

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF BENTHOLOGISTS

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Dear David:

Please find enclosed a synopsis of subjects discussed at the first FAB Executive Meeting, 30 May 1989. I hope you find it satisfactory. Let me know if there is anything else you need.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Butler

Enclosure
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cc: Mary Ann Halverson

Exec. Committee Meeting
May 30, 1989

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Officers will serve 2-year terms, with the President serving (as Past President) on the Executive Committee for 2 successive years. The Executive Committee will meet semi-annually on the night before the spring and fall workshops. Committee members will communicate freely with each other, provide direction for FAB, and actively seek ideas from the general membership.

The need for setting up committees occupied much of the time at the first meeting. Among the possibilities for committees were those established for taxonomic groups or habitat types. Mike thought there is already too much emphasis on freshwater systems and suggested a breakdown by lentic, lotic, estuarine, mesohaline, oligohaline, etc., as a way of dividing interested workers. Gary wants to see the workshops as "think tanks"; less formal meetings concentrating on idea swapping, species identification, etc. David emphasized the important need for committee involvement concerning the newsletter. He suggested that committees be established for recent literature and updates by taxonomic group. Restricted to the southeastern United States, the subjects could be taxonomy, ecology, life history, sampling techniques, etc. A liaison should be chosen for each government agency with FAB members to assimilate "grey" literature for dissemination to the appropriate taxonomic committee heads.

Arrangements for workshops should be the responsibility of the President. A committee for this should be established to ease the duties involved.

A Special Workshops Committee could coordinate speakers, facilities, etc., necessary for "unscheduled" workshops.

The Finance Committee (under Treasurer) would deal with various aspects of FAB economics, including creating ideas for income (to defray costs of newsletter, workshops, etc.), soliciting aid of contributions from wholesalers, etc. A considerable amount of money is already owed to Water and Air Research, Inc. (WAR) for their backing of previous newsletters.

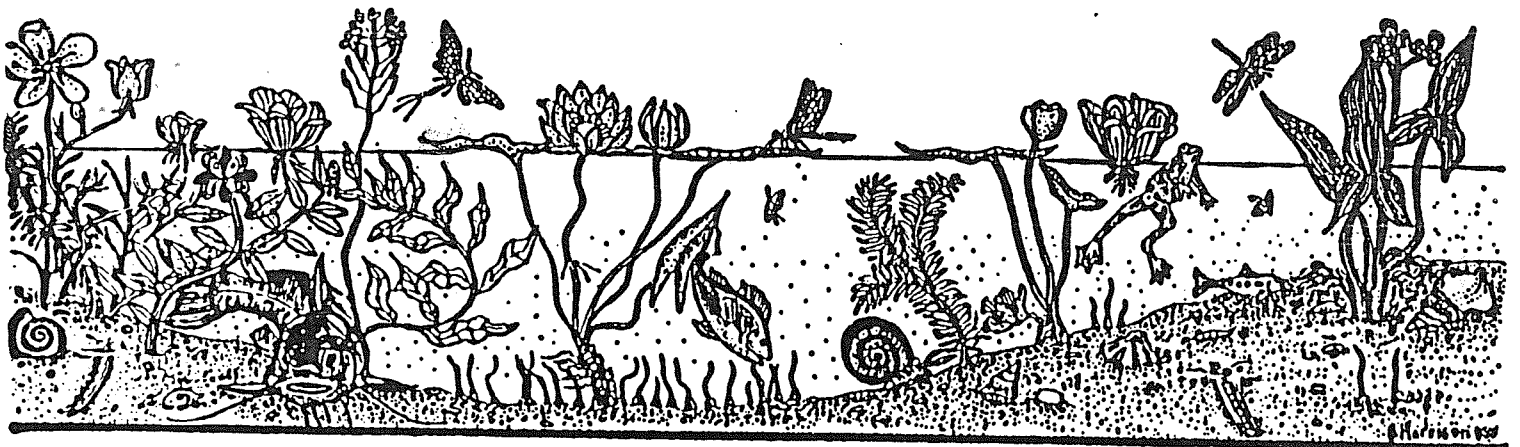
On May 30, 1989, the Florida Association of Benthologists Executive Committee Meeting was brought to order at 9:10 p.m. at the Langford Hotel, Winter Park.

The meeting marked the first time Executive Committee members assembled. In attendance were:

Gary Warren	President
Mike Milligan	President Elect
Bob Butler	Secretary
David Evans	Editor, FAB Newsletter
Mary Ann Halvorsen	Assistant Editor, FAB Newsletter
Jim Hulbert	State Government Representative

Other officers include:

Kathleen Dollar	Treasurer
Bill Mason	Federal Government Representative
Paul Carlson	Private Consultant Representative
Quinton White	Academia Representative
	Local Government Representative
Michael Crikis	Industry Representative



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SYNOPSIS OF 19 OCTOBER 1989 FAB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The second semi-annual FAB Executive Committee Meeting of 1989 was held 19 October in Gainesville. Committee members reviewed and revised FAB's By-Laws. Most revisions consisted of rewording specific Articles. Article 12, concerning dues, was moved to Article 2, thus requiring a renumbering of all subsequent articles. A motion was made and passed to add 2 At-Large members to the Executive Committee, making 9 voting members (officers are ex officio and therefore non-voting). Another motion passed adding a fourth Standing Committee. Bill Mason, Federal Government Representative, submitted specifications for an Environmental Requirements Committee. This committee will be concerned with consolidating ecology and life history information, tolerances to toxic substances, field and laboratory techniques and methods for data interpretation. A primary goal will be development of criteria for applied use of benthic organisms for environmental impact assessments. The Executive Committee would like to extend their gratification to Dave Evans, Newsletter Editor, for hosting the marathon meeting.

Robert S. Butler
Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 1989
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The October 19, 1989 Executive Committee Meeting of the Florida Association of Benthologists was called to order at 2020 hours. The first order of business on the agenda was a review of the Association's bylaws. The following Articles were itemized and discussed as follows:

Article 1. Membership

Article 12 was ^e moved to Article 2. Committee decided to send separate dues notice with return envelope. X

Article 3. Election of Officers

A ballot to elect officers for the upcoming year will be sent out with the Newsletter in March 1990, rather than December 1989.

Article 4. President

It was decided that a list of potential candidates for election is to be drawn up. All nominations will be accepted in March 1990. The term is to be a 2-year term beginning January of the first year and ending in December of the second year. A motion will be presented to the general membership at tomorrow's workshop concerning bylaws of the President, President-elect. There will be no votes cast for the President until March 1992.

A motion was made and carried that Bill Mason will serve as acting Chairman of the Executive Committee until an election can be held (David Evans was subsequently nominated and elected to serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee on October 20, 1989). X

Article 5. President-Elect

The President-elect will act as President in the President's absence.

Article 6. Secretary

In the third sentence of this article, the following is to be added: "upon request" at end of sentence.

Article 7. Treasurer

The Treasurer will look into obtaining a surety bond.

Article 8. Executive Committee

An alternate can be designated by a Committee member in their absence. Ex officio members can serve as alternates.

A motion was made and carried to add 2 "at-large" members to the Executive Committee, making 9 voting members. The Annual Business Meeting will be designated in a prior Newsletter.

Article 9. Standing Committees

A Chairman shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Motion to add "D", an Environmental Requirements Committee (see insert) [passed unanimously].

Bill Mason produced a revised copy of the bylaws for review during the Business Meeting. The revised bylaws were adopted by the membership on October 20, 1989.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2345 hours.