



**Announcing the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of  
The Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists  
December 1-3, 2020**

**Call for Papers and Posters**

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists (formerly Florida Association of Benthologists) will be held virtually beginning Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9AM and conclude by 4PM on Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Oral Papers and Posters**

We welcome oral presentations and posters on any topic pertaining to aquatic animals or plants and their taxonomy, systematics, ecology, biogeography, physiology, behavior, or other topics related to aquatic habitats, communities or populations. 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. Annual meeting information is on the FAB website at:

<https://www.floridaaquaticbiologists.org/events.html>

Abstracts for papers and posters should be submitted digitally (in Microsoft WORD format) via email to Shannon McMorrow at [president@floridaaquaticbiologists.org](mailto:president@floridaaquaticbiologists.org) by **Friday, November 20, 2020**. Abstracts should be no more than one printed page in length; use Calibri (body) 11 point font.

Abstract format should be:

Title

Author(s) [If more than one author, please indicate presenting author with an asterisk (\*).]

Affiliation(s)

Body of abstract

If you have a preferred presentation date, please provide with your submission. We will try to accommodate all requests.

## **Oral Presentations**

Oral presentations shall be 15 minutes long with a 5 minute Q&A session. We will be using Google Meet as the online platform, so you will have to present your computer screen to deliver your talk. Please let us know if you need a tutorial on how to present with Google Meet.

## **Posters**

Posters should be no more than one page or one power point slide long. We request that you submit these in pdf format, but if you cannot, we can convert for you. We will host the posters on our website and will provide a link to the meeting attendees so that they can view them at their leisure. We will then have a 5-10 minute Q&A Session on Google Meet for each poster presentation.

## **Student Awards**

To be considered for a student presentation award, please submit your abstract to Shannon McMorro ( [president@floridaaquaticbiologists.org](mailto:president@floridaaquaticbiologists.org) ). Please indicate with your abstract submission that you wish to be considered for a student award, and whether you plan to present an oral talk or a poster. Also, please register online for our meeting so that we have your contact information. Registration fees will be waived for all student presenters. The following 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

## **Registration**

You must register to attend the Annual Meeting and online registration is required. The deadline to register is **November 30, 2020**. To register online, please click [here](#). Registration fees are free for current FAB members, \$30.00 for non-members, and free for students. The \$30 registration fee for non-members will be applied to your 2021 membership dues. Please fill out and submit the registration form on our website so that we have your contact information. You can pay with a credit card on our website or fill out the registration form on our website and then mail a check (made payable to FAB) to: *Rob Mattson, FAB Treasurer, 121 Palm Trail, East Palatka, FL 32131*.

If you haven't paid your membership dues for 2020 yet, you can also add this item to your cart on our website to renew your membership for this year. If you need to check on your membership status, please email Rob Mattson: [treasurer@floridaaquaticbiologists.org](mailto:treasurer@floridaaquaticbiologists.org).

We will email a Google Meet invitation to the registered meeting attendees a day or two prior to the meeting. It is imperative that you register before November 30, 2020, so that we have time to email the Google Meet invitation to all the attendees.

## **Executive Committee Members**

The FAB Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday December 1, 2020 from 9:30 AM-12 Noon. A separate Google Meet invitation will be sent out.

### **Annual Business Meeting of the Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists**

The Annual Business Meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday, December 2 from 1:30-2:30 PM. This meeting is important for FAB as an organization and your participation is highly recommended and encouraged.

### **Meeting Location**

Annual Meeting will be held virtually via Google Meet. Prior to the meeting a Google Meet invitation will be emailed out to everyone who has registered. If you do not receive an invitation, please contact me at [president@floridaaquaticbiologists.org](mailto:president@floridaaquaticbiologists.org).

Questions regarding the Annual Meeting? Please contact:

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Google Meet Virtual meeting**

**Tentative Agenda**

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

0930-1200 FAB Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

09:00-09:30 Welcome and Announcements

09:30-11:30 Talks

11:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 Business Meeting

14:30-15:00 Break

15:00-16:00 Poster Presentation Q&A Session

16:00 Announcements

Thursday, December 3, 2020

09:00-09:30 Welcome and Announcements

09:30-11:30 Talks

11:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Talks

15:00-15:30 Break

15:30-16:00 Announcements and Presentation of Student Awards

16:00 Annual Meeting Concludes