

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF BENTHOLOGISTS (FAB)
SEMI-ANNUAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
MAY 3, 1990

Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Dave Evans (for absent President Gary Warren). Seven members present: Tom Baugh, Bob Butler, Mike Crikis, Dave Evans, Jim Hulbert, Bill Mason and Quinton White).

Dave solicited aid in the FAB Newsletter mailings.

Bill brought to attention work associated with the Environmental Requirements Committee (ERC) with several handouts for the attendees. He asked the Board to make a decision as to which of three Annual Report Format options should be selected. The Board, after reviewing the options, voted for option 3A - a partially coded fact sheet with an estimated annual cost of \$5,200. In addition, funding sources were discussed. Possible sources were the DER Recovery Trust Fund, FGFWFC, and USFWS. With input from individuals throughout the southeastern U.S., Bill would like to see the database eventually include all Gulf states in addition to Georgia. Some discussion was forwarded concerning content of the data to be included, the amount of work necessary, and other Fact Sheet data.

Dave voiced the need for new dates and sites for the FAB Semi-Annual Workshop (FABSAW). Tom suggested that a stable site be selected annually, and alternate sites selected otherwise. This would reduce the effort needed for planning and organizing future FABSAWs. A motion was made and passed for establishing a single annual site in Gainesville, possibly during May.

Jim gave a brief update on his Rapid Bioassessment project at DER. Because of the obvious time connotation, the term "Rapid" was changed to "Community". A committee overseeing contracts on the project hopes to initiate a plan strictly for Florida streams. He asked that two FAB members (himself and another) serve on the Community Bioassessment committee. Bill volunteered to review the plan when ready.

Dave adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF BENTHOLOGISTS
SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
MAY 4, 1990

The meeting was brought to order at 2:30 p.m. by Dave Evans (for absent President Gary Warren).

No one had any old business to bring up.

Bill Mason suggested that Gainesville might serve as a permanent site for one of FAB's semi-annual workshops, to center primarily on freshwater organisms. There was general discussion of making the non-Gainesville site specifically for estuarine biology, and at such locations as Harbor Branch or More Marine. However, other inland sites (e.g., Okeechobee, Reedy Creek Improvement District) were mentioned as possible alternate sites.

Adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert S. Butler
Secretary

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF BENTHOLOGISTS
SEMI-ANNUAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA
29 NOVEMBER 1990

Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM by Chairman Dave Evans. Board members present: Bob Butler, Paul Carlson, Mike Crikis, Dave Evans, Mary Ann Halvorsen, Jim Hulbert, Bill Mason and Mike Milligan.

President-elect Mike Milligan begins a two-year term as FAB President. Mike commends Bill, Dave, Jim and Paul for their work with FAB and associated projects.

Dave makes a motion that we officially establish Gainesville as an annual FAB semi-annual workshop site each spring. Bill seconds the motion, which passes unanimously.

There is a general discussion concerning the two FAB members to become involved with the Community Bioassessment Project with annual meetings in Tallahassee. Jim points out that volunteers must understand that travel expenses are the responsibility of the committee volunteers. After more general discussion Mary Ann makes a motion that Stephanie McCarty and Dave serve as primary and alternate members, respectively. Paul seconds; passed unanimously. Bill suggests that Stefanie make a brief committee progress report for the FAB newsletter.

Bill makes known his personal expenses of \$55.99 incurred for the Environmental Requirements Committee mailings and requests reimbursement from FAB. Jim makes a motion for reimbursement of the funds. Paul seconds; passed unanimously.

Dave voices the need for similar fund reimbursements for personal expenses incurred by Mike Crikis and Gary Warren in mailing the last (Vol. 4 No. 3 October 1990) newsletter. Thus far, the costs of approximately \$50.00 per person have come out of his pocket. Paul makes a motion for reimbursement from FAB. Bill seconds; passed unanimously.

While on the newsletter issue, Paul stresses the need to widen the theatre of colleagues receiving issues. At present, Dave and Mary Ann state that approximately 200 copies are sent with each mailing while we have but 70 paid members. Mention is made by Dave of treasure Kathleen Dollar's problems in collection annual dues -- she is having to send out self-paid reminders. Dave recommends that the Finance Committee submit a FAB financial statement by the spring meeting. Bill suggests that we use the postal services bulk mailing program to save money, and suggests that the Chairman and President investigate this possibility. There is general discussion concerning ways in which to save such expenses. Paul suggest that all newsletter be mailed from a single location. In addition, Paul suggests that FAB could allow newsletter advertising to help defray costs. Paul makes such a motion, Jim seconds and it passes unanimously.

Dave asks Jim and Mike Crikis to form a nominating committee for the next terms board members. Paul seconds; passed unanimously.

Bill reminds the Board of printing costs associated with the Environmental

Requirements Committee reports. At the previous meeting in Jacksonville (3 May 1990) a total of \$5,200.00 was given. Subsequently, Bill found a print shop in Gainesville that can do the work for \$5,000.00 on better paper. A total of 300 sets of 250 sheets (500 printed pages). In addition, three-ring binders would be necessary at a cost of about \$3.00 per binder. In the general discussion that ensues, Jim mentions the possibility of using the Rollins College printshop. Paul makes a motion to allocate FAB funds at Dave's discretion necessary to keep total printing, binder and software costs of the reports to under \$9,900.00. Mike Milligan seconds; passed unanimously.

Bill suggests the possibility of a JNABS like publication for FAB. There is a general discussion. Bill estimates that the costs of a good quality journal with a 6 by 9 inch format would be about \$3,500.00 per 1,000 camera-ready copies. Paul makes a motion that a publication committee be established by the President, and that the Board review any proposals before the issue is brought before the general business meeting at the spring meeting. Bill seconds; passed unanimously.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:25 PM.

(The Secretary, a true diffident, made a late motion to conduct no more Board meetings during dinner at restaurants. No one was present to second the motion.)

Respectively submitted: _____

Robert S. Butler,
Secretary