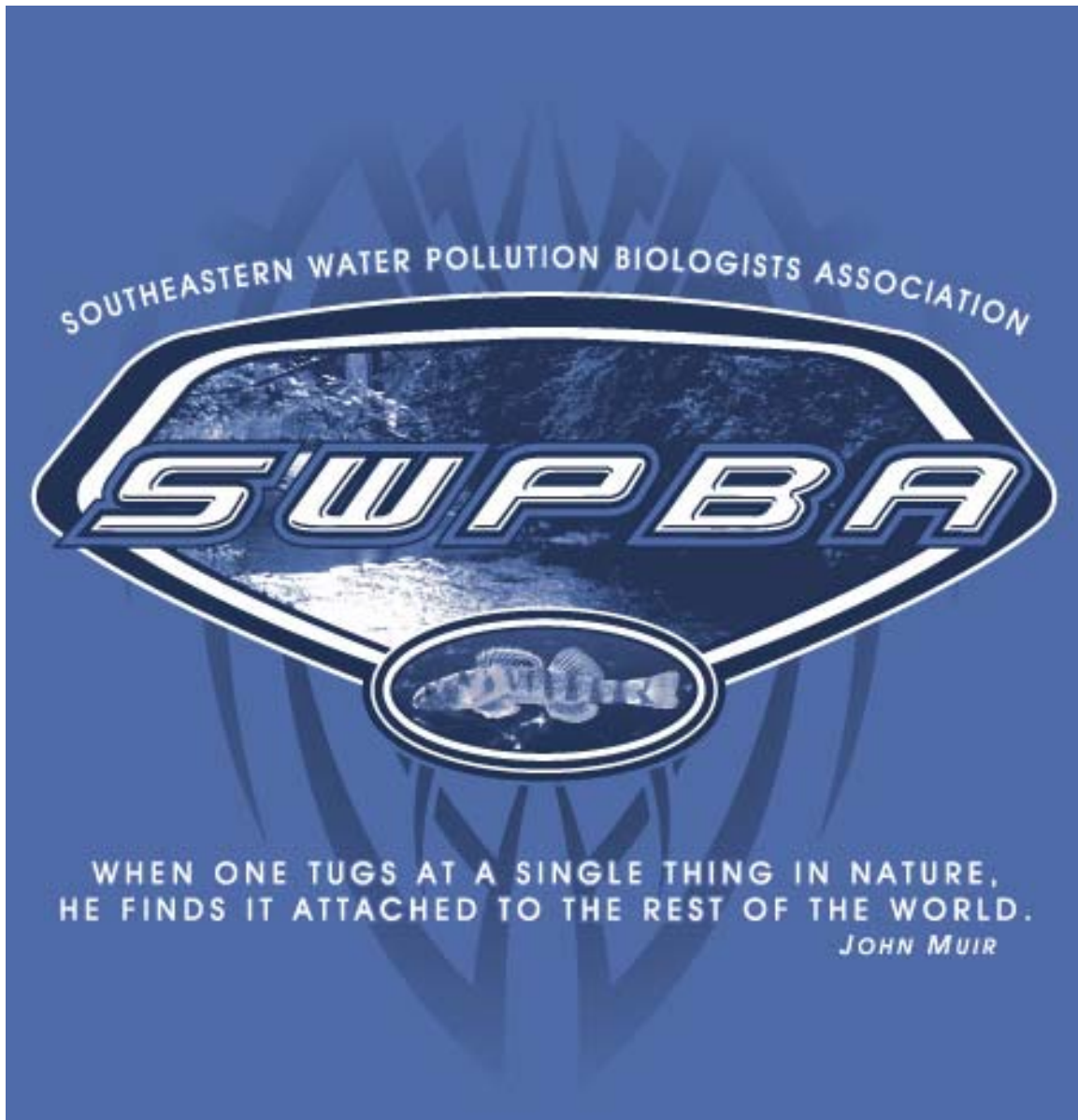


**Southeastern Water Pollution
Biologists Association
2004 Summer Newsletter**



AUGUST 2004

Presidents Letter

Hello!

If everyone has been as busy as we have, you will excuse the lateness of this newsletter. We look forward to slowing down and seeing everyone at the SWPBA meeting on November 2-4, 2004 in Orange Beach, AL. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the meeting this year but hopefully you will all have some fun for me (I know I'm a wimp, but at 8.9 months pregnant I'll sit this one out). I pass the reigns as President to Lisa Huff, with Michael Stowe stepping in as Secretary.

To a great SWPBA meeting! Janet Branch

The SWPBA meeting is just nine weeks away and I have unexpectedly been promoted to President. There are two reasons why these facts are not as distressing as they should be. First, we are fortunate here at ADEM (me especially) that Janet had the fore sight to start working on the 2004 SWPBA meeting right after we returned from the 2003 SWPBA meeting. Second, Mike and the rest of our folks here at ADEM have been more than willing to help plan and organize all aspects of the upcoming meeting.

Region IV has lost a wealth of taxonomic and field expertise in the last few years. Additionally, budget crunches across Region IV have prevented many of our biologists from attending some of the national meetings where emerging issues in biological monitoring and bioassessment have been discussed by the most knowledgeable people in the field. For that reason, several sessions will focus on methods and program development to get an idea of why we use the methods we use, how they were developed, what we've achieved, and what still needs to be addressed. Several presentation slots are still open. Also, because so many of our SWPBA members are new, the meeting includes a "Poster Social" to encourage people to present old and new posters, especially those dealing with methods and method development. Presenters are asked to submit an abstract a few weeks prior to the meeting so that they can be included with the meeting agenda.

We are also asking people to mail in their pre-registration forms and checks. If you are unable to attend at the last minute, all registration/banquet fees paid will be refunded to you. By sending us a check ahead of time we will have a better idea of our financial outlook.

We are trying to completely update the SWPBA database before the meeting. Please review your states member listing included with the newsletter to correct any names, addresses or phone numbers and to add any new members. We will have an up-to-date member listing for all meeting attendees.

Also, don't forget to vote absentee in the presidential election (Nov. 2).

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (334) 260-2752 or esh@adem.state.al.us

It should be a great meeting. Hope to see you there! Lisa Huff

2004 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
Southeastern *Water Pollution Biologists Association*

Orange Beach, AL November 1-4, 2004

REGISTRATION FORM

Name:	
Agency:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Registration Fee:	Qty:	@ \$40.00	= \$	
Banquet:	Qty:	@ \$26.00	= \$	
T-Shirts:	Qty:	@ \$10.00	= \$	
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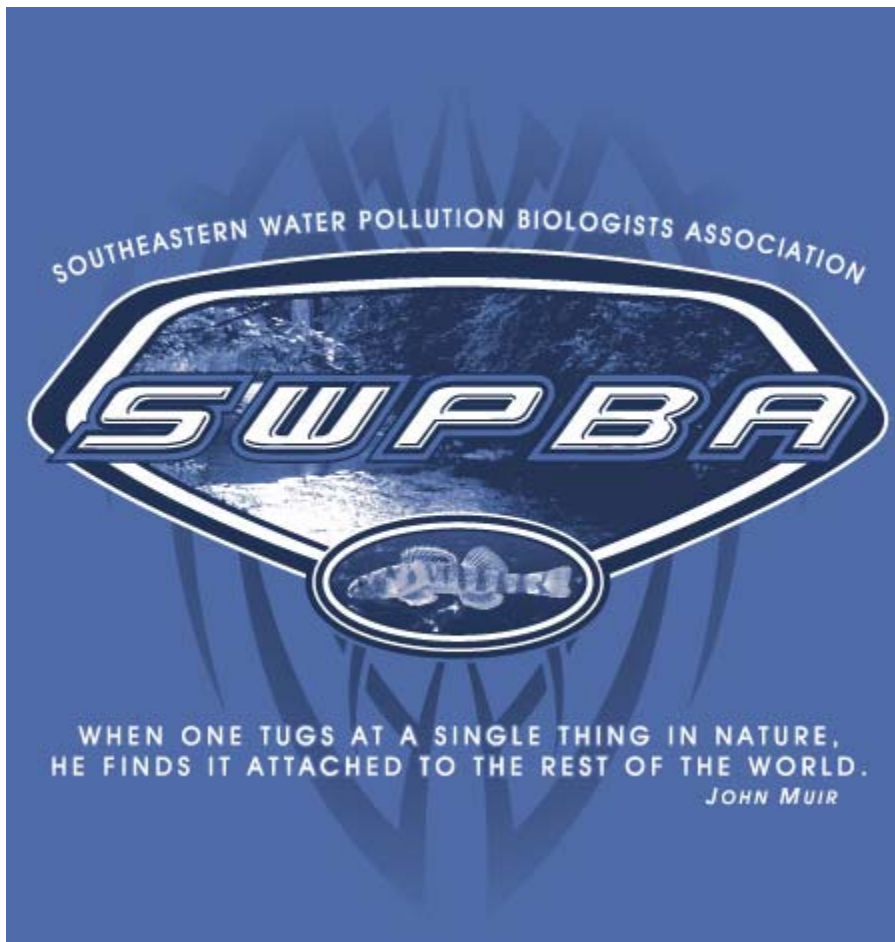
Make checks payable to SWPBA c/o Vanessa Pruitt

T-Shirts (size and color choices)

T-Shirt Color	Size	Quantity Ordered
Medium Blue	S	
	M	
	L	
	XL	
	XXL	
Sage Green	S	
	M	
	L	
	XL	
	XXL	

SWPBA T-SHIRTS

Prepaid orders are required for T-shirts. Please submit your t-shirt order using the registration form provided by October 15, 2004 (We must have a final count by that day, so if you get it in the mail late, call and let us know it is coming)



Back design

The front will have the SWPBA logo on the left pocket area (but the t-shirts do not have pockets)



Color selections are a medium blue or sage green

Sizes available:
S
M
L
XL
XXL (extra cost)

SWPBA ABSTRACT FORMS

If you have any questions or problems, call Lisa Huff at (334)260-2752.

Don't forget to complete the equipment sections so we will be able to plan for all requirements.

NAME OF PAPER title continued	
Presenters	
State or Department Name	
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ABSTRACT This section is formatted to 10 point type that will allow a 12 line description (175 - 200 words).	
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SWPBA Meeting Agenda
November 1-4, 2004

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday		
8:00-8:20	Macroinvertebrate Assessment Comparison Study: AL, NC, SC, MS, FL, GA, EMAP, EPA		Registration/ Poster Set up	Welcome/Introductions	TALU/Biocriteria/ Index Development	Wetland/LgRiver Assessments		
8:20-8:40				Ecological Assessments				
8:40-9:00								
9:00-9:20				Break				
9:20-9:40				Ecological Assessments		HDG's/GIS Tools for predicting impairment	Wetland/LgRiver Assessments	
9:40-10:00							Business Meeting	
10:00-10:20								
10:20-10:40				Overall Assessment of Water Quality: EMAP and other approaches				
10:40-11:00								
11:00-1:00	Lunch				Adjourn			
1:00-1:20	Macroinvertebrate Assessment Comparison Study: AL, NC, SC, MS, FL, GA, EMAP, EPA	HDG Workshop	Overall Assessment of Water Quality: EMAP and other approaches		Nutrient/ Sediment Indicators and Criteria			
1:20-1:40			Break					
1:40-2:00			Comparison QA/QC Methods Summary--Jerry Diamond		Break			
2:00-2:20			Comparison QA/QC Methods Discussion		Ecological Assessments			
2:20-2:40								
2:40-3:00								
3:00-3:20			Announcements		Announcements			
3:20-3:30								
3:30								
3:30-4:30	Posters Session		6:00-8:00 Banquet					
5:00-7:00								
7:00-9:00	Registration/Poster Set-up/ECM		Social					