



MAY 8-10, 2026
FAS ANNUAL MEETING
Punta Gorda on the Peace River

CONFERENCE: **Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center**

HOTEL: **Four Points by Sheraton Punta Gorda Harborside**

RECEPTION: **TT's Tiki Bar at Harborside Garden**

BANQUET: **Laishley Crab House on the Peace River**

ALL THESE VENUES ARE SHORT WALKS FROM EACH OTHER ALONG THE WATERFRONT

[MORE DETAILS ON THE FAS WEBSITE](#)

AT THE EVENT

- Friday Reception
- FAC Stewards of Heritage Award
- Papers & Posters
- Vendor Displays
- Meetings
- Awards Dinner
- Keynote Speaker
- Field Trips



FRIDAY RECEPTION:
FAC Stewards of Heritage Awards ceremony at the [Harborside Garden](#) and TT's Tiki Bar — thoughtfully designed for events that deserve a breathtaking waterfront experience. With soaring ceilings, natural wood architecture, warm lighting, and panoramic harbor views.

CONFERENCE HOTEL:
[The Four Points by Sheraton Punta Gorda Harborside](#) is the designated conference hotel, located at 33 Tamiami Trail in Punta Gorda. The hotel offers easy access for attendees throughout the weekend.

[BOOK HOTEL NOW](#)



CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS:

We encourage paper and poster submissions on a broad range of topics pertaining to Florida anthropology, archaeology, history, and other related disciplines. Paper and poster presentations will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2026. You must be a current FAS member and adhere to the FAS code of ethics to present at the conference. An abstract of no more than 100 words is required from each presenter.

Individuals may submit only one paper or poster as the first author for consideration. All presenters must register and pay the appropriate registration fee at the time they submit their abstract. An 18-minute time limit for each paper presentation will be strictly enforced.

The submission deadline for abstracts is Friday, April 10, 2026.

[REGISTER & SUBMIT ABSTRACT ON THE FAS WEBSITE](#)

IT'S TIME TO ELECT OFFICERS

Call for 2026–2027 FAS Board Nominations

The Florida Anthropological Society is now accepting nominations for the 2026–2027 Board of Directors. We invite you to help lead our efforts in protecting and promoting Florida's heritage.

The Nominations Committee is seeking suggestions for all elected Board and Officer positions. We are looking for eligible individuals who reflect the diversity of our membership, representing both professional and avocational interests across all geographic regions of Florida.

If you have individuals you would like the committee to consider, please send us an email with their name and contact information. We can reach out to the individuals directly. You are also welcome to call or text me at the number below. Nominees should be members in good standing for at least two consecutive years.

Please submit names to April Holmes, Nominations Chair, aprilholmes74@gmail.com by the deadline of March 13, 2026.

Looking Ahead: Learning Roles

We are also looking for individuals interested in the Treasurer and Membership Secretary roles for future cycles. To ensure a smooth transition, we are inviting members to join us this year to learn the ropes through a shadowing process. This means you would work alongside our current officers, attend meetings, and observe the responsibilities of the position firsthand without the immediate pressure of the full role. This provides a comfortable learning period before officially taking over in a future year.

If you have an interest in the "behind the scenes" health of the Society, please reach out.

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