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## WELCOME TO APIRS !

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For those of you unfamiliar with APIRS, we are the Aquatic, Wetland and Invasive Plant Information Retrieval System. Started about 20 years ago, APIRS is a computerized database of the scientific literature on aquatic plants. We originally were just the *Aquatic Plant Information Retrieval System*, designed to collect information on controlling aquatic weeds, primarily to aid developing countries. We soon added the collection of wetland, salt marsh and seagrass plant literature, and, most recently, we have started collecting the literature on invasive exotic upland plants here in Florida. We compile these publications into a fully searchable, bibliographic database of annotated citations that can be used by anyone with access to the Internet. You can go online through our website to search the database, or request searches from APIRS staff.

The APIRS database now contains over 55,000 citations. In fact, to our knowledge, we have the largest database of literature on these specific topics in the world. Essentially, APIRS is a library devoted to this seemingly narrow topic. The difference between APIRS and most other libraries is that they subscribe to a broad range of journals and leave it to you to find the articles specific to your area of research. We collect individual articles (reprints),

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Since our original mission was to collect literature on aquatic weeds, that is still the strongest area of our collection. We have over 1,000 publications that have *Hydrilla* in the title, and over 3,000 publications on *Hydrilla* in all. For *Eichhornia crassipes* or water hyacinth, we have almost 2,000 items where the species name occurs in the title, and over 4,000 on *Eichhornia* in all. We have 130 documents with *Salvinia molesta* in the title, and 440 on this species in all; 74 references on its control; and 55 on *Salvinia* and the beetle that eats it, *Cyrtobagous salviniae*. Again, these are just a few examples. We have publications on literally hundreds of species of plants.

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# Fourth Quarter 2001 FAPMS Board of Directors' Meeting

## Officers:

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

## Directors:

Mike Baker	Dean Barber
Charles Bedard	David Farr
Catherine Johnson	Bill Moore
Scott Glasscock	PJ Myers
Dave Sutton	

**Absent:** Judy Ludlow, Mike Baker, Dean Barber, Scott Glasscock.

**Guests:** Vernon Vandiver, Ken Langeland, Bill Haller, Dean Jones, Don Doggett, Joe Joyce

**Location:** Adam's Mark Resort and Hotel 100 N. Atlantic Ave. Daytona Beach, FL 32118

**Date and Time:** October 15, 2001 at 4:00 p.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

President Allen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

## II. ROLL CALL AND MINUTES

Todd Olson took the roll and President Allen declared a quorum. President Allen asked if anyone had any deletions, omissions, or modifications to the minutes of the third quarter 2001 Board of Directors' meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes for the third

quarter 2001 Board of Directors' Meeting and it passed unanimously.

## III. CORRESPONDENCE

President Allen mentioned a letter written by Ken Langeland to Dale Dubberly, Chief of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. She asked the board to read the letter and be prepared to vote in New Business if FAPMS will endorse it. President Allen read a letter from a student in Alabama inquiring about FAPMS. Todd will send information to her about FAPMS.

## IV. TREASURER'S REPORT – Steve Weinsier

Steve reported that his draft balance sheet ending October 15, 2001 showed that the Society's current assets were \$66,926.98 and liabilities at \$0.00. A breakdown of the total assets included a Nations Bank checking balance of \$34,815.79, and a Nations Bank savings account balance of \$5,834.44, Nations Bank CD account balance of approximately \$10,066.63, \$12,974.53 in the Strong Money Market Fund, and \$3,235.59 in inventory.

## V. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Todd Olson

Todd had no report.

## VI. EDITOR'S REPORT – Judy Ludlow

John Rodgers reported for Judy that she still needs photographs for "Aquatics" magazine. John Rodgers made a motion to accept the treasurer's, secretary's and editor's reports. It received a second by Steve Weinsier and passed unanimously.

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Advisory –

No report was given.

### 2. Auditing – Rebecca Gubert

President Allen read Rebecca's report that said there were no discrepancies found and all documents appear to be in order.

### 3. Awards – Nick Schooley

Nick Schooley reported that the prize sponsors are as follows: Cerexagi – boat, motor and trailer package and \$250 gift certificate to Cabelas, Syngenta – Fishing rod and reel, SePro – shotgun, Monsanto –

Nikon binoculars.

#### **4. By-Laws – Stephanie McCarty**

Jeff Schardt passed copies of the ballot with the by-laws changes for the board to inspect.

#### **5. Financial – Nancy Allen**

President Allen reported that the committee voted to purchase a wireless microphone for FAPMS events.

#### **6. Government Affairs – Keshav Setaram**

Jeff reported that the state would be entering budget cut hearings on October 22, 2001. Ken Langeland addressed the board to gain endorsement by FAPMS for a letter to Dale Dubberly, Chief of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services concerning a request for exemption from 5E-2.033 (FAC) "Organo-Auxin Herbicides: Restrictions and Prohibitions" for use in non agricultural herbicide applications. The board voted in favor of the endorsing the letter to Chief Dubberly and it will be signed by the FAPMS president.

#### **7. Historical – Catherine Johnson**

Catherine reported that she is working on the next installment for the "Aquatics" magazine.

#### **8. Local Arrangements – David Farr**

David reported that the staff members at the Adam's Mark were very helpful. He also mentioned that he would have hotel choices for the 2002 annual meeting to vote on at the next board meeting.

#### **9. Mailing List – Jackie Smith**

No report was given.

#### **10. Merchandising – Jeff Holland**

Jeff reported that he was set up to sell merchandise by the registration area.

#### **11. Nominating – Jeff Schardt**

Jeff presented a slate of candidates (ballot) for the board to inspect as follows: President Elect - P.J. Myers, Secretary - Todd Olson, Treasurer – Rebecca Gubert, Editor – Judy Ludlow, Directors-at-Large (Membership will select three of five), Jim Cuda, Rue Hestand, Dean Jones, Vicki Pontius, Steve Smith.

#### **12. Past President's Advisory – Jeff Schardt**

Jeff had no report to give.

#### **13. Program – Vicki Pontius and Bruce Burley**

Vicki shared a few insights with the board about developing the program this year.

#### **14. Publicity – John Rodgers**

John reported that the half of the FAPMS booth was in bad shape and should be disposed of. John presented some new pictures for the booth to the

board. He also brought an idea to the board about adding a special section or edition of "Aquatics" pertaining to revegetation.

#### **15. Resource Demonstration – Christine Bauer**

Christine mentioned several items on display for the resource demo.

#### **16. Scholarship – Brian Nelson**

Brian reported that there were 5 dependent scholarship applications submitted this year. The committee awarded each a \$1,000 scholarship. The awardees are Chance Hulon, Melanie Hinkle, Amber Schooley, Sommer Schooley and Greg Weinrub. The Scholarship foundation also sent \$1,000 to the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation for scholarship awards. Brian requested the FAPMS board reconsider its decision to no longer contribute funds to the FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation. After a lengthy discussion the board voted 9 - 1 to donate \$1,250 this year.

#### **17. Vendor – Lonnie Pell**

Lonnie reported that 25 to 30 vendors had already submitted their sponsor donations. He also mentioned that the sponsorship levels should be discussed and recommended changes before next year.

### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Allen adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held the week of January 14-17, 2002 at a site to be announced. Directions will be sent in the next board book.

## 2001 FAPMS Annual Meeting Winners of Events

**Vendor:** Cerexagri

**Fishing Tournament**

**Gamefish Category:** Henry James

**Trashfish Category:** Jesse Dreese

**Golf Tournament:** Paul Mason, Dan McMillan, Pete Ponder, Craig Smith

**Applicator Paper:** Dave Murray, DEP Aquatic Preserves, Sanford "Integrated Techniques for Hydrilla Control in Central Florida Springs"

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# **2001 FAPMS Annual Business Meeting**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Allen called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. on October 17, 2001.

## **II. MINUTES**

President Allen asked if anyone had any deletions, omissions, or modifications to the minutes of the 2000 Annual Business meeting. No changes were made and the minutes for the 2000 Annual Business Meeting passed unanimously.

## **III. TREASURER'S REPORT – Steve Weinsier**

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## **IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Todd Olson**

Todd had no report.

## **V. EDITOR'S REPORT – Judy Ludlow**

President Allen reported for Judy and 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.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. Advisory –**

No report was given.

### **2. Auditing – Rebecca Gubert**

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

### **3. Awards – Nick Schooley**

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

### **4. By-Laws – Stephanie McCarty**

Stephanie explained the by-law revisions for the general membership to vote on.

#### **5. Financial – Nancy Allen**

President Allen reported that the financial committee approved the purchase of a cordless microphone to be used at FAPMS Annual Meetings.

#### **6. Government Affairs – Keshav Setaram**

Keshav had no report.

#### **7. Historical – Catherine Johnson**

Catherine had no report.

#### **8. Local Arrangements – David Farr**

David welcomed everyone to the Adam's Mark and remarked about how helpful the staff had been.

#### **9. Mailing List – Jackie Smith**

Jackie reported that FAPMS currently has 517 members.

#### **10. Merchandising – Jeff Holland**

Jeff had no report.

#### **11. Nominating – Jeff Schardt**

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

#### **12. Past President's Advisory – Jeff Schardt**

Jeff had no report

#### **13. Program – Bruce Burley**

Bruce thanked the applicators that presented papers.

#### **14. Publicity – John Rodgers**

John presented the new FAPMS website name that is [www.fapms.org](http://www.fapms.org), and thanked John Lane for his effort updating the site. John invited the members to look at the FAPMS booth in the exhibitor room and to sign up for committees.

#### **15. Resource Demonstration – Christine Bauer**

Christine mentioned several items on display for the resource demo.

#### **16. Scholarship – Brian Nelson**

Brian reported that there were 5 dependent scholarship applications submitted this year. The committee awarded each a \$1,000 scholarship. The awardees are Chance Hulon, Melanie Hinkle, Amber Schooley, Sommer Schooley and Greg Weinrub. Prize sponsors are as follows: Cerexagri – boat, motor and trailer package and \$250 gift certificate to Cabelas, Syngenta – Fishing rod and reel, SePro – shotgun, Monsanto – Nikon binoculars.

#### **17. Vendor – Lonnie Pell**

Lonnie thanked the vendors and corporations for their donations. Lonnie read off the list of sponsors for the members.

### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Allen adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

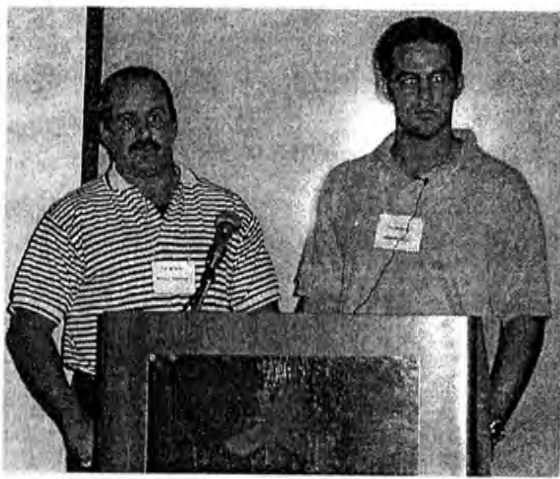
## **Aquatic Plant Manager of the Year**

William L. Smith was honored at the FAPMS banquet as the "Aquatic Plant Manager of the Year." He works with the United States Army Corps of Engineers at the Palatka office. Lynn has 28 years of aquatic plant management experience and has been a FAPMS member for 15 years. He has participated in herbicide, mechanical and bio control methods of plant control that include harvester operation and alligator weed flea beetle collection and release. Lynn has conducted research with other U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff and Dr. Joe Joyce with the University of Florida. He has towed in stranded boats and rescued two canoers and a heart attack victim.

## **The NEW FAPMS Web Site Is Up!**

The new FAPMS website is active and has received a facelift! Please visit the site at [www.fapms.org](http://www.fapms.org) and check it out. It has information about meetings and board member information as well as some neat pictures.







## FAPMS 2001 President

We made it through another year, amazing! I wanted to thank every one of you personally, for making this year a success. I have heard comments about this year's annual meeting such as, "the best ever," "wonderful food," "great facilities," "terrific programs," "nice prizes," "cool bikes" and on, and on. I hope you enjoyed the conference and if you have any suggestions for future years, please don't hesitate to let me know.

We are one of the few societies left that actually use volunteers and do not have paid positions to run our activities and publications. Its unbelievable how much time, effort and money, everyone has put into their society without expecting anything in return.

So I want to thank you for your contributions which in turn made my Presidency so memorable and rewarding. I appreciate every minute that you put into the committees, board meeting, publications, exhibits, conference, etc. I know how much work is involved, because I've been in most of your shoes over the years.

Those who attend our annual conference are one of the main reasons for our establishment. To provide the opportunity to learn, share, promote the aquatics industry and enjoy ourselves, that's what it's all about. Thank you for coming out to the meeting this year, especially during such trying times for our country.

I was honored with representing FAPMS in our 25th Year and even more honored to network with this year's group of dedicated, professional, proud and fun people like you. Please continue to stay involved and next year, bring someone you know into the society activities. They don't know what they're missing.

With Deepest Regards,

Nancy P. Allen  
FAPMS President 2001

## FAPMS 2002 President

As the Society's President, I hope to be able to communicate with as many members as possible about the activities of our organization. I believe the FAPMS' Board represents a good cross section of our members; that is, a combination of commercial applicators, herbicide representatives, and state, county and water management district's employees. This is preferable since the Board is responsible for making decisions that may have an effect on state funding, aquatic plant control permitting, or the usage of a particular herbicide.

A priority discussion during the first Board meeting in January will be to select a suitable hotel for the 2002 annual meeting. This is not an easy task. We would like to have a nice, large hotel that has at least 250 rooms and offers a room rate of no more than \$85 per night. This hotel has to have a conference room, preferably with a 12-foot ceiling, that can accommodate up to 400 people. It must be able to host a banquet, but at a reasonable cost. The cost for a buffet style meal now averages about \$31 per person.

The hotel must have a room for the 25-30 vendors to set up their displays and a room/hallway for the FAPMS registration/merchandising desk. Both of these rooms must be able to be securely locked at night. Members also prefer to have a hotel in a safe location surrounded by restaurants that one can walk to and entertainment places to visit at night. In addition, this year we plan to have an equipment demonstration, which means we have to have an area close to the hotel that has the capacity for this event and provide safe storage. Now, combine all of this and at the same time keep down registration cost and membership dues. David Farr has worked diligently on this committee the past several years and we are thankful for his work.

Other topics or goals will be ideas on how to increase membership since our numbers have leveled off. Also, I would like more people to express their opinions on the activities of the Society. For example, one person told me that he thought that we should give away a fishing pole and/or tackle box to the winner of the fishing tournament. That is a very good suggestion. Everything can be improved upon, but how can we if nobody contacts the Board with suggestions. We want to hear from you!

Everyone is welcome to attend the board meetings and it's a good way for anyone who has never volunteered to be on a committee to learn the workings of the Society. Most meetings start at 10 am and last from 2 to 3 hours. Please call me at 813-744-6163/6164 or email me at [john.rodgers@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:john.rodgers@dep.state.fl.us) if you have a concern, suggestion, or question.

John A. Rodgers  
FAPMS President 2002



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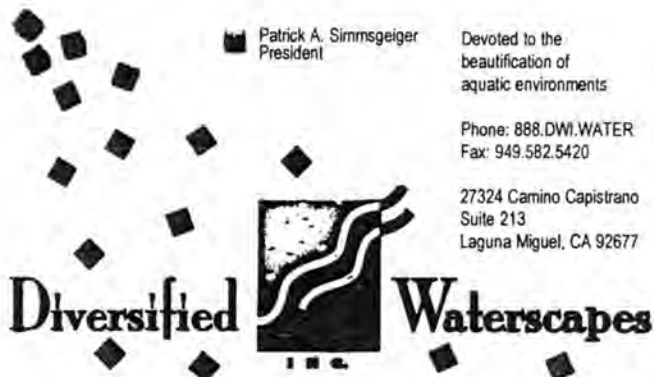
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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**January 16, 2002**

FAPMS 1st Quarter Board Meeting, 10 a.m.

Location: Tampa Doubletree Hotel

Todd Olson 561-845-5525

**May 19-24, 2002**

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