D. M. Raup); Macroevolution: Pattern and Process; and Earth and Life Through Time. He has also written numerous scholarly articles.

REFLECTIONS ON A CENTURY OF FLORIDA PALEONTOLOGY

On Saturday, April 22, one mile west of Arcadia, about 80 paleontologists put their canoes into the Peace River and Paddled downstream to commemorate one hundred years of fossil collecting on that river. The weather warranted the occasion, and thanks to the able planning of Robin Brown and Joe Latvis, the whole FPS-sponsored trip went productively and smoothly - one might even say "swimmingly". (see Fig.1)

The first major "stop" took advantage of the best outcrop of clays and sands of the Hawthorn Formation, well exposed both on the west bank and the bottom. Besides lunch, the group produced a number of sharks teeth, turtles, and other Miocene marine fossils. (see fig 10)

The itinerary was easy: Just follow the river. Nobody got lost and nearly everyone got wet. The map (fig. 3) shows how to repeat this trip. If you need a canoe, contact Canoe Outpost (ph: 494-1215).

The old phosphate works made a very interesting stop for everyone. Figures 4 and 5 show some of the old timbers on the bank. What they don't show is that the people waist-deep in the water are collecting loads of fossil vertebrates that tumbled down into the river a century ago. (The washer plant functioned from 1889 to 1893).

The final stop was to collect a mammoth tusk previously located in the east bank by Robin Brown. Digging and plastering by many diligent hands soon had it diked (against passing airboat wakes) and plastered. (see fig.6 and 7)

The jacketed tusk, which filled a canoe, was dexterously paddled to the takeout point near Nocatee. It was ceremoniously loaded into a waiting bus, along with a happy, if slightly bedraggled, crew of paleontologist. (see fig. 6 and 9)

The final perspective came that evening when Dr. Clayton Ray from the Smithsonian Institution told the assembled group of his admiration for the work of Dr. Joseph Leidy and his work a century earlier on the first Peace River fossils. It was truly moving to feel so closely linked to the origins of Florida Paleontology.

Figure 10 is Dr. Ray at the FPS meeting in Mulberry, the day after his talk on Joseph Leidy.

The editor wishes to thank Dave Webb of Gainesville for this brief account of the FPS spring trip and Bob Morgan of Miami for the excellent series of photos recording that trip. Enclosed is the booklet which was published for trip.



Figure 1.



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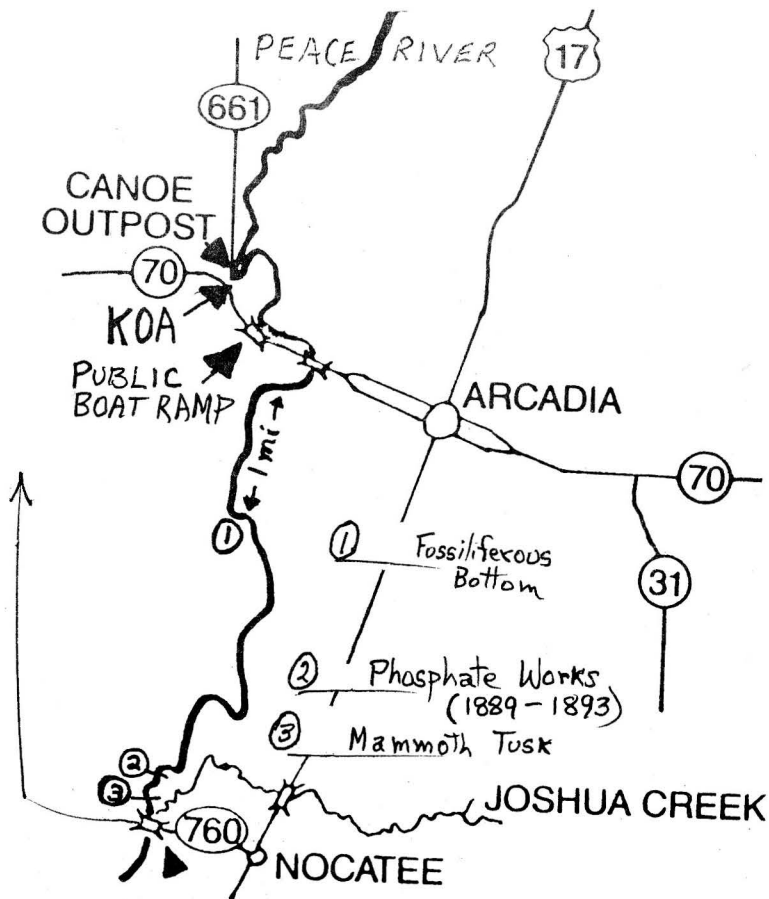


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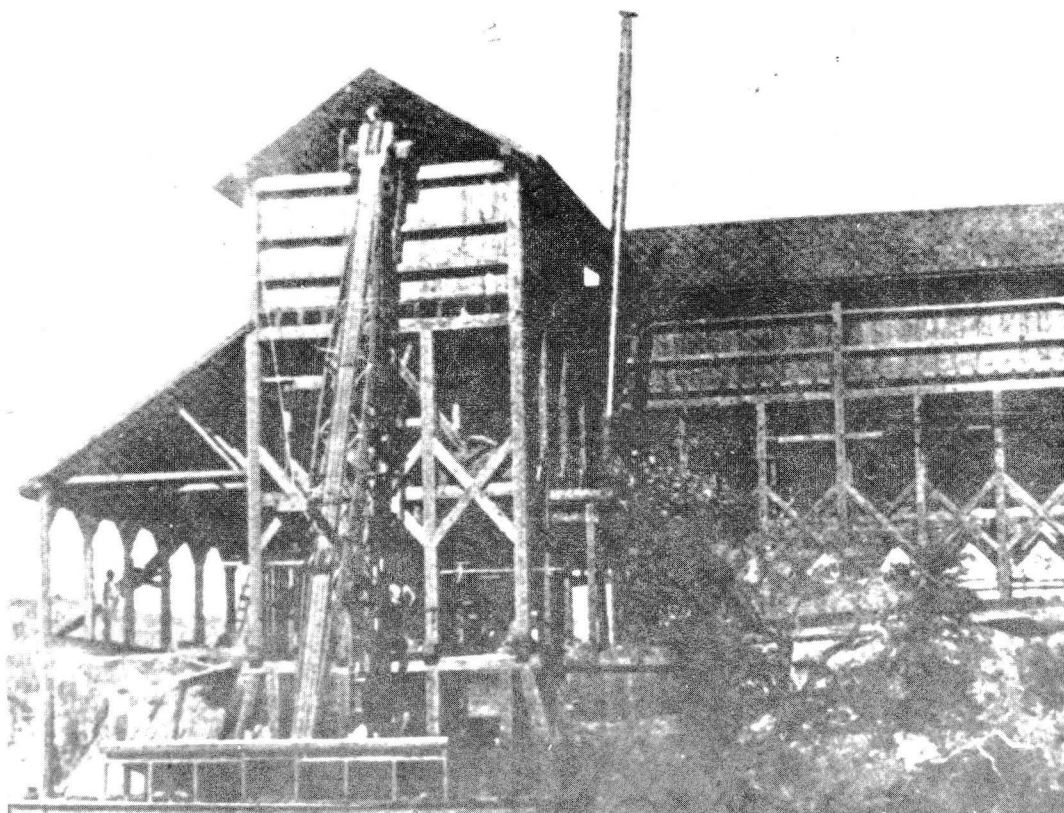




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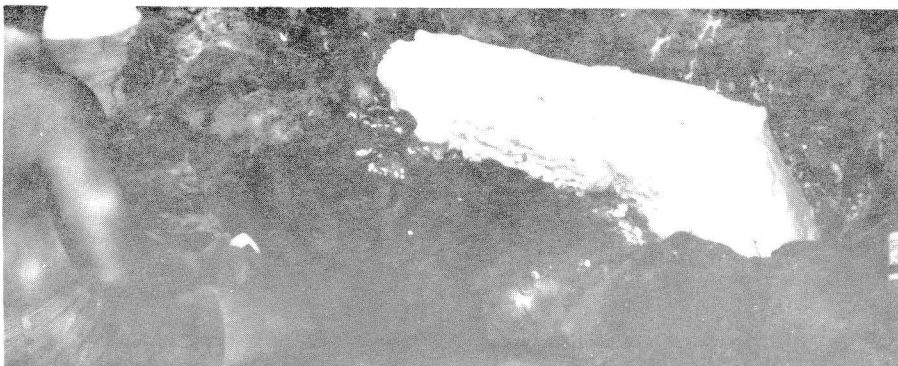


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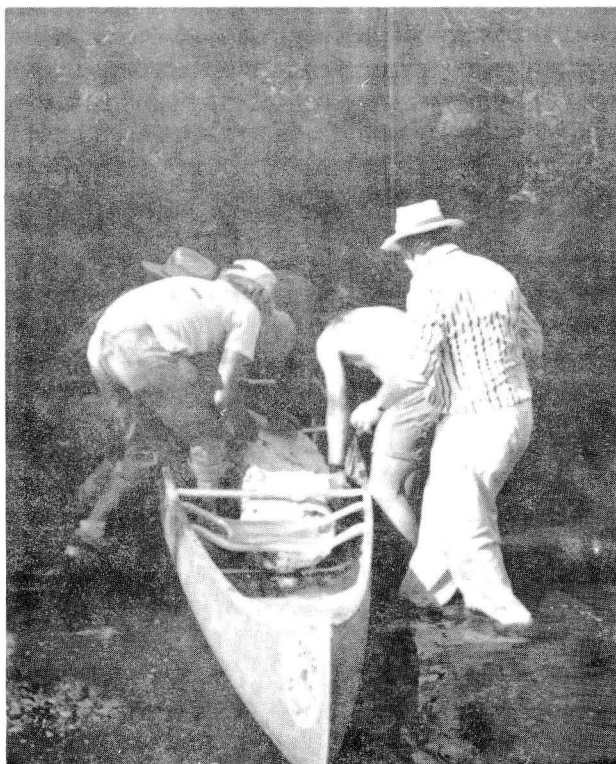


Figure 8



Figure 10



Figure 9

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FLORIDA PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

BY-Laws

(NOVEMBER 1978 REVISED OCTOBER 1985)

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.

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

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 or Associate Member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but such resignation shall not relieve the Member or Associate 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) dollars for Members and five (\$5.00) dollars for Associate Members. 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, etc). 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 a 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 of each year, beginning with the year 1979, at which meeting the Members shall elect the Directors and Officers for the coming year, 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.

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 or by mail, 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 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, 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, 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.

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. After the first Annual Meeting the President-Elect shall automatically assume the office of President for the ensuing year 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 until the next Annual Meeting of the Members 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 services 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 ~~may~~, 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.

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; last amended October 5, 1985 at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK BESSIE HALL
FOR ALL THE HARD WORK SHE DID IN GETTING THIS EDITION OF THE
BY-LAWS INTO THE PROPER FORM SO WE COULD ADD IT TO THE NEWSLETTER.

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 on laws, regulations and rules on collecting in private and 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 or 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 FPS are \$5.00 for persons under age 18 and \$10.00 for Full Membership (persons over age 18) and Institutional Subscriptions. Persons interested in FPS membership need only send their names, addresses, and appropriate dues to the acting Secretary. Please make checks payable to FPS. Members receive a membership card, the FPS Newsletter and randomly issued technical papers.

Newsletter Policy: All news items, art work and photographs related to paleontology in Florida are welcome. The editor reserves the right not to publish submissions and to edit those which are published.