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FAPMS 24th Annual Meeting Declared a SOGGY Success!

Even the torrential rains could not dampen the spirits of over 350 people attending the annual meeting of plant managers from Florida as well as other parts of the United States. The Keynote speaker Carlton Layne,

Carlton Layne, U.S. E.P.A. delivers the keynote address with a few interruptions from "the president?"



U.S. E.P.A. talked about the direction the E.P.A. may be headed in the years to come. As always, his presentation was humorous and enlightening. During the next two days the attendees heard 13 outreach papers, 17 operations papers and 18 product updates. Due to the diligence of the program committee and several individuals 2 core, 11 aquatic, and 3.5 ROW CEUs were offered for attending this year's meeting. The Presidential Hospitality Night, sponsored by SePRO Corporation, the Awards Banquet and the Equipment Demonstration were all heavily attended events during the meeting. The rain stopped just long enough for the members to walk around the park next to the hotel and see ATVs, airboats, a helicopter and a fire demonstration by the DEP. Vendors were available in the exhibitors' room for goods and services pertaining to aquatic plant management. Please remember to thank the vendors and corporate sponsors because they account for over half the income for meeting expenses and supply nice prizes as well.

Aquatic Plant Manager of the Year

Charles E. Stevens Jr.

FAPMS President Jeff Schardt announced Charles E. Stevens Jr. as the winner of the 2000 Aquatic Plant Manager of the Year at the Awards Banquet. Chuck has 20 years of aquatic plant management experience and has been a member of FAPMS for 18 years. He is employed by St. Johns County, St. Augustine office. Some of his accomplishments include studies on plant growth, equipment design and operation. He has served on a committee to revise the herbicide applicator exam as well as holding numerous licenses and professional certificates. Chuck has attended courses through IFAS, University of Florida and St. Johns River Community College. His public service record includes teaching coworkers and the general population about aquatic plant management. He was honored in 1986 to receive the Applicator of the Year Award. In addition to a beautiful plaque, Chuck was presented a \$250.00 check in appreciation for his efforts through the year.



Jeff Schardt

Chuck Stevens

2000 FAPMS Annual Business Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Schardt called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. on October 4, 2000.

II. MINUTES

President Schardt asked if anyone had any deletions, omissions, or modifications to the minutes of the 1999 Annual Business meeting. No changes were made and the minutes for the 1999 Annual Business Meeting passed unanimously.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT – Steve Weinsier

Steve reported that his draft balance sheet ending September 28, 2000 showed that the Society's current assets were \$58,171.89 and liabilities at \$0.00. A breakdown of the total assets included a Nations Bank checking balance of \$29,809.23, and a Nations Bank savings account balance of \$5,771.14. Nations Bank CD account balance of approximately \$10,293.00 and \$12,298.52 in the Strong Money Market Fund. Steve mentioned that the reports on the Savings and Money Market accounts had not been received as of September 28, 2000. The meeting last year cost approximately \$41,000.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Todd Olson

Todd reported that seven vendors have sent checks to place their business cards in the newsletter.

V. EDITOR'S REPORT – Judy Ludlow

Judy asked for more pictures showing operations. She commented that out of 86 *Aquatics* issues only 16 covers depicted operations photographs. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's, secretary's and editor's reports, it received a second and passed unanimously.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Advisory –

No report was given.

2. Auditing – Rebecca Gubert

Rebecca said she reviewed the paper work from Steve

Weinsier and it appeared to be in order.

3. Awards – Jennifer Myers

Jennifer thanked all of the raffle sponsors and the judges for their participation.

4. By-laws – Stephanie McCarty

President Schardt explained the by-law revision for the general membership to vote on.

5. Financial – Jeff Schardt

President Schardt had no report.

6. Government Affairs – Don Doggett

Don reported that he brought pictures of the Governor's reception last January for the membership to view. He also summarized the event for the members.

7. Historical – Catherine Johnson

Catherine reported that the second historical article would be published in the next *Aquatics* magazine.

8. Local Arrangements – David Farr

David reported the site for the 2001 FAPMS annual meeting (Sheraton Four Points Tampa East) is under contract.

9. Mailing List – Jackie Smith

Jackie had no report to give.

10. Merchandising – Keshav Setaram

Keshav reported that they spent about \$4,200 for merchandise. The merchandise is sold to the members at cost. Keshav asked for input regarding selection of next year's merchandise.

11. Nominating – Jim Brewer

Jim presented the ballot to the members and explained it. It included the slate of Officers, Directors and one by-law change. There were no nominations from the floor.

12. Past Presidents Advisory – Jim Brewer

Jim said 15 people attended the past FAPMS presidents meeting. The committee moved to continue working with EPPC and form a liaison committee.

13. Program – Cathy Widness

Cathy had no report. Catherine Johnson reported that in order to renew a pesticide license 16 Aquatic, 8 R.O.W. and 2 Core credits for each category held will need to be attained. The FAPMS annual meeting has been approved for 2 Core, 11 Aquatic and 3.5 R.O.W. CEUs.

14. Publicity – Nancy Allen

Nancy reported that the new FAPMS brochures should be out in January. She also mentioned the web site and locations to get extra *Aquatics* magazines. The committee is working on some joint education projects with the DEP and APMS. Mail outs to the DACS aquatic applicators list have resulted in about a 10 percent new member rate.

15. Resource Demonstration – Steve Smith

Steve mentioned several items on display for the equipment demo.

16. Scholarship – Brian Nelson

Brian reported that there were 4 dependent scholarship

applications submitted this year. The committee awarded each a \$1,200 scholarship. The awardees are Carlie Hinkle, Gabriel Heidt, Carrie Ferris, and Greg Weinrub. The applicator assistance scholarship could not be awarded due to no applications submitted. Prize sponsors are as follows: Elf Atochem - 75 HP Mercury and \$250 gift certificate to Bass Pro shops, SePro – shotgun, Monsanto – GPS, Zeneca – chainsaw.

17. Vendor – Michael Owen

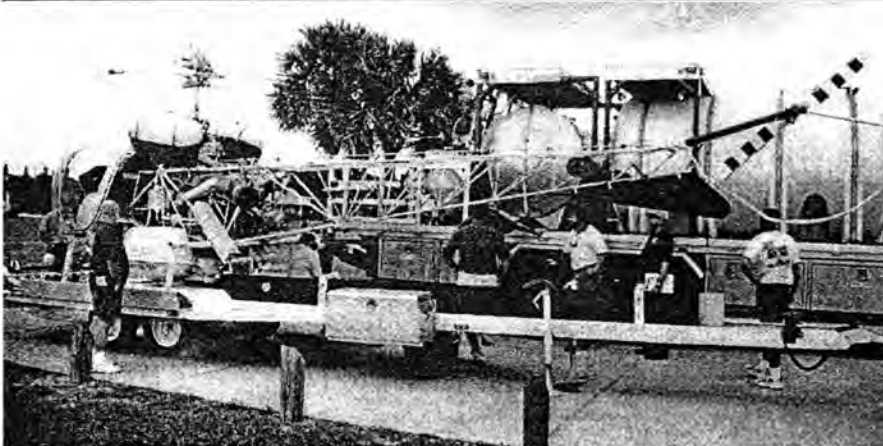
Michael reported that the vendors and corporate donations have supported over half the cost of the meeting. Michael read off the list of sponsors for the members.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

President Schardt adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.



Helicopter Applicators, Inc. displayed an impressive aerial application system and a ground support vehicle during the equipment demonstration.



Incoming president Nancy Allen presents outgoing president Jeff Schardt with a plaque in appreciation of his dedication to FAPMS.



Bill Moore of Elf Atochem, North America poses with Bobbi Jo Cromwell, winner of the grand prize Mercury 75 hp. outboard motor.

Bobbi Jo is a Lakes Management Specialist with the Osceola County Engineering Dept. and also serves as an environmental liaison to the Board of County Commissioners. She plans on buying a boat to put the Mercury motor on and fishing the Kissimmee Chain with her father. The motor was provided by Mercury Marine and sponsored by Elf Atochem, North America.

Fourth Quarter 2000 FAPMS Board of Directors' Meeting

Officers:

President	Jeff Schardt
President Elect	Nancy Allen
Past President	Jim Brewer
Secretary	Todd Olson
Treasurer	Steve Weinsier
Editor	Judy Ludlow

Directors:

Mike Baker	Dean Barber
Charles Bedard	David Farr
Keith Andreu	Michael Owen
Scott Glasscock	PJ Myers
Dave Sutton	
Absent: Dean Barber	

Guests: Terry Sullivan, Charles Ashton, Steve Montgomery, Jennifer Bustos, Mark Weinrub, Arnold Millstein

Location: Holiday Inn, 1300 N. Atlantic Blvd. Cocoa Beach, FL

Date and Time: October 2, 2000 at 4:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Schardt called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL AND MINUTES

Todd Olson took the roll and President Schardt declared a quorum. President Schardt asked if anyone had any deletions, omissions, or modifications to the minutes of the third quarter 2000 Board of Directors' meeting. No changes were made and the minutes for the third quarter 2000 Board of Directors' Meeting passed unanimously.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Two pieces of correspondence were discussed. The first correspondence was a letter from the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation requesting a \$2,000.00 donation from the FAPMS to the AERF. President Schardt mentioned that he talked to the

FAPMS scholarship foundation chairperson Brian Nelson and in the future AERF may be more appropriate to contact them with requests for assistance. President Schardt forwarded the information to the FAPMS Scholarship Foundation for their consideration. The second piece of correspondence was a September 8, 2000 letter from AERF requesting membership dues of \$250.00. President Schardt suggested the board discuss this under new business.

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V. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Todd Olson

Todd reported that seven vendors have sent checks to place their business cards in the newsletter.

VI. EDITOR'S REPORT – Judy Ludlow

Judy asked for more pictures showing operations. . A motion was made to accept the treasurer's, secretary's and editor's reports, it received a second and passed unanimously.

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2. Auditing – Rebecca Gubert

Rebecca said she reviewed the paper work from Steve Weinsier and it appeared to be in order.

3. Awards – Jennifer Myers

The board discussed the Applicator paper judging process and who would hand out the various awards. A motion was made to award the Aquatic Plant

Manager of the Year a \$250.00 check (whether it be a person or a team) and it passed to be initiated immediately. The board recognized Mercury Marine, Bill Moore with Elf Atochem, and Scott Glasscock for their support and effort toward the grand prize at this year's meeting. The grand prize is a 75 horsepower Mercury outboard.

4. By-laws – Stephanie McCarty

Stephanie discussed some proposed by-law changes for discussion. President Schardt asked the board to table the topic until the next board meeting.

5. Financial – Jeff Schardt

President Schardt reported that the financial committee voted to award each out going board member a plaque.

6. Government Affairs – Don Doggett

Don reported that he brought pictures of the Governor's reception last January for the membership to view. He also summarized his written report.

7. Historical – Catherine Johnson

Catherine reported that the second historical article would be published in the next *Aquatics* magazine.

8. Local Arrangements – David Farr

Jackie reported some people did not make their reservation before the deadline and could not get a room at the Holiday Inn. David reported the site for the 2001 FAPMS annual meeting (Sheraton Four Points Tampa East) is under contract. He is still searching for hotels to have the 2002 and 2003 FAPMS annual meetings. Two hotels under consideration for 2002 are the Adam's Mark in Daytona Beach and the Amtel (formerly Sheraton) in Fort Myers. David will have a list of hotels to consider for the 2002 annual meeting by the next board meeting.

9. Mailing List – Jackie Smith

Jackie had no report to give.

10. Merchandising – Keshav Setaram

Catherine reported for Keshav that they spent about \$4,000 for merchandise. She also discussed new merchandise such as straw hats, ladies tops, and

button down shirts.

11. Nominating – Jim Brewer

Jim presented the ballot to the board. It includes the slate of Officers, Directors and one by-law change. The ballots will be distributed and collected at the annual business meeting with the results announced at the banquet.

12. Past Presidents Advisory – Jim Brewer

Jim mentioned the meeting for the past FAPMS presidents was the next morning with the FAPMS Scholarship meeting to follow. Brewer International will sponsor the breakfast.

13. Program – Cathy Widness

Cathy reported that there will be 13 outreach papers, 17 operations papers and 18 product updates. The CEU forms will be handed out at the end of the business meeting.

14. Publicity – Nancy Allen

Nancy made a motion to spend up to \$1500 to produce 5,000 FAPMS brochures. The motion was seconded and passed. President Schardt mentioned the DEP was working on handouts for the public and should be finished within a year.

15. Resource Demonstration – Steve Smith

No report was given.

16. Scholarship – Brian Nelson

Brian reviewed the scholarships handed out this year and mentioned the lack of participation for the applicator assistance scholarship this year.

17. Vendor – Michael Owen

Michael reported that the vendors and corporate donations have supported over half the cost of the meeting. Michael read off the list of sponsors for the board. The golf tournament finished just before the board meeting and nineteen people attended.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

President Schardt referred to the letter of correspondence mentioned earlier and asked the

board if they would like to be a member of the AERF for \$250.00. The board decided to table the topic until the next meeting in January.

ADJOURNMENT

President Schardt adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m. The next Board meeting will be at the Army Corps of Engineers office in Palatka, FL at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday January 24th, 2001.



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Receipt requested from FAPMS? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Seven Applicator Papers Presented in Cocoa Beach

Applicator paper topics included invasive plant control, container disposal, aquascaping, waterway management and biological control. The papers presented by applicators contained important information, observations, and techniques to further advance our profession. The following applicators received plaques for presenting papers at the 24th FAPMS Annual Meeting: Greg McDonald, James Schultz, Dawn Hill, Michael Jenkins, Steve Montgomery, and a team comprised of David Garib and Bob Jenkins. Brian Finder with Polk County Natural Resources received a plaque and a \$100 check for presenting the best applicator paper titled "Down with Downy Rose Myrtle".

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AQUATIC PLANT SHORT COURSE

An aquatic plant short course will be held in Fort Myers, Florida, January 17-18, 2001. CEUs will be offered as well as the examination. The short-course will be sponsored by FAPMS, IFAS, and Lee County Hyacinth Control District. For more information, call Don Doggett at 941-694-2174.



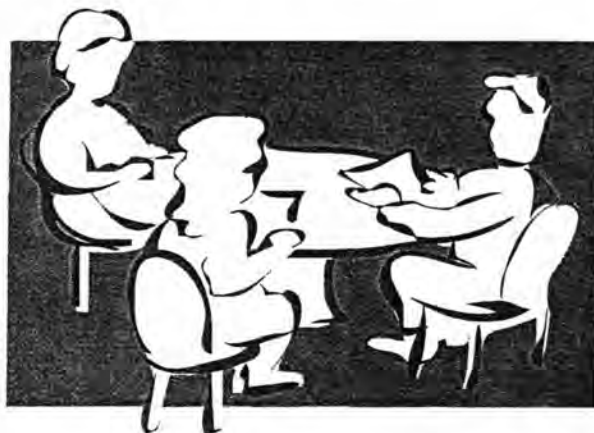
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The Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society is currently developing a web site to provide a forum for our members and everyone who is concerned about Florida's aquatic ecosystems. Visit our site at <http://www.homestead.com/fapms/main.html>. Please forward any comments and/or input to either the e-mail link on the web site or to fapms@hotmail.com. *Editor's note:* Steve Smith has done a marvelous job getting the site launched. Please get involved and make this web site another program FAPMS members can be proud of.



HELP WANTED

FAPMS has several openings for committee members of OUR Society. Desirable traits include; sincerity, creativity, and a sense of humor. Compensation and benefit package consists of working with other leaders in the plant management profession striving to conquer weeds. Interested parties need to contact the appropriate Committee Chair as soon as possible. The Committee Chairs and phone numbers are listed on the back page of this newsletter.



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Please note: if you need to change, correct, or check on your membership, please call Jackie Smith at 561-791-4720.

Upcoming Meetings

January 17-18, 2001
 Aquatic Plant Short Course
 Fort Myers, Florida
 Don Doggett 941-694-2174

January 24, 2001 10:00 AM
 FAPMS 1st Quarter Board Meeting
 USACE office Palatka, Florida
 Todd Olson 561-845-5525

May 13-18, 2001
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