

**ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**FOR**

**A.P.E.X. INSTITUTE**

**YEAR 2007**

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**WAIVER OF NOTICE AND CONSENT OF HOLDING - MEMBERS NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE BY A.P.E.X. INSTITUTE PRESIDENT**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
A.P.E.X INSTITUTE**

**A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation**

**We, the undersigned, being all directors of A.P.E.X. INSTITUTE, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, hereby waive notice of the annual meeting via telephone conference at 6599 Via Gancho Circle, Buena Park, California, on Sunday, November 30, 2007 at 3:00 P.M. and consent to the transaction of any and all business by the directors of the meeting including, without limitations, all business necessary to carry out the objectives and purposes of this nonprofit corporation.**

**Dated: September 30, 2007**

**William Michael Donato, Director**

**Don Estrella, Director**

**Georg A. McJunkin, Director**

**Jonathan C. Eagle, Director**

**Paul Bader, Director**

**Don John Long, Director**

**Nelson Jecas, Director (not present at phone conference meeting)**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF A.P.E.X. INSTITUTE**

An annual meeting of the Directors of A.P.E.X. (Advanced Planetary Explorations) INSTITUTE, a California nonprofit corporation, was held on September 30, 2007 at 3:00 P.M. of said day at 6599 Via Gancho Circle, Buena Park, California, pursuant to Article III, Section 9 of the Bylaws. This meeting was held via a telephone conference call due to the distances involved, the East and West coasts as well as the center of the United States of America. The conference was done via "FreeConferenceCall.com".

There were present at said meeting the following Directors, being all of the Directors and three of Board members of the corporation, as well as one guest, proceeded with the annual meeting.

Director - William Michael Donato, President

Director - Don Estrella, Secretary

Director - Georg A. McJunkin, Treasurer

Board - Jonathan C. Eagle, Board Member

Board - Paul Bader, Board Member

Board - Don John Long, Board Member

Guest - Richard J. Archer

Member absent - Nelson Jecas, Board Member

The President acted as the Chairman of the meeting and took notes of the proceedings.

Upon a motion duly made and unanimously carried, the Board Meeting was recorded via "FreeConferenceCall.com".

The Chairman announced that the meeting was duly convened when six of the seven members and one guest were present (the absent member had a phone problem) and that the Board was ready to transact such business as may lawfully come before it.

**I. APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were synopsisized by the Chairman. Copies are available for any that wish it. Since elections were held at the prior meeting there were no officer changes.

**II. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The first item on the agenda was a report on the budget and financial matters of the nonprofit corporation. The current status of the Corporation's funds was read from a bank statement from the Bank of America by the Chairman. As of August 31, 2007 the ending balance was \$309.99. There was \$.01 interest paid and a \$13.00 service charge. [A statement that arrived some days

after the meeting, dated September 28, 2007, had an ending balance of \$297.00. There was \$.01 interest paid and a service charge of \$13.00.] Copies of the Bank statements are available upon request. The need to increase our funds to \$5,000.00 so that there will be no service charge was stressed. The Chairman asked the Board members present if we should seek another type of account without such service charges or seek another banking establishment with better rates. Board members agreed to see if we could get a better arrangement or open a new account elsewhere.

### **III. BUSINESS MATTERS**

#### **1. PAST DONATIONS**

The Association for Research and Enlightenment donated \$25,000.00 and BJ's Foundation donated \$20,000.00 for the Bimini side-scan sonar and sub-bottom profiling project, effectively covering the cost of the scanning, but not the dive boat services. William Donato had donated \$1,000.00 to A.P.E.X. before the expedition to help cover some of the operational expenses. Before the donation A.P.E.X. Institute's funds were about \$2,332.61, bringing it up another \$1,000.00 after that donation. The "Advanta" credit card of the Corporation was used to pay for the dive boat services. The "Advanta" credit card was partially paid with funds from the A.P.E.X. account, leaving enough in to maintain the account. William Donato is currently paying the balance with his own personal funds. Don Estrella donated \$200.00 in October 2007.

#### **2. FUTURE DONATIONS**

Options for potential future funding were discussed. Since the web-site is now established it will be easier to engage in fund raising activities that require selling various objects such as hats, tee shirts, mugs, photos, etc., with our logo or photos of the Bimini Road or other archeologically related images. It was suggested that we acquire the ability to accept credit cards. Other suggestions including having people pay to be involved in expeditions and having a lottery or drawing so that the winner could be involved in an expedition were made. Many people have evinced an interest in being involved in the actual field work. It was also suggested to advertise in various publications, though past attempts at this were not successful. Paul Bader suggested having more than one web-site as he had already begun the basics and had already scanned in much material, especially former issues of "The Atlantis Organization" newsletter, articles, photographs, and videotape. The idea was well received and we are proceeding with it. Jonathan Eagle has also created a web-site, "atlantisresearch.org.". Having connection with various web-sites and organizations expands our notoriety and the potential for revenue. A special membership category that allows members greater access was also discussed. Currently, with Paul Bader and Richard Archer's web-sites A.P.E.X. Institute Board Members and selected other individuals can gain access to more information. Richard Archer noted the need to have more material to put up on the web-site and it was decided to try a format that would allow the side-scan images and/or the "Ocean Technologies" report to go on it so that others will have access to our research results. William Donato was involved in another video interview which is to include other researchers. In the past these have tended to draw attention to our research and help increase donations.

#### **IV. EXPENSES OF THE CORPORATION**

On 5/21/07 William Donato wrote a check, # 1407, for \$250.00 which was sent to the "Antiquities, Monuments and Museum Corporation" for renewal of the Bahamian archeological permit, which was granted and is good for one year from the date indicated on the renewal letter. William Donato has also paid for A.P.E.X. postage, other corporation related expenses, and will pay for the current tax preparation by Joyce Fanning of "Fastax", who has done past tax preparations for the corporation.

#### **V. OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS**

##### **1. FIELD PROJECT**

Though the field project was covered under the last meeting it was actually after the time of the prior Board Meeting and so will again be synopsized here. The field project was designated as "Project: Alta 2006" and was undertaken in November 2006. The team consisted of project leader and head archeologist William Donato, Juliet Michael, archeologist, and Eslie and Krista Brown who provided dive boat and auxiliary services. It also consisted of the contracted services of "Ocean Technologies, L.L.C.", consisting of Charles Riley, Kristie Colbert, Wayne Spencer, John Young, and Arne Diercks (who was not present during this phase of the project). They provided the side-scan sonar and sub-bottom profiling services. The side-scan sonar target area was four connected grids designated (top to bottom) as Grid 1, Grid 2, Grid 3, and Grid 4 from above North Bimini to below South Bimini. The scanning pattern was designed by William Donato and Ron Smith. The sub-bottom profiling targets incorporated the "Bimini Road" on the western side of North Bimini and the "Rectangle" on the eastern side between East Bimini and South Bimini. The perimeters of these areas were derived from the combined efforts of William Donato and Jonathan Eagle. The computer skills of Jonathan Eagle and Ron Smith were greatly appreciated and necessary to establish the specific coordinates for maximum coverage of the target scanning areas. On the first day at Grid 1 the side-scan team verified the presence of regular geometric anomalies in apparent relationships to others (imaged in 1998) and not in a random distribution pattern, as might be expected for things dumped. Many seemed to center at around 100 feet, about 10 feet above the shore line in approximately 10,000 B. C. The "Bimini Road" was then scanned with the sub-bottom profiler. Though an interesting "table" (their term) was discovered under it they seemed somewhat disappointed that it did not penetrate as deeply as it might due to the presence of clay, which tends to absorb some of the energy of the incident scanning signal. They next sub-bottom profiled the "Rectangle" and were clearly surprised at the result. They were able to penetrate between 14 to 18 feet on the inside and found that the normal strata layer was missing, but followed the normal contours on the outside of the "Rectangle". The implication is that the material was removed due to a preconceived plan for a specific purpose, possibly to create a large reservoir. Because of the shallowness of the depth the predesignated scanning pattern only included the eastern half of the "Rectangle". Side-scan sonar was next completed at Grid 4 at the extreme southern limit of South Bimini and below it. Grid 2 was not completed due to top weather and sea conditions, though Grid 3 was completed on the last work day. Charles Riley indicated that there were a number of unusual images in the lower quadrants. Since this is a "dumping" area it is to be expected. The large and well-known sunken barge is

clearly shown in a couple of the images. Many other items are also clearly shown. The distribution is typically more random overall compared to the northern grid. The items appear to be quite profuse. While the scanning was being done Eslye and Krista Brown of "K and B EZdive" provided dive boat services for the archeological team. William Donato and Juliette Michael did numerous dives on the "Bimini Road" and the "Paradise Point Pier" as well as a dive approximately nine miles to the north of Bimini to see the "Arch" and a more northerly part of the "Moselle Shoals". Videotaping was done and numerous photographs were taken. William Donato had speculated that if the "Paradise Point Pier" was indeed a pier then there should be anchors in the vicinity. Both archeologists found numerous anchors, some relatively small (possibly net, or other, weights instead of anchors?) and some larger ones -- all on the southern side of the pier, which is actually lower than on the northern side. Some of the "anchors" had clear rope grooves on them. Two small stone bricks were also discovered, one having a mortise running for a couple of inches on one side. There appeared to be a lot of debris, some modern, spread out over a fairly large area. It is possible that there may have been structures on, or in the vicinity of, this feature. The last dive on the "Bimini Road" produced an interesting possibility. While following it to the north we encountered several "breaks" (areas with no stones) and also large stones that seemed to be part of it. When we returned to the boat Krista said we had gone a mile past it. It is possible that the "Bimini Road" may be much longer than heretofore expected. The "Arch" is not literally an arch, but in fact what is typically designated as an "architrave" and some some squared column-like features of white marble. According to Krista there is much more, but a lot was covered with sand. Months later on a different trip Dr. Gregory Little was able to find out that a ship went down in about 1830 called the "Star of the Sea" with an actual classical temple on it (Greek or Roman?). After this the team went Moselle Shoals in an area strewn with large blocks of granite. One block measured in at six feet and was still embedded partly in the sand. Overall the project was a great success with historically significant discoveries.

## 2. FUTURE PROJECTS

A renewed archeological permit has been obtained. Two new sub-bottom profiling targets were added to it: The "Pentagon" miles to the south and east between South Cat Key and Ocean Key and the "Lines" discovered by Jonathan Eagle's satellite project. It is possible that the "Lines" might be remnants of canals and/or channels that may once have been connected to the "Rectangle". The "Pentagon" is several feet deeper than the "Rectangle" and if the same results occur it would mean a sufficiently ancient time line. The side-scan sonar targets will also be investigated.

Another potential future project may include the Piedras Negras "Hall of Records" project since the political situation appears to have been resolved. An Egyptian project at Giza is also a possibility. We could offer ground penetration radar and other services if allowed to work under a university's permit at either.

## VI. MISCELLANEOUS

Reports by various Board members proved quite valuable. One report was of corings done at 48 feet at Entrance Point: it was dated to 37,000 years ago, yet should have been thousands of

years younger. Paul Bader informed the Board members of new developments on the Giza Plateau concerning Bill Brown, the University of Warsaw, and ground penetration radar. Also mentioned was a site at Hawara 90 miles away. Especially interesting is the news that excavation is to be done in front of the Sphinx. Paul had earlier reported large caves in the Giza area discovered by "high tech" means. Also reported was that the A.R.E. has obtained an archeological permit. William Donato updated the Board about the activities of the last several months when we allowed the A.R.E. to work under our permit to do side-scan sonar and sub-bottom profiling on the western side of Bimini.

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

When all business matters were concluded the meeting was adjourned by the consent of all present.

**A.P.E.X. INSTITUTE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING SIGNATURE LIST  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

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