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To provide a forum for the exchange of information and training for aquatic biologists and scientists in related disciplines

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Announcements – Part 1

2024-2025 Upcoming Meetings

38th Annual FAB Meeting

The 38th Annual FAB is still in the planning stage. President Craig Duxbury will provide information as soon as it becomes available.

Fall Marine Workshop

The 2024 Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists Fall Taxonomic Workshop will be held on November 19-22 at the University of Tampa's Marine Lab on Tampa Bay. This year's workshop will focus on echinoderms, and we are pleased to have Dr. Richard Turner from the Florida Institute of Technology and Janessa Fletcher from FWC leading our workshop this year. It will be an excellent experience for both students and professionals. The workshop registration is \$70.00 for FAB members, \$125.00 for non-members, and \$45.00 for students.

Registration is open until filled, but please register ahead of time to ensure your spot. Register at the FAB website <https://www.floridaaquaticbiologists.org/registration.html>



Seating will be limited to 25, so be sure to register early!
Hotel room block deadline: Thursday, October 31, 2024



Meeting Recaps and Awards

2024 FAB Freshwater Taxonomic Workshop May 6-8, 2024

Taxonomy and Biology of the Mayflies of Florida

Department of Entomology and Nematology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL,

Richard Cantrell presented an overview of the biology and taxonomy of mayflies, along with new taxonomic considerations.



Conferences and Meetings of Interest

- [Biology and Systematics of Marine Bivalves Workshop](#) Bocas Research Station, Panama, October 9-21, 2024
- [North American Lake Management Society \(NALMS\) Symposia](#) South Lake Tahoe, CA/NV, November 5-8, 2024
- [International Conference on Coastal Oceanography and Marine Science](#). Houston, TX, October 25-26, 2024
- [Society for Freshwater Science \(SFS\)](#) Puerto Rico, 2025, TBD
- [American Society of Limnology and Oceanography \(ASLO\)](#) Charlotte, NC, March 26-31, 2025
- [Benthic Ecology Meeting Society \(BEMS\)](#) Mobile, AL, April 1-4, 2025
- [The Crustacean Society](#) Paris, France, July 7-10, 2025
- [The Ecological Society of America \(ESA\)](#) Baltimore, MD, August 10-15, 2025
- [Coastal & Estuarine Research Federation \(CERF\)](#) Richmond, VA, November 9-13, 2025

For an extensive list of related conferences, click:

<https://conferenceindex.org/conferences/ecology>
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A Note from the FAB Treasurer

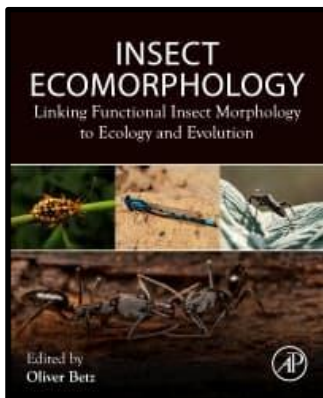


I have been a member of FAB almost from the beginning; since 1990, 34 years ago. During that time, I have served as Newsletter Editor (1995-2013), President (2016-2017), and Treasurer (2018-current). I retired from my career at the St. Johns River Water Management District in November 2022, and since then have continued to be involved with FAB and have gotten involved with many other “itches” that I wanted to scratch in retirement (volunteer efforts, etc.). It is getting time for me to move on. I have agreed to serve as Treasurer in 2024 and 2025. At the end of 2025, it is time for me to finish out this period of my professional career. We need someone to step up and serve as FAB Treasurer starting in January 2026. This is not a demanding job. It takes on average about 1-2 hours per month of your time, and much of that is more in “pulses” when you must work with

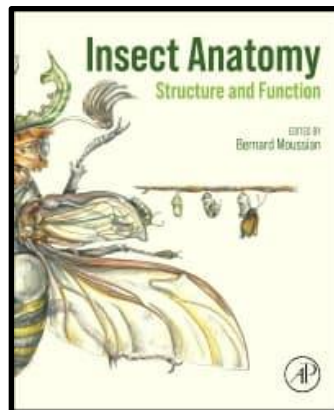


workshops, the Annual Meeting, and preparing the annual financial report. In other words, there will be months where you will do nothing, but then there will be months where you will have to put in a few hours or so a week. The main thing is, keep up and don't let the work lag far behind. If you can keep up, you will be fine, and it will not be a burden on your time. Again, it averages out to 1-2 hours per month in a year. You do not have to have a financial background (I do not), just be organized and able to keep up with the work. Please contact me, our Nominations Chair Scott Duncan, or our President, Craig Duxbury, if you are interested in serving in this position. I will help intensely in the transition, but the idea is for me to eventually be "gone." I will continue to be involved with FAB, in terms of attending Annual Meetings and maybe even presenting a bit of my former work, but my days as an Officer in the organization are at an end, and I encourage our younger members to step up and get involved.

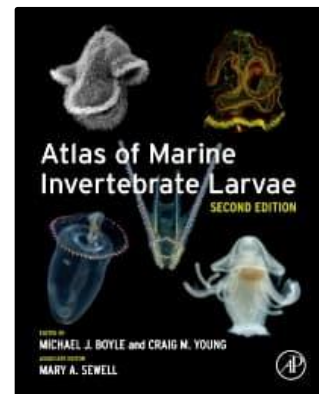
News & Books



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Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists

Spring Taxonomic Workshop
Gainesville, FL
April 30, 2024
DRAFT

Doug Strom presiding

Attendees: Jennifer Davenport, Doug Strom, Shannon McMorro, Andy Rasmussen, Scott Duncan, Craig Duxbury, Dave Karlen, Peggy Morgan, Coleson Wrege, Rob Mattson

Doug called the meeting to order at 0909.

Approval of the Minutes: The draft minutes from the 37th Annual EC and Meeting were published in the 2024 March Newsletter in draft form. There were no corrections or objections. Rob moved the minutes be approved and Jen seconded the motion. The EC voted and unanimously approved.

Committees Reports:

Awards: Shannon McMorro, Chair. FAB presents two Special Awards: Contributions to Florida Aquatic Biology and Contributions to FAB. Shannon asked for suggestions. Andy proposed Steve Harris for the Contributions to Aquatic Biology Award. Dr. Harris, retired Clarion University professor (Pennsylvania) is a prominent caddisfly taxonomist and has made many contributions to the Trichoptera fauna of Florida. Please send all suggestions for recipients of both awards to Shannon.

Bylaws: Doug Strom, Chair. Doug suggested a change to the Workshop and Endowment and the Finance and Endowment Committee language on Page 5 of the Bylaws. Currently, the Treasurer is designated as Chair of the Workshop and Endowment Committee but not of the Finance and Endowment Committee. The Bylaws text for these committees should be exchanged, Doug agreed to draft a motion for Business Meeting approval. Rob moved to have Doug create a Business Meeting Motion to remedy this situation. Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws must be approved by the membership at the Business Meeting. Any issues with or suggestions for the Bylaws should be directed to Doug. Doug moved, a second was not recorded, but passed unanimously.

Editorial: Peggy Morgan, Chair. Peggy is working on the next edition of the FAB Newsletter slated for publication in August 2024 and will send to Julianne for editing.

Please send Annual Meeting and Workshop announcements, literature, news items and other items of interest to Peggy at Pegrat307@msn.com.

Treasury (Finance and Endowment): Rob Mattson, Chair and Jennifer Davenport, Co-Chair. As of December 31, 2023, the checking account balance was \$16,558.09. and the Endowment Fund was \$55,214.06.



Both workshops lost money last year. Rob wants to procure a CPA to look over our expenses. If such a person agrees to do it pro bono, FAB will donate an honorary gratuity. Doug will check what the Constitution says about this and report to the EC by email, conducting an email vote if necessary.

Internet Committee: Jennifer Davenport, Chair. Jen has all of Dana Denson's photos from Shutterfly and putting them in a google folder. The link will be added to the FAB website. She said there is ample space for storage in the Google folder.

Jen reminded Doug that Mike Heyn should be removed from the EC Committee Members list as he is now retired.

Membership: Shannon McMorrow, Chair. Carrie Scarola is working on the new membership database. Jen has all members who registered via the website in an Excel spreadsheet for import into the database, but it needs to be crosschecked with actual attendees. Carrie has agreed to do it. Jen will give Carrie access to the website.

We have 37 paying members and 6 lifetime members. In addition, we added 10 more during the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Nominating: Scott Duncan, Chair. We still need to nominate a President-Elect and a member to replace retiring Dana on his committee assignments. Scott has contacted Michael Middlebrooks and Matt Scripter to recruit as candidates for President Elect. He will continue discussions with them. Dr. Middlebrooks may have a schedule conflict within the next two years. Shannon offered to organize the Spring Workshop if Michael becomes President but is not available to organize it himself.

Jen pointed out that we have four vacant Members at Large EC member positions and we also need to recruit a State government representative. Holly Sweat has expressed interest in joining the EC as a Member at Large. Jen will follow up.

Please send all suggestions for President Elect, State Representative and additional Members at Large to Scott.

Workshop and Certification: Chair, Craig Duxbury and Co-Chair David Karlen. Dave has contacted Richard Turner to present Echinodermata Taxonomy at the Fall Workshop and is considering Janessa Fletcher of the FL Fish and Wildlife Marine Institute as a Co-Presenter. Craig is considering having the Annual Meeting at Weedon Island again, but he is also looking at other potential locations. It is unlikely that the Workshop and Annual Meeting will dovetail again this year.

Registered Agent: Doug Strom for David Evans, Chair. David Evans is willing to continue as our Registered Agent, but we will need to start looking for his replacement. Doug will discuss the requirements of the position with David and will ask him to construct a list of what's involved. Jen expressed willingness to take over the responsibilities or at least assist on the duties. Rob also said he may be willing to help once he is no longer Treasurer.

New Business/Action Items:

- Now that we are conducting virtual meetings and voting, FAB should investigate whether it is necessary to add such language to the Constitution, Rob agreed to send language suggestions to Doug.



- Doug will obtain a list of requirements and duties for Registered Agent from David Evans
- Doug will check what the Constitution says about contracting a CPA to review our expenses and report to the EC by email, conducting an email vote if necessary
- Scott will pursue discussions with potential President-Elect candidates Michael Middlebrooks and Matt Scriptor
- We need suggestions for the following additions to the EC:
 - Members at Large
 - State Representative
 - Replacements for Dana Denson’s Committee assignments

Rob motioned to adjourn, seconded by Peggy and unanimously approved.
 Submitted 07/22/24
 Peggy Morgan, Secretary

2023 Treasurer’s Report

Submitted for FAB Newsletter

Submitted by Robert A. Mattson

2023 Spring Workshop

Net Loss from May 2023 Workshop..... -\$510.17

2023 Fall Workshop

Net Loss from October 2023 Workshop -\$264.66

Finances

Checking Account – as of December 31, 2023

- Beginning Balance January 1, 2023..... \$15,615.07
- Ending Balance December 31, 2023..... \$16,558.09
- Total Deposits/Credits: \$6,328.47
 2023 Dues, Workshop & Meeting income, merchandise sales and donations
- Total Withdrawals/Debits: \$5,385.45
 Workshop, Meeting & general expenses, web site fees, corporate fees, credit card fees

Endowment Fund – 2023 Summary

- Balance as of December 31, 2022..... \$ 47,123.64
- Balance as of December 31, 2023..... \$ 55,214.06
- Balance as of April 22, 2024 \$ 56,224.54

To-Do:

- Still need to get independent examination of financials



FAB Membership

Annual Membership fees are due February 15!

Your membership is for one year: January 1–December 31 and are due February 15th of each year. Once registered, you will receive email confirmation of your purchase. If you would like to pay your dues and register for a workshop, you may add them to your cart, and they will be displayed as separate items on the receipt for easy bookkeeping.

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or

Check, payable to FAB and mailed to:

Rob Mattson, Treasurer
121 Palm Trail
East Palatka, FL 32131

Reminder:

If you haven't paid your membership dues for 2024, on the FAB website please add 2024 membership dues (\$35) to your cart. To check your membership status, please email [Rob Mattson](mailto:Rob.Mattson@fab.org).

