



**Announcing the 35th Annual Meeting of  
The Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists  
October 6-7, 2021**

**Call for Papers and Posters**

The 35th Annual Meeting of the Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists (formerly Florida Association of Benthologists) will be beginning Wednesday October 6, 2021 at 10AM and conclude by 5PM on Thursday October 7, 2021.

**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 related 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 [here](#).

Abstracts for papers and posters should be submitted digitally (in Microsoft WORD format) via email to Shannon McMorro at [president@floridaaquaticbiologists.org](mailto:president@floridaaquaticbiologists.org) by **Monday, September 20, 2021**. 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

**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 preferred. To register online, please click [here](#). Registration fees are \$70.00 for current FAB members, \$125.00 for non-members, and \$45.00 for students. Student presenters have the registration fee waived, but 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*. You can also register at the door with cash, check or credit card.

If you haven't paid your membership dues for 2021 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).

**Executive Committee Members**

The FAB Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday October 6 from 8 AM-10 AM.

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

The Annual Business Meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday, October 7 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 at the Cedar Key Community Center (809 6th Street, Cedar Key, Florida 32625).

**COVID-19 Safety Precautions**

We want to take some safety precautions to ensure all attendees stay healthy and safe. Masks will be mandatory during all in-door activities while not eating or drinking. FAB will have disposable masks available, as needed. The Cedar Key Community Center has ample space for us to seat attendees with proper distancing. We will request that all attendees sign a declaration form stating that they are currently not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms; have not tested positive for COVID-19, or been in close contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19.

Questions regarding the Annual Meeting? Please contact:

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