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IT IS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN! PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
WITH THE FORM ENCLOSED!

Check Your Mailing Label!

**The Final 2 Numbers Over Your Name Indicate
The Year Through Which Your Dues Are Paid!**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the fall meeting, October 28th, Bob Marsh "handed me the horns" and I became the FPS President for 1989-90. At first it was with quite a bit of apprehension and uncertainty; but after putting things in perspective, I now look forward to the next year with enthusiasm.

As stated that Saturday morning, at the end of this next year I would like to look back and see that something was accomplished. While there are many goals toward which the FPS could direct its attention, I see no reason to not continue with the goal of my predecessor- the establishment of a travelling exhibit.

After gaining some insight into just what will be involved in the establishment of such an exhibit (the initial and ongoing costs, manpower during and after setup, logistics, etc.), this undertaking will be formidable but not beyond the means of the FPS with input and participation from the membership. This type of exhibit, even under ideal conditions, cannot be completed in a year. Indeed, it will probably take several years, so I will have to be content with my accomplishment being completing as much groundwork as possible.

To try and speed things up, and also address one of my past unspoken criticisms of the FPS (that of so little being done in a given year because of only one formal business meeting per year), I have called for quarterly board meetings to attend to society business in a more timely manner. The next board meeting is scheduled for 1:00 PM the afternoon of January 20, 1990, at the Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville. As with any and all board meetings, the general membership is always welcome.

My address is listed on the inside front cover of this newsletter. If you have any ideas, suggestions, criticisms, two cents' worth, good/bad jokes, whatever, let me hear from you!!

Don Lorenzo,
President

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

By the time you have received this newsletter, the New Year will have begun and the holidays will have passed. Two new editors have been conscripted for the year. Both of us are students, so we will appreciate all the help we can get from the membership. Sorry there was no fall issue, but we did not take over until early November, and if you read the museum happenings section you will see why we were so busy! Anyway we have begun once again. We hope everyone reads and enjoys this newsletter; if you have any suggestions, comments, news, etc., please feel free to contact us at the museum. The next issue is in March.

LIST OF SPEAKERS - FALL MEETING, 28 OCTOBER, 1989

DR. STEVEN M. STANLEY is a Professor of Paleobiology in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and a Research Associate of the Smithsonian Institution. He received his B.A. from Princeton University and his Ph.D. from Yale University. A Guggenheim Fellow and winner of the Schuchert Award of the Paleontological Society, Dr. Stanley is a member of the Board on Earth Sciences of the National Research Council. He is the author of several books, including *The Evolutionary Timetable: Fossils, Genes, and the Origin of Species* (nominated for an American Book Award), two editions of *Principles of Paleontology* (with D.M. Raup), *Macroevolution: Patterns and Process*, and *Earth and Life Through Time*. He has also written numerous scholarly articles.

DAN BRYANT is enrolled in the Master's program at the University of Florida in the Department of Geology, with a minor in Zoology, under the direction of Dr. Bruce J. MacFadden. Dan graduated from U.F. in 1988 with a B.Sc. in geology. He has maintained an interest in paleontology since elementary school and was a charter member of the Bone Valley Fossil Society. His current research focuses on the biochronology and evolution of fossil rodents and horses from the Florida panhandle.

CRAIG OYEN is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Geology, University of Florida, under the direction of Dr. Doug Jones. Craig came from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, after work on his Master's degree in paleobiology and carbonate sedimentology under the direction of Dr. Michael McKinney, a former student of Dr. Jones'. Craig is currently involved in research on heterochronic processes in the evolution of Cenozoic echinoids.

LINDA IVANY is a graduate student pursuing a Master's degree in the Dept. of Geology. She is currently working on two projects, one with Dr. Doug Jones on the paleoecology of Eocene seagrasses, and one with Dr. Thomas Crisman (Environmental Engineering) combining invertebrate paleontology and paleolimnology. Linda received a B.Sc. with Honors in Geology from Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, in 1988.

The Florida Paleontological Society warmly thanks the speakers for their time and efforts.

FLORIDA PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.
 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
 OCTOBER 24, 1989, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, REITZ UNION AUDITORIUM

The business meeting was called to order at 11:45 AM by Robert Marsh, president. President Marsh called for the report from the tellers. Bill Brayfield, chairman, reported that the results of the election were as follows:

President-Elect:	Rick Carter
Vice President:	Jim Pendergraft
Secretary:	Anita Brown
Treasurer:	Kevin Schindler
Board Members:	Phil Whisler
	Roger Portell
	Clifford Jeremiah
	Don Crissinger
	Gordon Hubbell

President Marsh then turned the office of president over to Don Lorenzo, President-Elect since 1988.

President Lorenzo announced his commitment to the concept of a travelling exhibit about paleontology to be developed by the Florida Paleontological Society. He reappointed Bob Marsh, Pete Kern, and Clifford Jeremiah to a committee for that purpose. President Lorenzo also announced that during his tenure in office, the Board of Directors would meet quarterly to transact necessary business and to keep the membership informed about progress on the various projects of the society.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter (Volume Six, Number 2).

The treasurer reported that a complete statement of income and expenses for the past year had been distributed to all present at the time of registration. He called for any questions from the members; there were none. A copy of the financial report is attached to these minutes.

President Lorenzo called for volunteers for the various standing committees of the Society. All committees remain as published in the newsletters except for any changes noted below. Committees will be as follows:

Book publication:	Dr. David Webb, Roger Portell
Book fund:	Clifford Jeremiah
Scientific publications:	Dr. Douglas Jones
Finance:	Kevin Schindler, Gordon Hubbell, Rick Carter, Roger Portell
Nominating:	Robin Brown, Ray Robinson, Phil Whisler
Bylaws:	Phil Whisler, Ray Robinson
Historian:	Ben Waller, Clifford Jeremiah, Jesse Robertson
Honorary Membership and Awards:	Dr. David Webb
Membership:	Phil Whisler, Anita Brown
Newsletter Editors:	Dan Bryant, Linda Ivany
Scientific Editor:	Gary Morgan

President Lorenzo called for reports from the various committees. Dr. Webb reported that the Howard Converse book has been completely revised and reprinted, and is now available. Copies were available for the members to see and purchase. Dr. Webb then introduced Dr. Richard Hulbert, who is editing the Plaster Jacket series into a book. Dr. Hulbert reported a great deal of progress; he commented on the long process of updating required for a new publication. The book will have 16 chapters, incorporate a list of fossil vertebrates found in Florida, and chapters will be organized by fossil groups in a logical order.

Anita Brown, secretary, made a motion that the ballots be destroyed so that they would not have to be stored by the secretary. The motion was seconded and approved. She reported an increase in institutional and professional members since the beginning of the scientific publications.

Gary Morgan reported that he is working on editions 3 and 4 of the scientific publication, Papers in Florida Paleontology. For these upcoming issues, Dr. Clayton Ray, Smithsonian Institution, will be the author of a paper on the Joseph Leidy material from Florida, and Dr. Dave Nicol, Gainesville, will be the author of a paper on fossil oysters.

Dr. David Webb reported that Joe Larned has been nominated for Honorary Membership. The nomination was seconded and approved. Susan Pendergraft nominated Ben Waller for Honorary Membership; the nomination was seconded and approved.

Rudi Johnson, representing the Tampa Bay Fossil Club and the University of South Florida, Tampa, invited the Society to Tampa for the Spring Meeting. Tentative details and an agenda will be published in the newsletter (this issue). President Lorenzo appointed Mrs. Johnson to be chairman of the Spring Meeting and to plan the next meeting with the Board of Directors.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING 24 OCTOBER, 1989, FLORIDA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Don Lorenzo, President. Members present were: Anita Brown, Secretary; Kevin Schindler, Treasurer; and Board Members Ray Robinson, Rudi Johnson, Susan Pendergraft, Bob Marsh, Roger Portell, Phil Whisler, Gordon Hubbell, Clifford Jeremiah, and Museum Representative Doug Jones. Also present were David Webb, Resident Agent, and George Thomas.

Rudi Johnson requested the Board set a date for the Spring Meeting. She suggested April 6-8 or April 21-23 as tentative dates pending approval of the Tampa Bay Fossil Club and the University of South Florida, hosts for the meeting.

There was a discussion of the content of the meeting and the activities that should be included. It was agreed by all present that these decisions should be made by the Spring Meeting Committee. President Lorenzo requested that Mrs. Johnson recruit members for the committee from the Tampa Bay Club and the Society

and proceed with planning the program and field trips for the dates set. President Lorenzo requested that she report back to him so that the newsletter editors can include the information in the next newsletter. Phil Whisler was suggested as a member of that committee.

President Lorenzo called a meeting of the Board for January 20, 1990, and meetings quarterly thereafter. There was a discussion of where the meeting would be held and it was agreed that unless an invitation was received from another community that the meeting would be held in the Florida Museum of Natural History, the home address of the Society. The time and location will be announced in the newsletter. Clifford Jeremiah requested that there be a published agenda so that all members would be aware of the content of the meeting and further requested that the meeting be restricted to those matters that required the full board.

Roger Portell reviewed the financial report (see end of this newsletter) and introduced Kevin Schindler, the new treasurer. Anticipated expenses for the coming year included speaker fees, publication fees, office expenses, and editing fees. There were no questions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

END OF MINUTES

SPRING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE APRIL 20-22, 1990, TAMPA, FLORIDA

The following dates and times have been presented by Rudi Johnson for the upcoming spring meeting. This year's meeting will be hosted by the University of South Florida and the Tampa Bay Fossil Club, and will feature field trips to the Leisey and APAC shell pits. The dates are set, but times are tentative. The fine details will be presented as they become available.

Friday, 20 April,	1:00 PM.	Early registration at USF Open house at USF Geology Dept., Pious Museum, and displays all afternoon. Late evening program presented by Dr. Warren Allmon, USF Geology Dept.
Sat., 21 April,	8:00 AM	USF. Complimentary coffee, danish.
	9:00	Program, Leisey Shell Pit theme.
	11:00	Business meeting.
	11:30	Lunch break.
	1:30 PM	Leisey Shell Pit fieldtrip, Ruskin.
	6:30	Social hour (USF or banquet location).
	7:00	Banquet, auction following.
Sun., 22 April	9:00 AM	APAC Shell Pit fieldtrip

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

INVERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGY- From November 6-10, a group of museum personnel, including Dr. Douglas Jones, Roger Portell, Kevin Schindler, and Linda Ivany, attended the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in St. Louis, Missouri. Ivany, Portell, and Jones presented a poster session on their current research on Eocene seagrasses of Florida, and Jones presented a paper on Plio-Pleistocene strontium stratigraphy in Florida.

In addition to the GSA convention, Doug Jones has also participated in a number of other meetings this past fall. He attended the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology annual meeting in Austin, Texas, from November 2-4, and presented a paper on strontium isotopic dating techniques used at the Leisey Shell Pit. After returning from St. Louis, he and Roger Portell presented a program about the paleontology of Florida to the Jacksonville Shell Club. From December 3-10, Dr. Jones and Dan Bryant (Vertebrate Paleontology) attended the American Geophysical Union annual meeting in San Francisco, California, where they presented a paper on the possible effects of freshwater flux on strontium dating techniques. In addition to his busy meeting schedule, Dr. Jones continues to work on strontium isotope dating of mollusks, especially those of the APAC Shell Pit.

Roger Portell and Kevin Schindler are keeping on a steady schedule of field collecting, with new sites constantly springing up. They are also studying the crabs and associated fauna of the Oldsmar site in Pinellas County, for an upcoming issue of the Papers in Florida Paleontology. Portell and Gale A. Bishop (Georgia Southern College) published "Pliocene crab-sea star association from southwest Florida" in the Journal of Crustacean Biology in August. While not working on these projects Portell has been working on the set-up and data-conversion of the museum's new centralized computer system, while Schindler has continued identifying and cataloguing the sizeable Bradley collection from the APAC Shell Pit.

Linda Ivany has continued her master's research on the Eocene seagrass beds in Florida. In addition to her poster session at the GSA convention, she has had a paper accepted for publication in the Journal of Paleontology with C. Newton and H. Mullins (Syracuse University) on the biofacies of the west central Florida continental slope, the result of her senior thesis at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. She expects to finish her masters degree this spring and is applying to Ph.D. programs for next fall. Craig Oyen continues his dissertation research on echinoid growth and life strategies to determine their influence on patterns in heterochrony, ontogeny, and ecology, and has had a paper published in the February issue of Palaios (with Michael McKinney, University of Tennessee) entitled, "Causation and nonrandomness in biological and geological time series: temperature as a proximal control of extinction and diversity."

VERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGY- Bruce MacFadden is on sabbatical at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, this fall to catch up on all the research for which he has been gathering data the last few years; he has also begun a book on fossil horse evolution. The rest of the VP gang has had a very busy meeting schedule this fall. From August 22-29, David Webb, Gary Morgan, and Alceu Rancy attended the Fifth International Theriological Congress meeting in Rome, Italy, for a special symposium on the Great American Interchange, discussing faunal changes influenced by migrations to and from South America in the late Cenozoic. Morgan organized and edited a Southeastern Geological Society fieldguide for an October 7 fieldtrip on the Suwannee River, Florida. Everyone travelled to Austin, Texas, for the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology annual meeting, November 2-4. The museum was well represented, and the following papers were presented by FLAMNH personnel: Gary Morgan, "New bats from the Oligocene and Miocene of Florida and the origins of the Neotropical chiropteran fauna"; Richard Hulbert, "Early Pleistocene (Irvingtonian) *Perissodactyla* from Florida"; Dan Bryant, "Population dynamics of *Proheteromys floridanus* (Mammalia, Rodentia) from the early Miocene (Hemingfordian) Thomas Farm site, Florida"; David Lambert, "The feeding behavior of the shovel-tusked gompothers: evidence from tusk wear patterns"; and Bruce MacFadden, "The application of magnetostratigraphy to vertebrate paleontology." Morgan, Hulbert, and Art Poyer also presented a poster, "Associated skeletons of megathere, pamphathere, tapir, and turtles from the latest Pliocene or earliest Pleistocene of north-central Florida." In addition to all of this travelling, Richard Hulbert, Gary Morgan, and Bruce MacFadden have all had papers published in reviewed journals or books this fall.

Fieldwork continues at various sites along the Suwannee River and near Newberry by Morgan, Hulbert, and Poyer (among others). Dan Bryant will be spending December 26-January 3 in the Mojave Desert, California, with Bruce MacFadden and Michael Woodburne (University of California, Riverside), collecting early Miocene fossils and completing a paleomagnetic study of the area. Dan hopes to finish his master's thesis this spring or during the summer, and has been applying to other schools for a Ph.D. program next fall.

CLUB NEWS

If your club is not included here and you wish to have a short announcement in the next newsletter, please forward your information to the newsletter editors by February 15, 1990. If we receive no information or no newsletter, we cannot publish your news! The editors wish to thank all those that did submit news items.

AQUAVENTURES UNLIMITED DIVE CLUB- P.O. Box 651055, Miami, FL, 33265-1055. Aquaventures Unlimited is the oldest continuously-running dive club in the Miami area. The club was founded in 1968 and is not affiliated with any one dive shop. Members enjoy

a wide range of water-oriented activities aside from diving, such as canoe trips, camping, weekend outings and social events. Family membership is \$15, including a newsletter. Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at a designated member's house. Recent activities have included trips to Venice, Florida, campouts on Horse Creek, a canoe trip on the Peace River, and local Miami events including bicycling, cookouts, boating, fishing, and diving. If you're looking for a club that gets around, we may be just what you want. For more information and a newsletter, contact Aquaventures Unlimited at the address above, or call Bob Morgan at (305) 221-1783.

THE FOSSIL CLUB OF MIAMI- 2620 SW 15th Street, Miami, FL, 33145. The Fossil Club of Miami is only one year old and is open to all persons interested in paleontology. Membership, at this time, is free. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at the Museum of Science, 3280 S. Miami Ave., Miami, FL. They are informal and members have a chance to discuss collecting sites, identify their finds, and plan field trips. For information contact Al Cook at the above address or (305) 856-8261.

ASTRONAUT SHELL CLUB OF BREVARD, INC.- P.O. Box 360515, Melbourne, FL 32936-0515. Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM, at the Church of Christ, Congregational, corner of US Route 1 and Strawbridge Ave., Melbourne, FL. The next regular meeting is January 24, with guest Dr. Kerry Clark presenting a preview of a 3-D graphics program of marine invertebrates. Our major activity each year is the shell show, scheduled for January 19-21, at the Melbourne Auditorium. We would welcome both exhibits and attendance by members of the FPS and have a category strictly for fossil shells at the show. For information contact Jim and Bobbi Cordy, Shell Show Co-Chairmen, 385 Needle Blvd., Merritt Island, FL 32953.

GAINESVILLE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY- The Gainesville Gem and Mineral Society meets the third Friday each month at 7:30 PM in the Doyle Conner Building on SW 34th St., Gainesville. Visitors are welcome; varied programs include gemology, lapidary, archaeology, paleontology, speleology, mineralogy, and just plain rockhounding. Field trips are contemplated and auctions are frequently held. We would welcome contact with fossil collectors and need speakers in paleontology (amateur or professional). Please contact Dr. R.E. Woodruff, Box 1269, Gainesville, FL, 32602, for more information.

MARCO ISLAND SHELL CLUB, INC.- P.O. Box 633, Marco Island, FL, 33969. The next meeting is February 6, 7:30 PM, at the Fellowship Hall of the Wesley United Methodist Church, 350 S. Barfield Dr., Marco, and features Joan and Robert Scribner discussing, "Shelling & techniques." The tenth annual shell show is scheduled for March 8-10. For more information, write to the address above.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CONCHOLOGIST SOCIETY- P.O. Box 876, Fort Myers, FL, 33902. The Southwest Florida Conchologist Society will meet Friday, January 12, 1990, for the annual meeting and election of officers. The annual meeting will be a dinner meeting beginning at 6:00 PM at the Fort Myers Riverfront Inn, 2066 W. First St., downtown Ft. Myers. Chairmen for this event will be Betty and Walter Moore.

SUN COAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY- 1529 30th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL, 33704, Phone (813) 821-0805 or 898-2757. The annual Christmas party was held December 15th, followed by a brief business meeting and election of the society's 1990 Executive Board.

TAMPA BAY FOSSIL CLUB- P.O. Box 290561, Tampa, FL, 33687-0561. The Tampa Bay Fossil Club was formed in November 1987 and has grown rapidly with a membership exceeding 500. We offer a splendid Club Bulletin, excellent speakers at monthly meetings, an assortment of field trips throughout the year, and an annual Fossil Fair. The Club meets at the lecture hall at the University of South Florida on the first Wednesday of each month (except June-August). Upcoming events include the FPS Spring Meeting (April 20-22) and the annual Fossil Fair (Sat. May 5-6). For more information write to the address above or call membership chairman Helen Cozzini at (813) 985-9326.

TAMPA BAY MINERAL AND SCIENCE CLUB, INC.- The 31st Annual Gem and Mineral Show will be January 13-14, 1990, at the Fort Hesterly Armory, Cass St. and Howard Ave., Tampa. There will be competitive and noncompetitive exhibits and guest dealers. There is a small admission fee (\$2 for adults). For information contact Margaret Stallard, Show Chairman, 3318 Price Ave., Tampa, FL 33611, Phone (813) 835-7103.

MARCH ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER

The next quarterly issue of the newsletter, Volume 7, Number 2, Spring Quarter 1990, is planned for March (which will put the newsletter back on schedule). The editors plan to include sections on the January board meeting, the Spring Meeting, museum happenings, club news, book suppliers which stock FPS publications, and recent publications in paleontology, including journal articles and books, which are of general interest to society members. We encourage input from the membership (see Newsletter Policy inside the back cover)! Any clubs which desire news in the Club News section should have their submission to the editors by February 15, 1990; otherwise the editors will abstract information from club newsletters or not report any news!

FLORIDA PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.
 REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT
 16 NOVEMBER 1988 - 27 OCTOBER 1989

REVENUE	
Membership Dues	2375.00
Sales	
Publications	
Beach and Bank Collecting	4158.56
Handbook of Paleo. Prep.	1075.86
Plaster Jacket	467.15
Papers in Fla. Paleo.	566.00
Butvar	359.50
Misc. (T-Shirts, Meetings, Patches)	<u>3840.47</u>
Total Revenue	12842.54
EXPENSES	
Contract Services	2375.00
Publications (Printing and Shipping)	
Beach and Bank Collecting	2705.17
Papers in Fla. Paleo.	2617.25
Newsletter	620.00
Meetings	
Annual Meeting	2056.64
Spring Meeting	2392.80
Miscellaneous	
State Filing Fee	35.00
Office Supplies	297.30
Butvar	491.40
T-Shirts	390.16
Other	<u>105.25</u>
Total Expenses	14085.97
Income Over(Under) Expenses	(1243.43)

FLORIDA PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS
27 OCTOBER 1989

ASSETS

Cash

Checking	4809.21
Saving	5254.72
Credit	<u>11.43</u>
Total Cash and Credit	10075.36

Inventory

Beach and Bank Collecting (1250 @ \$2.50)	3125.00
Handbook of Paleo. Prep. (950 @ \$6.50)	6175.00
Papers in Fla. Paleo. (757 @ \$3.00)	2271.00
Plaster Jacket (3951 @ \$1.00)	3951.00
Butvar (108 lbs. @ \$5.00)	540.00
T-Shirts (20 @ \$7.00)	<u>140.00</u>
Total Inventory	16202.00

Total Assets	26277.36
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FLORIDA PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.
AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING OF 20 JANUARY, 1990

The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM at the Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville. As usual, these meetings are open and the general membership is invited to attend!

1. Traveling Exhibit. What the exhibit should contain; logistics and materials involved in making it portable; cost estimates and possible funding sources, initial and ongoing; administration of exhibit when completed; rules of exhibition. Any other areas of discussion as brought up by members.
2. Committee Review. Review of all standing committees for possible enhancement, modification, or dissolution.
3. Constitution/Bylaws Review. This item will be addressed to the board by Bylaws Committee members Phil Whisler and Ray Robinson. There have been several suggestions for changes that will be discussed.
4. Spring Meeting. To the extent possible, plans for the spring meeting will be finalized. Expect report on progress to date from Rudi Johnson and/or Phil Whisler.
5. Honorary Membership. Dr. Webb has requested that Clifford Jeremiah, Bruce MacFadden, and Anita Brown be added to this committee. At the meeting, committee members should provide guideline suggestions for honorary membership requirements, to be decided upon and finalized by vote.
6. Parliamentarian. A suggestion has been made to add the office of Parliamentarian (will require a Bylaw change). Another suggestion has been made that in lieu of a new office, given office holders should be expected to review parliamentary procedure. Vote will be taken after discussion. In the mean time, a request has been made for Anita Brown to purchase a copy of Robert's Rules of Order.
7. Publications List. A suggestion has been made for the FPS to provide a more up-to-date and accessible list of paleontological literature for members and others to avail themselves to, such as is done by several other state societies. A mail service/list can include papers from other geographical areas if related to Florida paleontology.
8. Open Forum. This period will be for any additional subject any member feels is necessary for discussion and/or action.

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 \$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 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.

NEWSLETTER POLICY: All worthy news items, art work, and photographs related to paleontology and various clubs in Florida are welcome. The editors reserve the right not to publish submissions and to edit those which are published. Please address submissions to the Editors, Florida Paleontological Society, Inc. Newsletter, at the address inside the front cover.