

Executive Committee Meeting of the Florida Association of Benthologists
Spring Workshop
Crayfish Identification, Distribution and Genetics
Entomology and Nematology Building
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida
May 5, 2010

Attending:

Peggy Morgan: President, Doug Strom: Consultant Representative and Executive
Committee Chair, Dana Denson: Outgoing Immediate Past-President, Marianne
Pluchino: Treasurer, Gary Warren: Other Government Representative, Laura Line:
Secretary, Dave Karlen: At Large Member, David Evans: Registered Agent

Doug Strom called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes for the November and December 2009 EC and
Business Meeting were distributed by e-mail. Dana moved to approve the Minutes and
Dave seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Doug requested that the members check the names and addresses of the Executive
Committee. Committee Chairs are requested to contact your members and see if they still
want to be active and contribute. Doug agreed to revise the Committee lists to reflect
current changes.

Treasurer's Report: Marianne gave the Treasurer's Report:

2010 Total Income		\$ 714.00
Total Expenses		\$ 276.57
Our present Account balances:		
Wachovia no-interest checking:	3/31/10	\$ 8,328.83
Endowment Fund Assets		\$17,000.00
Petty Cash		\$ 112.00
Total Assets		\$25,440.83

Endowment Fund Income	3/21/08-9/24/09	\$ 1,564.83
Endowment Fund Expenses	2007-2009	\$ 600.00
Endowment Fund Available Funds		\$ 964.83

Endowment Committee: No report.

Awards Committee: No report.

Bylaws Committee: No report, but Doug suggested that the Constitution/Bylaws be
changed to state that the EC contain at least 14 members.

Editorial Committee: No report.

Literature Review Committee: No report.

Internet Committee: No report

Membership Committee: No report, but Marianne said people are still paying for their membership.

Nomination Committee: No report.

Workshop Committee: Dave Karlen is planning the Fall Workshop topic to be Decapod Shrimp. Next year's topic is planned to be Decapod Crabs. This fall workshop will be scheduled the same week as the Annual Meeting. Suggestions were Pinellas Co., Weeden Island, UT marine lab or USF.

New Business: A discussion took place about how to justify time for FAB workshops and meetings for state employees. They have to use vacation time since the budget cuts will not cover time and expense. Dana and Dave offered to draft a letter to the Director of the SW District.

Dana suggested adding a student representative to the Executive Committee. Peggy offered to send an e-mail to NABS student members and AWRA students to see if there is any interest. Doug made a motion to add a student representative to the EC, Laura seconded and all approved.

Adjournment: Laura moved to adjourn the meeting, Dave Karlen seconded and the vote was unanimous. Doug adjourned the meeting at 1:07 pm

Action Items:

- Executive Committee members to review contact information and submit changes to Doug for update
- Committee Chairs to identify vacancies within each Committee and submit to Nominating Committee and to Doug for Committee list updates.
- David Karlen to continue form plans for Fall Workshop/Annual Meeting
- David Karlen and Dana Denson to draft letter to Director of SW FDEP District Office
- Dana Denson to seek candidates for a student to serve on the EC Committee

Respectfully Submitted

Laura Line, Secretary

**Executive Committee Meeting of the Florida Association of Benthologists
24th Annual Meeting
LaQuinta Hotel, Tampa, Florida
November 15, 2010**

Attending:

Doug Strom: Consultant Representative and Executive Committee Chair,
Peggy Morgan: President, Gloria Eby: Immediate Past-President,
Andy Rasmussen: President Elect, Dana Denson: Other Government Representative,
Mark Wetzel: Member At Large, Marianne Pluchino: Treasurer,
Dave Karlen: Excused

Doug Strom called the meeting to order at 8:23 pm.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes for the May 2009 EC Meeting were distributed by e-mail. Doug Strom requested to add Laura Line to the attendees list. Mark Wetzel moved to approve the Minutes, as amended. Dana seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Doug requested that the members check the names and addresses of the Executive Committee. Committee Chairs are requested to contact your members and see if they still want to be active and contribute.

Treasurer's Report: Marianne gave the Treasurer's Report:

2010 Total Income to date:	\$4,215.00
2010 Total Expenses to date:	\$1,033.95
FAB Account balances:	
Wachovia no-interest checking:	\$ 10,655.23
Endowment Fund	\$ 17,000.00
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 12.39</u>
Total Assets	\$ 27,667.62

Membership Committee: No report, but Marianne will update the number of current active members at the Annual Business Meeting.

Awards Committee: Dana reported that two awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting and that Dave Karlen has purchased and will supply the plaques.

Bylaws Committee: Minor changes to the Constitution were discussed. Minutes from the last EC meeting mention Doug's suggestion that the Constitution/Bylaws be changed to state that the EC contain at least 14 members with a dedicated position for a student representative, thereby making the new total 15 members. This motion will be made known to the members during the business meeting and put to a vote. Marc Minno, Committee Chair, will wordsmith and supply the suggested amendment. Gloria will check on the availability of the Constitution/Bylaws on the FAB website.

Endowment Committee:

Endowment *Available* Funds for students : \$1,667.39

Peggy Morgan reported that FAB is prepared to give 3 student awards this year.

Editorial Committee: No report.

Literature Review Committee: No report.

Internet Committee: Gloria informed the EC members that website is current and that uploading images is an ongoing process.

Nomination Committee: Gloria has no report at this time but was aware that the upcoming year of 2011 would be an election year.

Workshop Committee: Peggy reported that the spring workshop would be mollusk related, to be held in Gainesville, and Gary Warren will assist in putting the agenda together. Dave will again be responsible for the fall workshop with the topic being decapod crabs and tentative plans are to receive help from Darrell Felder. Andy will be planning the spring 2012 workshop.

New Business: No new business.

Adjournment: Dana moved to adjourn the meeting, Andy seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Doug adjourned the meeting at 9:23 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Marianne Pluchino