

**Executive Committee Meeting of the Florida Association of Benthologists
Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve
Eastpoint, Florida**

November 7, 2012, 12:40 pm

Final

Attending:

Andrew Rasmussen: President, Doug Strom: Consultant Representative and Executive Committee Chair, Laura Line: Secretary, Rob Mattson: Editor, Mark Wetzel: Unofficial SFS Liaison and Alternate, Dana Denson: Member at Large, Johnny Richardson, Jennifer Davenport, Bart Richard, and John Epler: Alternate Members at Large

Call to Order: Doug Strom distributed the EC Contact List, and the Constitution and Bylaws. He thanked everyone for being here.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes for the May 8, 2012 EC Meeting were distributed by e-mail and edited. Andy moved to approve the edited version of the Minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Dana Denson for Erin Stanwix

The Income for 2012 thus far is approximately \$3802. Expenses were about \$3603 so far. FAB received contributions from Ardaman & Associates, Terra Environmental Services, Water & Air Research, Inc., and from Macroinvertebrate Identification Services (Bob Rutter).

Erin Stanwix will not be able to continue as Treasurer after her current term in office. She and Dana may be able to do the necessary accounting until the next meeting, but we are looking for a new Treasurer; either a FAB member or the spouse of a FAB member who may have some business or accounting experience. A stipend for this person was discussed as a possibility. The Treasurer position is also associated with the Membership as they keep track of who has paid their annual dues, thus recently the Treasurer has also served as the Membership Committee Chair. This is a very important position in FAB. There was discussion of Andy sending out an e-mail blast soliciting nominees for Treasurer to be elected at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Awards Committee - Gloria Eby

Gloria was not present. Awards will be presented at this meeting to Laura Line for Contributions to FAB and to John Epler for the FAB Lifetime Membership Award. The Award for Contributions to Florida Benthology will be presented to Tom Perkins at the Fall Workshop which he will attend the last week in November.

Bylaws Committee - Marc Minno

Marc was not present. Doug asked 5 members to serve on the Executive Committee for this meeting as Members At Large. Mark Wetzel noted that the Bylaws state that the committee may appoint up to 3 members to fulfill that role. Doug proposed to change Article V., Section 2, the last sentence, so that it will have the words "up to 3" removed. The sentence will then read:

The Executive Committee may designate alternates to serve for official meetings when members are unable to be present.

Doug will be contacting Marc Minno to make the changes. We will vote on the proposed change in the Business Meeting.

Endowment Committee - Jennifer Bernatis

Jennifer was not present. The award for best graduate student oral presentation is \$200. The award for best undergraduate student oral presentation is \$100. The best poster award is \$100. We received donations for the Endowment Fund to pay for the student awards again this year.

Editorial Committee - Rob Mattson

Rob is expecting to e-mail a newsletter by the end of the year.

Internet Committee - Palmer Kinser

Gloria has been most active on the committee and serves as webmaster for the FAB website. Anyone interested in serving on the Internet Committee and helping Gloria please contact her. Dana has posted photographs, and is requesting any more contributions to be e-mailed to him. Mark Wetzel would like to see the number of hits the site receives. It was agreed that we should have a way to monitor that and will check with Gloria

Literature Review Committee - Julie Bortles

Julie was not present. Please give Julie any new literature reviews.

Membership Committee - Dana Denson for Erin Stanwix

Dana had nothing to report except that 33 people were at this meeting at some point.

Nominating Committee - Peggy Morgan

Peggy was not present. She has a year to look for nominees for president, secretary, and treasurer for the elections that will take place during the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Workshop and Certification Committee - Andy Rasmussen

The fall workshop will be held on November 27-30, 2012 at the University of Tampa Marine Science Center. The topic is "An Introduction to Polychaetes" lead by Dr. Donald Harper from Texas A&M University at Galveston. Jennifer Davenport reported that Russian Spionid scientist Dr. Vasily Radashevski may be interested to teach at the workshop next year. Dave Karlen has not received many replies to his inquiries for Polychaete specialists. It was suggested that perhaps corporate sponsors together could help pay the airfare from Russia or Australia (for Dr. Chris Glasby) of about \$2500 to bring them in. Dr. James Blake is another possible Polychaete instructor.

Adjournment: Dana made a motion to adjourn at 1:30 pm. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted



Laura Line, Secretary.

To Do:

1. Doug will contact Marc Minno to make the bylaws changes.
2. Rob will e-mail a newsletter by the end of the year.
3. The Internet Committee needs volunteers to help Gloria.