



# FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF BENTHOLOGISTS

## Florida Association of Benthologists Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order on 4/30/93 at 1:45 pm. Mike Krikis presented the minutes of the Executive meeting held the previous evening. Dave Evans asked if someone would make a motion to accept the minutes. Cord Walter made such a motion and Rob Mitz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Phyllis Guthrie then gave the Treasurers' report.

General discussion led to a motion by Bill Mason to create a by-laws committee. This motion was seconded and carried without opposition.

Dave Evans introduced a recommendation the Executive Committee had discussed concerning FAB meeting registration fee and membership dues. It was suggested that a single payment that would include the cost of both. General discussion included points in favor and against such a move. Bill Mason made a motion to accept the recommendation and Doug Strom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Milligan presented a format for the fall meeting. Molluscs were to be the central topic (freshwater and marine). Speakers were to include Bill Lyons and Fred Thompson as well as others who are familiar with these taxa. Bill Mason moved to have the meeting in Pigeon Key in the first week of October, Marie Spence seconded the motion. The vote was unopposed.

Bill Mason gave an update on the Benthic Descriptive Ecology data base.

Dave Evans adjourned the meeting at 2:20.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mark Vogel*

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Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting  
April 29, 1993

The Executive Committee was called to order at 6:15 pm.

Those in attendance were:

Michael Crikis	Jim Hulbert
David Evans	Bill Mason
Doug Farrell	Michael Milligan
Phylis Guthrie	Doug Strom

### 1. Old Business:

A. University Representative. Tom Crisman needs time to see if he can be the University rep. Someone needs to fill to position while he decides. It was noted that the person should be a full time professor and a FABs member. Mike Milligan nominated Manny Pescadore, Seconded by Phylis Guthrie.

B. David Evans distributed Articles of Incorporation and certificate, along with current by-laws. FABs is in process of applying for non-profit status.

C. Treasurers report was distributed by Phylis Guthrie. report was discussed.

- 1992 membership amount includes '93 dues paid in '92

- checking account options were discussed, Phylis will check into interest bearing options

- Phylis recommends all business be conducted by check or money order, no cash.

- Jim Hulbert recommends including membership in registration

- Group agrees to accept all forms of payment, but encourage checks

- Phylis will buy a receipt book to help with record keeping

- Doug Strom recommends registration discounts for pre-registration

- Exec. committee will recommend the following at business meeting:

- a. Spring meeting will charge for dues and registration

- b. Fall meeting will have two options

- 1. Members pay only for registration

- 2. non members are charged registration and dues

- Bill suggests we make dues payment notices more apparent

- Doug Farrell moves to accept Treasurers report

- Mike Milligan seconds, vote is unanimous

D. In October several offices will need to be filled. Secretary and Treasurer.

- Dave encourages all of us to continue in our places.

- The fall newsletter should have a ballot

E. Jim Hulbert gave an update on NABS '94 and the DEP SWAMP Program

F. Fall '93 meeting place was discussed  
- Bill made a motion that the Spring '94 meeting be in June and in the Panhandle, after the NABS meeting in May, Second by Doug, unanimous approval.

G. Doug Farrell nominated Mike Milligan to organize the Fall '93 meeting in the keys in early October, and also volunteered to assist. Second by Doug Strom. Unanimous approval.

H. By-laws committee: Bill Mason made motion for a by-laws committee to consist of a chairperson and two others.. The committee would present amendments at the Spring meeting, and review by-laws for accuracy.  
- Changes would be made with approval of 2/3 of the members present  
- All submissions must be in by August 1  
- Chairperson would be part of the executive committee  
- second by Doug Strom, unanimous approval

I. Motion was made by Bill Mason for FABs to get a PO Box, and for it to be obtained by Phylis  
- Second by Mike Milligan, unanimous vote of approval

J. Bill Mason excused himself at 8:30pm.

K. ERC Committee discussion  
- A computer database interface was recommended at a cost of \$8,300.  
- FABs has no funds available for this  
- FABs could have trouble supporting the system as well  
- Applied Programming Consultants gave notice that the cost for inputting the data is higher than expected and the cost to input the forms would increase to \$30 per form.  
- A statement was made that FABs may need to re-evaluate the current program  
- Doug Farrell motion to table the issue as FABs can not afford it  
- Second by Mike Milligan, unanimous vote of approval

L. Doug Farrell made motion to adjourn the meeting of the Executive committee.  
- Second by Jim Hulbert, unanimous vote of approval

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.