

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
FLORIDA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

April 25, 2008

The Spring 2009 meeting of the Florida Ornithological Society (FOS) was held Friday, April 24-29, 2009, and Cockroach Bay ELAPP Preserve in Ruskin, FL. The location is site of an extensive wetland restoration project and featured a prominent spoil mound that overlooked vast areas of restored tidal marshes. Vice President Ann Hodgson coordinated meeting logistics.

The General Business Meeting and scientific paper session were held atop Cockroach Hill on Saturday, April 25. President Jerome Jackson began the meeting at 2:15 when a quorum of FOS members had arrived. President Jackson outlined highlights from the Friday board meeting and also oversaw an election of new Directors. The names of Paul Miller and Larry Manfredi were placed in nomination to serve as Directors, Jim Cox was nominated to serve as Secretary, and Elena Sachs was nominated to serve as Vice President. There being no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed at 2:20. The quorum of FOS members present at the meeting voted unanimously to elect the new slate of Directors and Officers to serve on the Board. The new Board members will begin their terms at the Fall 2009 meeting. Dr. Jackson also mentioned the Cruickshank Research Awards given out the previous day by the Board of Directors and spoke briefly about the recent contract signed with Audubon of Florida regarding the *Important Bird Area Project*. President Jackson also thanked out-going Vice President, Ann Hodgson for all of her help over the years, and also the help of outgoing board members Charlie Ewell and Julie Wraithmell.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Cox
FOS Secretary