



Panama Canal Society General Membership Meeting  
Panama Canal Museum at Smathers Library at the University of Florida  
March 12, 2016

Meeting called to order by Mike Coffey (President) at 12:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Smathers Library, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Patrick Smith, Sergeant At Arms

**Invocation:**

**Past Presidents in attendance:**

Bob Russell-Past President 2006-2008  
Bill McLaughlin – Past President 2002-2004

**Board Attendees:**

Shirley Avery-Bentley - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President  
Kathy Malin – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Patrick Smith – Sergeant At Arms  
Bill McLaughlin – By Laws Chairperson & Reunion Coordinator  
Cheryl Williams – Office Manager

**Minutes Approval:**

Copies were placed on each of the tables for members to review. Mike asked for a motion to approve the minutes, Shirley Avery-Bentley motioned to approve the minutes and Terry Deakins seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by all present.

**Members attending:**

We had 56 members in attendance with a total of 72 people attending this event.

Mike thanked Dr. Judy Russell for hosting a cocktail hour at her home on Friday night for the board members and Friends of the Museum. He also thanked Kathy Malin for an outstanding job organizing this Luncheon, the food was delicious and the decorations were beautiful.

**Other Officer Reports:**

Reunion Updates: Bill gave a brief update on events for the reunion and encouraged everyone to get their registration forms in as soon as possible.

**Upcoming Events:** Mike announced our upcoming events to the group.

Annual Picnic – May 14, 2016  
Annual Reunion – July 6-10, 2016  
Rick's on the River – September 17, 2016  
South Florida Picnic – October 15, 2016  
Space Coast Picnic – November 5, 2016 (tentative)  
Holiday Luncheon – December 10, 2016 (tentative)



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The meeting was then turned over to the Panama Canal Museum Committee. John Nemmers, Associate Chair, Jessica Marcetti, Collections Coordinator, and Haven Hawley, Chair all gave presentations on different aspects of the PCM collections. The announcement of the purposed "Panama Canal Corridor Gallery" was made to the group. The corridor can be found as you enter Smathers Library lobby, to the right and it runs alongside the recently refurbished Map & Imagery Library on the first floor. Joe Wood also gave a brief talk regarding the PCMC Friends.

Following the speakers the attendees were given Tours of the Library, the purposed Corridor, and the PCMC archival materials.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. and the tours began.

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Cheryl Williams  
Office Manager

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Mike Coffey  
President