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FAB NEWS

The Newsletter of the
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FAB Mission:

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

34th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF AQUATIC BIOLOGISTS

May 6–7, 2020

The 34th Annual Meeting will be held in Cedar Key, directly following the Freshwater Workshop, at the Cedar Key Community Center.

Details regarding both the workshop and the Annual Meeting will be announced via email and on the FAB website when finalized.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

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. Submit abstracts to president@floridaaquaticbiologists.org.

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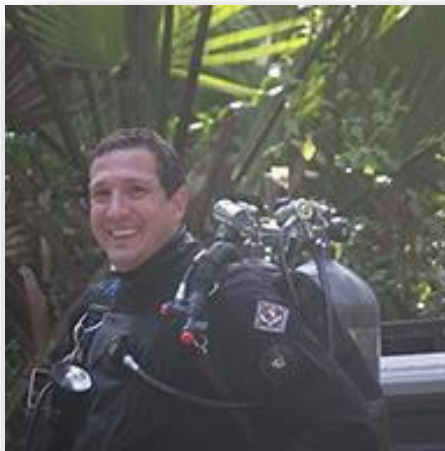


**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAVEL EXPENSE ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE TO
PARTICIPANTS.**

TAXONOMIC WORKSHOPS

Freshwater Taxonomic Workshop Cave Biodiversity May 4-5, Cedar Key, Florida

Dr. Tom Sawicki from Florida A&M University will lead the workshop with a focus on freshwater amphipods. We are also planning a possible field trip to Manatee Springs for collection.



Dr. Sawicki is Director of the Groundwater Biodiversity Lab at FAMU. His research focus is on the taxonomy and population genetics of amphipod and isopod crustaceans in the Florida aquifer.



MARINE TAXONOMIC WORKSHOP

Opisthobranch gastropods

October 28-30 at the UT lab in Tampa, Florida

Dr. Michael Middlebrooks of the University of Tampa will be presenting opisthobranch gastropods, covering the sea slugs and related mollusks.



Dr. Middlebrooks is a marine ecologist with an emphasis on photosynthetic kleptoplastic sea slugs. His research is particularly focused on how photosynthetic activity affects the behavior and ecological interactions for motile marine herbivores.



All members will receive an email from the FAB President with information about both workshops once the details have been finalized. Information will also be available on the FAB website.



In Memoria



A longtime blue crabber, Gus Muench was also a full-time environmental activist known for working with the state and county on regulations that would limit pollution in Tampa Bay and protect marine resources and the uplands along the bay. | Photo from Nanette O'Hara


Gus Muench (1936 – 2019)

Many of you will remember Gus from the 2011 Fab Annual Meeting and Crab Taxonomic Workshop. Gus had been a commercial crabber for many years and in his “spare time” served on a long list of local environmental organizations and volunteered as a speaker, sharing his love for the bay’s flora and fauna. with groups ranging from boaters to Boy Scouts. When Gus spoke at the FAB meeting, he owned “Captain Gus’ Crabby Adventures”, offering tourists a boat tour of the Little Manatee River area near Ruskin to pull, bait, and catch blue crabs. But Gus was better known among the local Tampa Bay environmental groups as a conservationist and activist. He is credited with helping launch Hillsborough County’s Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program (ELAPP) and the Cockroach Bay Users Group. He was President of the Little Manatee River Preservation Committee and was awarded the Chevron Conservation Award for his efforts to protect Cockroach Bay in 1990.

Click [here](#) and [here](#) to read more about the legacy that Gus Muench left behind. And [here](#) you can listen to an interview in which Gus discussed his childhood on the bay, his history as a crabber, and his “Crabby Adventures” business. He also described his role as a conservationist and his goals of restoring both the marine and plant environments of the bay. Gus detailed various issues affecting the bay, including the effects of dredging, sewage water, and stormwater runoff. He also talked about his artificial reef business, his role as Director of the South Shore Intertidal Habitat Project, and his land preservation goals for the Uzita Preserve.

Gus will be honored by the Hillsborough County Commissioners with his name on a trail at Cockroach Bay Preserve. The trail will include signage, an informational plaque, and native vegetation along the trail, which will lead to a pavilion atop Cockroach Bay Mound.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – PART 2



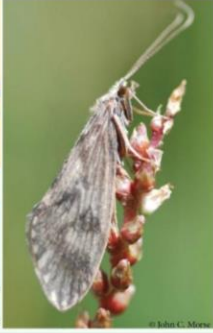



2020 Eagle Hill Natural History Science Seminars . . .
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**TRICHOPTERA OF EASTERN NORTH AMERICA:
 MORPHOLOGY, MOLECULAR SYSTEMATICS, ECOLOGY,
 AND NEW RESEARCH DIRECTIONS**

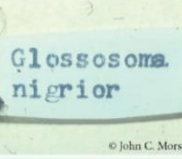
John Morse and Paul Frandsen
 August 23 – 29, 2020

This seminar focuses on the natural history and taxonomy of caddisflies (Trichoptera) in northeastern North America, including systematics, ecology, and behavior of larvae and adults, with emphasis on those aspects important in ecological studies, biological monitoring of water quality, and sport fishing. Insects will be collected from local habitats and resulting specimens will be identified in the laboratory. Learned skills will be transferable to other regions.



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about the instructors

Dr. John C. Morse (jcmorse@clmson.edu) is a Professor Emeritus of Entomology at Clemson University in South Carolina. Besides courses in insect systematics, insect larvae, and a variety of other topics, Prof. Morse has taught courses related to aquatic insects at Clemson University, at Highlands Biological Station in North Carolina, in several other states, and in 10 countries in far-in Asia and Europe for more than 45 years. His research specialty is the identification, biology, and historical development of caddisflies (Trichoptera), which he has studied in many streams of the world since 1967. He and his students also investigate the identification, biology, and distribution of other aquatic insects, of stream ecology and conservation, and of the use of insect communities to monitor water pollution.

Dr. Paul B. Frandsen (paul_frandsen@byu.edu) is an Assistant Professor of Genetics, Genomics, and Biotechnology at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Paul's research is focused on the systematics and biodiversity of Trichoptera with a special focus on their use of silk. He has conducted extensive field research in North America and countries such as Panama, Guyana, Russia, Mongolia, and Nepal.

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AUGUST 23-29: SEMINAR ON TRICHOPTERA OF EASTERN NORTH AMERICA

Be on the lookout for a non-native estuarine mysid, *Deltamysis holmquistae*, from the Indian Ocean.



Redescription of Bowman & Orsi, 1992 (Crustacea: Mysida: Mysidae), a mysid species new to the Atlantic Ocean with observations on the taxonomic status of *Kochimysis Panampunnayil* & Biju, 2007.

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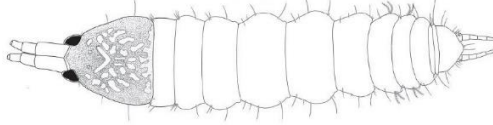
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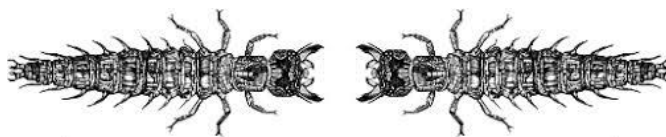


Christopher Marley's
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Meetings of Interest to FAB Members



- [SFS – ASLO Joint Summer Meeting](#) June 19–23, 2020, Madison, WI
- [49th Annual Benthic Ecology Meeting](#) April 7–11, 2020, Wilmington, NC
- [Florida Association for Water Quality Control Annual Conference](#) June 17–19, 2020, Naples, FL
- [Florida Floodplain Managers Association](#) April 7–10, 2020, Orlando, FL
- [Florida Section of the American Water Resources Association](#) November 9–12, 2020, Kissimmee, FL
- [Florida Section American Water Resources Association Technical Meeting](#) March 27, 2020 Tampa, FL
- [Crustacean Society/Society for International Crustacean Biology Annual Meeting](#) Jan 3–7, 2021, Washington, DC
- [International Conference on Oceanography and Marine Science](#) July 20–21, 2020, Montreal, Canada
- [Florida Lake Management Society Annual Technical Symposium](#) August 25–28, 2020, Bonita Springs, FL
- [North American Lake Management Society \(NALMS\)](#) November 16–20, 2020, Minneapolis, MN
- [Entomological Society of America](#) November 15–18, 2020, Orlando, FL
- [Florida Academy of Science Annual Conference](#) March 20, 2020, Daytona Beach, FL
- [Association of Southeastern Biologists Annual Meeting](#) March 25–28, 2020, Jacksonville, FL
- [UF Water Institute Symposium](#) February 25–26, 2020, Gainesville, FL
- [Florida Artificial Reef Summit](#) April 8–10, 2020, Melbourne, FL
- [Florida Stormwater Association Annual Conference](#) June 17–19, 2020, Ft. Myers, FL
- [Southeastern Estuarine Research Society Spring 2020 Meeting](#) March 19–21, Jekyll Island, GA
- [The National Coastal and Estuarine Summit](#) October 4–8, 2020, Providence, RI
- [International Conference on Marine Science and Aquaculture](#) March 13–14, 2020, Miami, FL
- [National Association of Environmental Professionals](#) May 18–22, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- [2020 CHNEP Watershed Summit](#) June 1–2, 2020, Ft. Myers, FL





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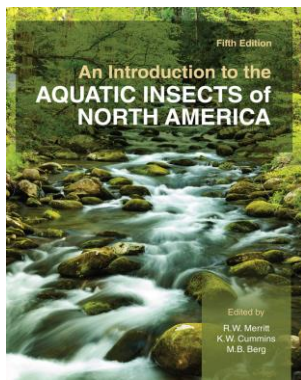
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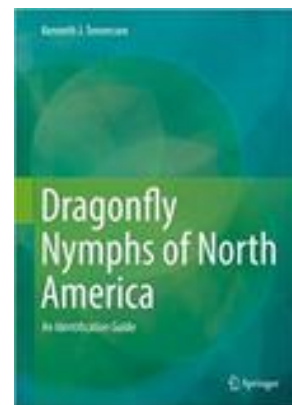
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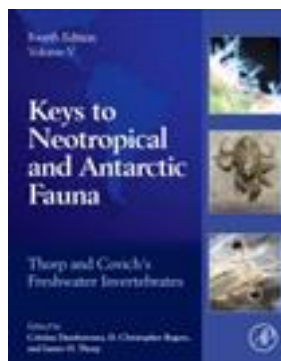
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Eastpoint, Florida

May 28, 2019

Doug Strom: Consultant Representative and EC Chair; Dana Denson: Acting President; Rob Mattson, Treasurer; Peggy Morgan: Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Literature Review Committee Chair; Jennifer Davenport (via phone): Endowment Committee Chair, Internet Committee Chair; Dr. Wayne Price: University Representative; Julianne Knight-Gray (via phone): Awards Committee Chair, Membership Committee; Shannon McMorow: In-coming President; Andy Rasmussen, Member At Large; Alex Orfinger, Student Representative

Call to Order: Doug Strom. The meeting was called to order at 0830. Nine members establish a quorum.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the last annual meeting have been pre-approved via email.

Committees Reports:

Awards: Julianne Knight-Gray. There are currently no nominees for the present meeting. Please send suggestions to the Awards Committee to Julianne or Rob for the two FAB awards:

- Contributions to Florida Aquatic Biology
- Contributions to FAB

Bylaws: Marc Minno is not present. Doug Strom reported all changes to the constitution regarding the FAB name change were completed in 2018 and there are no further changes at this time.

Editorial: Peggy Morgan. Next newsletter this summer prior to the workshops. Please send literature, news items and other announcements to Peggy. mmorgan@pinellascounty.org

Finance and Endowment Fund. Rob Mattson. Rob distributed the endowment report prepared by Jennifer Davenport, which shows a value of around \$36,000 as of the end of March 2019. He also distributed the Treasurer's Report which details financial information through December 31, 2018, although it does not include the proceeds from the fall workshop. Current balance is \$10,956.13 as mid-May 2019.

There was a fee when we transferred the endowment to Nordmann Wealth Management.

Internet: Jennifer Davenport. The new website is up and running and continues to be updated. Please let Jennifer know if you have any problems with it. Job postings and old newsletters have been posted. Registration can now be paid online using a credit card. Jennifer plans to work on adding Executive Committee information and historical information in the coming year. Dana will be uploading more photos to the Shutterfly gallery. If you have verified photographs, please send them to Dana.

Membership: Jennifer Davenport: Carrie is working on a beta version for a membership database. She had a baby last year and that understandably slowed her progress. Jennifer will be



getting an update from her. Rob reports that as he gets new members, he is entering them in a spreadsheet, but has not entered them into the old Access database. We will either use the old database, or the new one that Carrie is developing.

Nominating: Rob Mattson: No report. This year is an off year, so officer nominations are not needed.

Workshops: Dana Denson. Taxonomy and Ecology of North American Dragonfly Nymphs, August 14- 16 at the UF Department of Entomology and Nematology in Gainesville. Dana and Shannon will be preparing the Workshop announcement for the website and Facebook, as well as other means of advertisement. Dave Karlen is currently working on the fall Marine Workshop. There was discussion on the need for an EC meeting at the Marine Workshop. It is not required.

Registered Agent: David Evans not present.

Unfinished Business/New Business: The Vision Committee was formed in 2017 to address the future of FAB. The major goals of the Visioning Committee have been achieved: Changing the name of FAB from Florida Association of Benthologists to Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists, changing administration of the website, updating the website, more regular activity on the FAB Facebook page. Still pending is the consolidation of one of the workshops with the Annual Meeting. Reconvening of the Vision Committee was discussed. Julianne will contact the members and set up another meeting if there is a need. The President has the prerogative to schedule the timings of the meetings and workshops during their tenure. Shannon has no firm plans but is considering the usual schedule with the Annual Meeting in Cedar Key. There was discussion on getting more university involvement and more student involvement in FAB. Alex Orfinger offered to present FAB at University of Florida Graduate Student Council, as well as disseminate information to various graduate student groups and young professionals throughout Florida.

Until the Vision Committee presents a definite proposal, FAB will continue having the Spring Workshop in the spring and the Marine Workshop and Annual Meeting in the fall.

There was discussion about expanding the address list for the email blasts. The list is not restricted to members.

We have endowment money available for student travel, but no one applied this year. There was discussion about promoting this opportunity for students in future.

There was discussion about outreach to other organizations to promote involvement in FAB. Now that we have expanded into more general aquatic biology, there is ample opportunity for including more areas of academic and applied aquatic biology. It was suggested that we reach out to organizations and colleges in the communities where we are holding future meetings.

Adjourn: Doug Strom, 1037

Submitted by Peggy Morgan, FAB Secretary, June 28, 2019



**Executive Committee Meeting of the Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists
2019 Freshwater Taxonomic Workshop
UF Department of Entomology and Nematology
Gainesville, Florida**

August 14, 2019

Doug Strom: Consultant Representative and EC Chair; Dana Denson: Acting President; Rob Mattson, Treasurer; Peggy Morgan: Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Literature Review Committee Chair; Jennifer Davenport: Endowment Committee Chair and Acting Internet Committee Chair; Dr. Wayne Price: University Representative; Julianne Knight-Gray (via phone): Awards Committee Chair and Membership Committee; Shannon McMorrow: President-Elect; Alex Orfinger, Student Representative

Call to Order: Doug Strom called the meeting to order at 1044. Nine members established a quorum. Doug distributed copies of the current FAB Constitution and Executive Committee List.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the last annual meeting have been pre-approved via email.

Committees Reports:

Treasurer (Finance and Endowment Fund Committee). Rob Mattson presented the current financial reports:

- Checking account: \$11,732.02
- Endowment: \$37,594.47 (end of Quarter 2 statement)

The EC Committee List will be updated to designate Rob as Chair of Finance and Endowment Fund Committee. Jennifer Bernatis is still named on the checking account and has a debit card. Her name needs to be removed. Jennifer Davenport will be the second signatory with access to the checking account and debit card

Awards: Julianne Knight-Gray. There are currently no nominees for the present meeting. Please send suggestions to the Awards Committee to Julianne or Rob for the two FAB awards:

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Bylaws: Marc Minno was not present. Doug Strom reported all changes to the constitution regarding the FAB name change were completed in 2018 and there are no further changes at this time.

Internet: Jennifer Davenport. Jennifer reported that there were some issues with online registration payments, but they were easily rectified. There was a brief discussion about possibly getting a portable card reader so people could pay registration by charge card at the meeting, but it was determined not to be necessary. Dana is ready to upload invertebrate photos. If you have verified photographs, please send them to Dana.

Membership: Jennifer Davenport: No updates yet. Jennifer will be contacting Carrie Scarola regarding the status of her database research and development.



Nominating: Rob Mattson: Shannon assumes the Presidency on January 1. Rob will be staying on as Treasurer, and Peggy as Secretary. This leaves President-Elect. Rob is working on it.

Workshops: Dana Denson. The Fall Taxonomic Workshop will be on Marine Gastropods, presented by Jose H. Leal, PhD. It will be held at the University of Tampa Marine Science Field Station, Tampa, FL.

Registered Agent: David Evans not present.

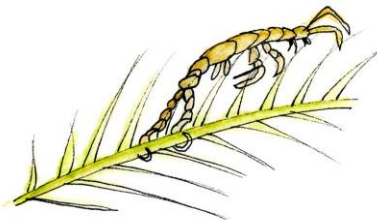
Unfinished Business/New Business: Vision Committee. Julianne will reach out to original members of the Committee to discuss new business; namely the structure and schedule of the Annual Meeting and Workshops. As reported in the previous minutes, the Vision Committee was formed in 2017 to address the future of FAB. The major goals of the Visioning Committee have been achieved: Changing the name of FAB from Florida Association of Benthologists to Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists, changing administration of the website, updating the website, and generating more activity on the FAB Facebook page.

In the meantime, it is Shannon, as new President, who will determine where the 2020 Annual Meeting and Workshops will be held. She is considering combining the Annual Meeting with the Freshwater Workshop in Cedar Key in the Spring. Leeches were suggested as a potential topic.

The question arose as to whether or not it is still a necessity to announce all our meetings in newspapers. It was speculated that in the age of internet and social media, it would no longer be required. Doug will ask David Evans (FAB's Registered Agent) to look into the meeting notification requirement from the state corporate filing perspective.

There was discussion about outreach to other organizations to promote involvement in FAB. It was suggested that we make contact with the Florida Academy of Science (FAS), particularly as exhibitors at their meetings (lots of students attend FAS), and other taxonomic organizations such as Southern California Association of Marine Invertebrate Taxonomists (SCAMIT) and Southwest Association of Freshwater Invertebrate Taxonomists (SAFIT) that might be interested in our taxonomic workshops.

Adjourn: Dana Denson, 1150. Seconded by Rob Mattson
Submitted by Peggy Morgan, FAB Secretary, 09/12/2019





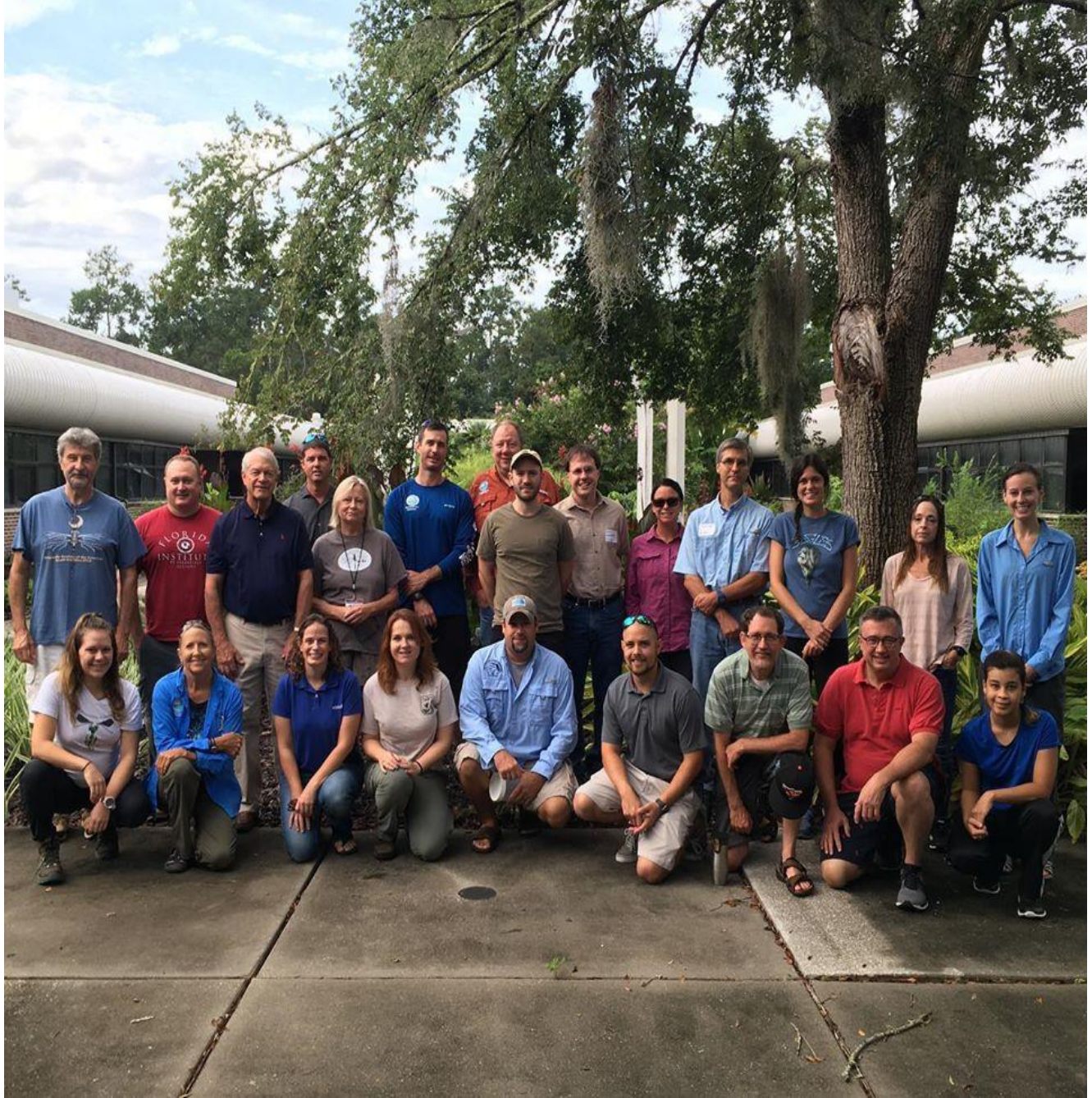
**GROUP PHOTO, 2019 ANNUAL MEETING, Apalachicola
National Estuarine Research Reserve
Eastpoint, Florida - May 2019**





GROUP PHOTO, 2019 FRESHWATER TAXONOMIC WORKSHOP

**UF Department of Entomology and Nematology
Gainesville, Florida - August 14, 2019**



2019 MARINE TAXONOMIC WORKSHOP



Dr Jose Leal, Dr. Mike Middlebrook, Dr. Paul Larsen and Haley Holloway examine shipworm burrows





Membership

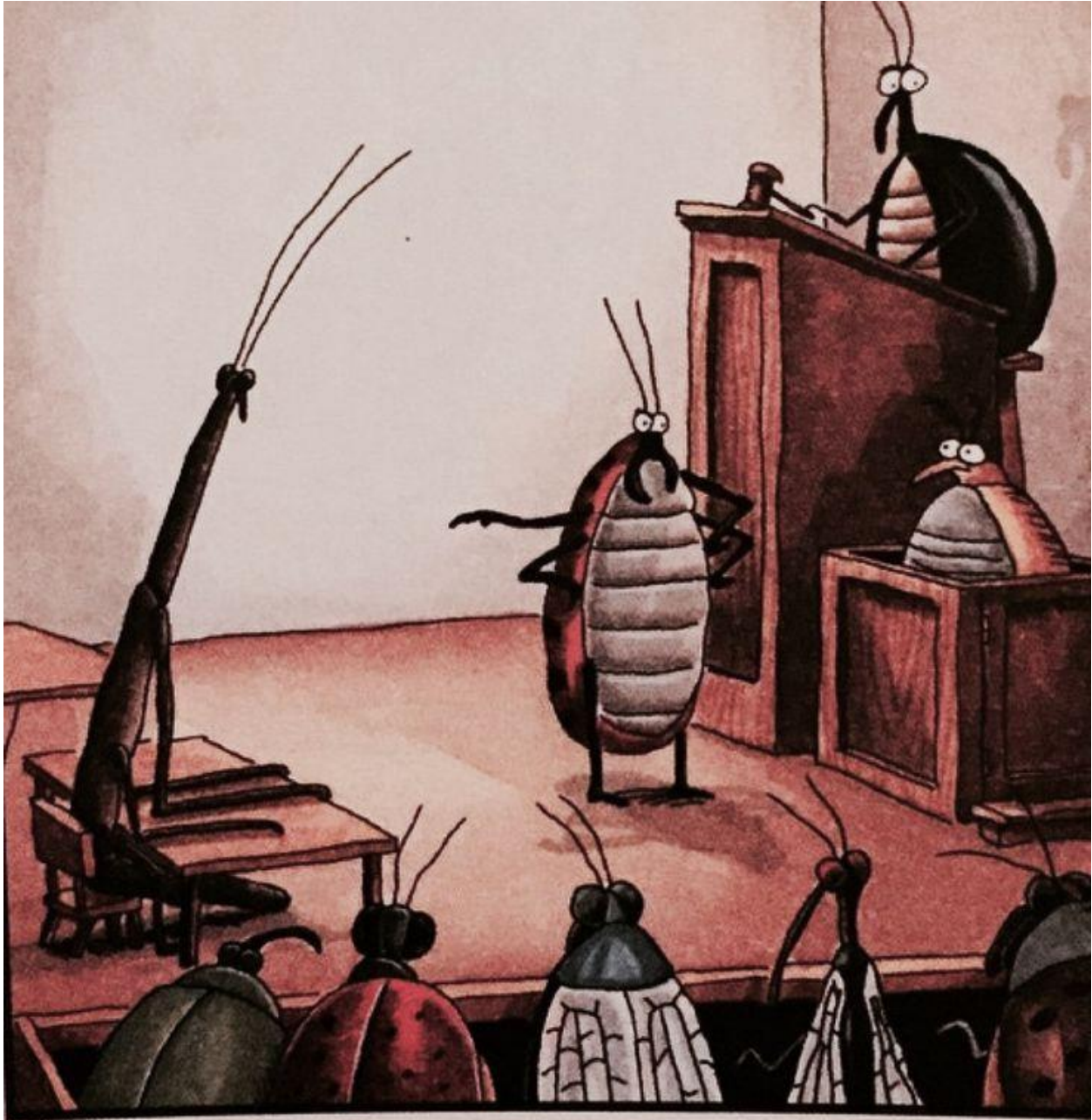
If you would like to become a member of the Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists (FAB), membership is only \$30.00 and due February 15th of each year. Your membership is for one year: Jan 1–Dec 31. Click [here](#) to become a member today! Once registered, you will receive email confirmation of 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. We accept major credit cards, or you may send your check, payable to FAB to:

Rob Mattson, Treasurer
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REMINDER!!

CURRENT MEMBERS ANNUAL DUES!
Click to renew: [Membersip Fees Due in February!](#)



“Most interesting, ma’am—you’ve identified the defendant as the one you saw running from the scene. I take it, then, that you’re unaware that my client is a *walking stick*?”



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