



**Announcing the 32nd Annual Meeting of
The Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists
(formerly Florida Association of Benthologists)**

Call for Papers and Posters

November 8-9, 2018

The 32nd Annual Meeting of the Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists will be held November 8-9, 2018 in at the UF Whintey Marine Laboratory, south of St. Augustine, FL. The meeting will begin Thursday, November 8 at 8:00am and conclude Friday, November 9 at 4pm.

Oral Papers and Posters

We welcome oral presentations and posters on any topic pertaining to aquatic biology and ecology. Papers or posters on methodology or experimental design are also appropriate and welcome. Submittals from students are particularly encouraged and as an incentive, students who present an oral paper or poster get their meeting registration fee waived.

Abstracts should be submitted (in Microsoft WORD format) via email to Jenn Bernatis at bernatis@ufl.edu or president@flbenthos.org by **Friday, September 29, 2018**. Presentation preference times will be determined by the date/time of abstract submittal, the earlier you submit the more likely you will receive your preferred time. The following format should be used when submitting abstracts:

Indicate preferred day Thurs or Fri and time AM or PM

Indicate Talk or Poster

Title (in Bold)

Authors, use a ¹ to denote who is presenting, use an * to denote if this is a student presentation

Author's affiliation

Abstract, Times New Roman, 12 pt, not to exceed 350 words

Special Sessions and Events

The Annual Taxonomy Fair - Experts on various taxonomic groups will be available with microscopes to examine your “problem identifications” or verify any tentative identifications. Please keep requests moderate, on the order of 2-3 specimens maximum per expert. Time and Day TBD

A Silent Auction will be set up to raise funds to offset meeting expenses. Donations (books, artwork, jewelry, field gear, clothing, etc.) are welcome for this event. Please contact the FAB President (Jenn Bernatis) with any questions or to donate items. Bidding on the Silent Auction will close 3:30pm on Friday, November 9 and the winners will be announced at the conclusion of the meeting. Please bring check or cash to pay the Treasurer for the item(s) you have won.

A kayak or boat tour with Ripple Effect Adventure Outfitters will be arranged for Thursday afternoon.

Registration:

You must register to attend the Annual Meeting. On-line registration is preferred, but you may also register at the door. Registration fees are \$70.00 for current FAB members, \$125.00 for non-members, and \$45.00 for students (student oral paper/poster presenters have the registration fee waived). Registration must be paid by cash or check. No credit cards. To register on-line go to: <http://www.flbenthos.org/cgi-bin/cp-app.cgi>

Once registered on-line, please print your registration confirmation page and mail your check (checks payable to FAB) to: Jennifer Bernatis, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 7386 NW 71st Street, Gainesville, FL 32653. Payments (check or cash only, no credit cards) will also be accepted at the door during registration.

Refreshments and Social Events:

Soft drinks, water, and light snacks will be available during breaks throughout the meeting. Continental breakfast items (bagels, fruit, doughnuts) will be available in the mornings prior to the start of the meetings. A reception and social will be held Thursday evening, November 8, location and time TBD. FAB will provide light snacks and appetizers.

Meeting Location:

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Classroom of the Whitney Marine Laboratory, across from Marineland. The address is 9505 Ocean Shore Blvd, St. Augustine, FL. Map to the site:



Student Awards:

Two types of student awards are available:

Student Presentation Awards:

Best Oral Presentation for a Graduate Student - \$200

Best Oral Presentation for an Undergraduate Student - \$200

Best Poster Presentation - \$100

Information on applying for these will be posted on the FAB web site (www.flbenthos.org).

Travel Awards. Also this year, we are making available a limited number of Student Travel Awards to reimburse travel costs. Travel Awards will be a maximum of \$200 and will be awarded at the Annual Meeting. A selection committee will evaluate student applications and

determine the number and amounts of awards to be given out. Information on applying for these awards will also be posted to the FAB web site.

Accommodations:

Whitney Marine Lab has onsite housing available for \$30/night. Two types of housing exist, dorm style rooms, with two single beds in each room. These facilities include a shared kitchen area, living area, and bathroom. They also have a limited number of mini-apartments. These have 1 bedroom with two single beds, a kitchen and living area. Please contact Whitney Marine Lab directly for these accommodations, as they are first come, first serve. You may visit their website at <https://www.whitney.ufl.edu/> for more information, to reserve a room, and housing rules.

The Whitney Lab also has a contract with the Courtyard Marriot in St. Augustine. The Courtyard by Marriott St. Augustine Beach is pleased to offer University of Florida/Whitney Laboratory a special guest room rate of \$119.00 plus tax per night on weekdays (Sun-Thurs) for your travelers. This rate is for our Standard 1 King or 2 Queen Rooms. The hotel's website is <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/jaxcb-courtyard-st-augustine-beach/> Be sure to mention that you are working at Whitney to receive the discount.

There are also options south in Palm Coast. One that was recommended is Palm Coast Villa <http://www.palmcoastvillas.com/accom.html>

Annual Business Meeting of the Florida Association of Benthologists

The Annual Business Meeting of the Association will be held on Friday, November 9 from 9:00-9:45am. This meeting is important for FAB as an organization and your participation is highly recommended and encouraged.

Questions:

Questions regarding the Annual Meeting or accommodations? Please contact:

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