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SECOND QUARTER, 2003 NEWSLETTER

## APMS/AERF GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS A GREAT SUCCESS!

by Kurt Getsinger

Several years ago, a group of concerned individuals recognized that declining R&D budgets were resulting in a paucity of students trained in aquatic plant management. Without at least a trickle of such trained professionals – for employment in operations, research, industry, and regulatory positions – the future of our field could be in jeopardy. The group decided that if our limited resources could be pooled to provide an adequate source of funds for graduate education – similar to what might be offered in the disciplines of agriculture or engineering – we might attract some interest from university faculty.

Therefore, in an effort to recruit promising students into the aquatic plant sciences, the APMS and the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation (AERF) collaborated to offer two competitive graduate assistantships. Funds were provided by the AERF, the APMS - and its regional chapters (FAPMS, MSAPMS, MATMS. NEAPMS. SCAPMS, TAPMS, and WAPMS) - to generate enough resources for substantial stipends - \$34,000 in 1999 and \$40,000 in 2001. These assistantships have been supporting full-time graduate students conducting research in aquatic herbicides, algicides, and aquatic ecology related to management of nuisance vegetation.

Investigators from eight institutions across the country (Auburn, Florida, Maryland, Michigan State, North Texas, Washington, Washington State, and Woods Hole) submitted proposals for consideration.

All of the proposals were subjected to careful review and evaluation by an expert panel of judges representing all aspects of aquatic plant management. From the outset, the goals of this project were to provide an adequate funding base to competitively recruit and train new students in aquatic plant sciences, with the desire of placing them in aquatic management related professional positions. We are pleased to report that through the cooperation of the funding partners and others, these goals are being met.

The first stipend was awarded to Dr. Mary Bremigan, Michigan State University, for her work entitled, The indirect effects of Sonar application on lake food webs. Two masters-level students were supported by this work: Ray Valley, currently with Minnesota DNR Fisheries; and Steve Hanson, now employed with Professional Lake Management (MI). In addition, several manuscripts based on the results of their research have been published in peer-reviewed journals.

The second stipend was awarded to Dr. Katia Engelhardt, University of Maryland, for her work entitled, Controlling non-native submersed aquatic macrophyte species in Maryland reservoirs: Plant competition meditated by selective control. Mr. Todd Chadwell is being supported by this stipend, as he is working toward an MS degree.

Thanks and congratulations to the AERF, the APMS, the regional chapters, and the judges for making this project a great success!

# ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

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# Second Quarter 2003 FAPMS Board of Directors Meeting

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Secretary Angie Huebner
Treasurer David Farr
Editor Judy Ludlow

Directors:

Mike Baker Bill Moore Todd Olson Christine Bauer

Catherine Johnson Jim Cuda

Chance DuBose

Absent: Steve Smith, John Rodgers, Judy Ludlow, Vicki Pontius

Guests: Jeff Schardt and Jennifer Bustos-Fitz

Location: Adams Mark Hotel and Resort, 225 Coast Line Drive East, Jacksonville, Florida Date and Time: April 16, 2003 10:00a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Myers called the meeting to order at 10:08a.m.

## II. ROLL CALL AND MINUTES

Angie Huebner took the roll and President Myers declared a quorum. President Myers asked if there were any deletions, omissions, or modifications that should be made to the first quarter 2003 meeting minutes. Jim Cuda noted an error in a sentence in the Financial Committee Report. The sentence in the report stated, "President Myers stated the financial committee shall consist of the president, presidentelect, secretary, treasurer and the president shall appoint to board of directors." The sentence should state, "President Myers stated the financial committee shall consist of the president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer and the president shall appoint two board of directors." There were also two formatting errors, 10. Merchandising - Jennifer Myers and 11. Nominating - John Rodgers were not in bold type. John Rodgers sent an email to Angie Huebner regarding a motion that was made in the program section. The minutes stated, "Steve Weinsier made a motion to award the 1st place applicator paper \$300 and every participant will receive a plaque. The motion received a second and the motion passed unanimously." The minutes should have stated, "The motion received a second and the motion was passed with a majority vote." Todd Olson made a motion to accept the minutes with the aforementioned changes and Steve Weinsier seconded the motion. The amended minutes for the first quarter 2003 Board of Directors' Meeting passed unanimously.

#### III. CORRESPONDENCE

President Myers submitted two newspaper articles and a letter for review. The newspaper articles submitted included, "House budget cut threatens weed control," written by Steven N. Levine and printed in the Winter Haven News Chief on April 9, 2003 and, "Funds to Control Pests in Danger," written by Tom Palmer and printed in The Ledger on April 11, 2003. President Myers submitted a letter he wrote to the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the House budget position on Invasive Plant Management. The letter was sent to the Florida State House and Senate members. A list of the members was attached to the letter. President Myers stated at 10:45 the board will have a conference call with Chris Doolin who is a lobbyist in Tallahassee. Mr. Doolin will give a brief update regarding the budget.

#### IV. TREASURER'S REPORT - David Fart

David Farr reported all sales tax has been paid. Taxes for 2000 and 2001 were more than originally calculated. Taxes were originally calculated for a different county than for the county in which FAPMS has the tax ID number. The total for 2000 was \$73.40. The total for 2001 was \$50.12. The total sales tax for 2002 was \$100.07. The First Quarter Treasurer's Report dated April 15, 2003 indicated the Society's assets are \$33,228.30 with no liabilities. A breakdown of the total assets is as follows: checking - \$4,006.51, savings - \$15, 902.74, Strong Money Market - \$13,319.05. The CD balance (\$10,001.35) was transferred to savings on 1/14/03. The interest from the CD, \$112.84, was automatically transferred to the checking account on 1/10/03. The Society now has a new FedEx account. David ordered a Visa check/debit card which he anticipates will reduce the amount of paperwork currently being completed. He suggested raising the annual conference registration

to help cover conference costs. The estimated cost per person for the conference is \$120 based on last year's expenses and 350 attendees. There was some discussion about raising the registration fees for year 2003. President Myers stated this issue will be further discussed in new business. David researched various types of software and determined to utilize the system currently in place. Currently the Society is paying 8.95% for credit card services. This rate is high and other services will be investigated to determine if it is feasible to change credit services. Jim Cuda made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Bill Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## V. SECRETARY'S REPORT - Angie Huebner

Angie Huebner reported the 1st quarter newsletter was sent out on Friday April 11, 2003. Mike Baker made a motion to accept the secretary's report and Jim Cuda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## VI. EDITOR'S REPORT - Judy Ludlow

No Report was given. Jim Cuda commented he is working on an article for Aquatics.

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

## 1. Advisory

No report was given.

## 2. Auditing - Steve Weinsier

Steve Weinsier suggested to David Farr to call Michael Bats to discuss tax preparation and consultation fees.

- 3. Awards Scott Glasscock
  - No Report was given.
- 4. By-Laws PJ Myers

No Report was given.

## 5. Financial - Steve Weinsier

No report was given.

#### 6. Governmental Affairs - PJ Myers

A conference call was conducted with Chris Doolin in order to receive an update on the position of the House for funding Invasive Plant Management. Before the update, Chris thanked the directors for the award he was presented by the Society. Chris updated the board about the position of the House and Senate regarding Invasive Plant Management. The position of the Senate is to keep funding levels the same as previous years. The position of the House is to reduce dedicated funding by \$20 million. The position of the House is to have every program compete for funding every year. Funding would be allo-

cated from general revenue versus dedicated funding. There are two weeks remaining in this legislative session and there will probably be no action until after Easter. Chris informed the board now is the time to address concerns regarding the House's proposed budget. Letters and phone calls should be made to inform members of the House and Senate about the impacts that will occur to the states natural resources if funding is cut for Invasive Plant Management. He encouraged the group to inform local officials about the House's position and get them involved. President Myers thanked Chris Doolin for the update and the conference call was ended. After the update, there was a discussion about how members of the board can get involved. Christine Bauer suggested writing news releases and placing them in newspapers around the state. She also suggested attaching historical photographs. This item was discussed and members of the board will complete a news release and send it to various newspapers.

## 8. Local Arrangements - Bill Torres

Bill Torres reported the committee is still investigating sites for the 2004 conference. The board discussed several options for conference sites including Jacksonville and Deerfield Beach. Hotels may require a two year commitment from the Society. A suggestion was made to alternate meeting locations if the hotels require a two year commitment. There was a discussion regarding how to increase meeting attendance. It was suggested to make some changes in the program or to change the meeting location. The board discussed completing a poll at the 2003 conference to determine if current attendees would attend the conference if it were held at a location in south Florida. The board decided further site investigation may be required in order to make a decision about the location for the 2004 conference. A decision will be made at the third quarter board meeting. A tour of the Jacksonville Adam's Mark Hotel will be completed today following the meeting.

## 9. Mailing List - Jackie Smith

No report was given.

## Merchandising – Jennifer Myers

Jennifer Myers reported she acquired prices for new merchandise: plastic license plates - \$3.65; pocketknives - \$3.95; jackets with embroidered logo/ name - \$31.00 / \$32.00. She also reported there are several items in the merchandise inventory including sunglasses, watchbands and collared shirts. Jim Cuda suggested creating a new T-shirt design. Jennifer requested a budget for purchasing new merchandise. There was a discussion regarding an amount for purchasing merchandise. Steve Weinsier made a motion to spend up to \$2500 for merchandise and the motion received a second from Todd Olson and the motion passed unanimously. There was a discussion regarding the costs associated with purchasing new merchandise. Todd Olson made a motion to place a 10% markup on all merchandise and the motion received a second from Steve Weinsier and the motion passed unanimously.

## 11. Nominating - John Rodgers

John Rodgers sent an email about a hypothetical situation concerning nominating a representative of a company for a board of directors position. The ABC Chemical Company is a diamond level sponsor and has sponsored the annual training conference for three years therefore the company is entitled to two memberships. However, a representative from the company has not been designated as a member of John's question to the board, "Can we FAPMS. nominate a company representative as a director based on ABC Chemical Company's unnamed membership?" The board discussed this issue and determined according to the Society's by-laws, a representative from the company cannot be nominated as a director based on the 3-year membership criterion required for an individual to be a director or officer. In this case, the Society would request two company representatives to be designated for FAPMS membership. John also noted the sponsorship form does not include information requesting a company representative for membership. To prevent this situation from occurring, the sponsorship form will be amended to include a request for a representative from sponsors for membership.

## 12. Past President's Advisory - John Rodgers

John Rodgers sent an email requesting assistance/ suggestions for nominating a field applicator for a position on the board. He requested anyone with suggestions to send him an email. Jeff Schardt will assist John with this issue.

## 13. Program - Vicki Pontius

No report was given.

## 14. Membership and Publicity - Steve Weinsier

Lonnie Pell and Steve Weinsier have been researching ways to increase FAPMS membership. A suggestion was made to place a FAMPS advertisement in the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's Wildland Weeds. David Farr suggested exchanging advertisement with FLEEPC in Wildland Weeds for advertisement in FAPMS's Aquatics. Steve Weinsier will contact Judy to determine if this is possible.

## 15. Resource Demonstration - Trace Wolfe

No report was given. David Farr suggested having Maynord Cox complete a demonstration about venomous snakes. Steve Weinsier suggested having Bill Kerns with the University of Florida complete a demonstration about venomous insects.

## 16. Scholarship - Don Doggett

No report was given. President Myers commented an additional person is needed for the scholarship evaluation committee. The term for this position is for three years and three people serve on the evaluation committee. President Myers asked for a volunteer to serve on the committee. Jim Cuda volunteered to serve on the scholarship evaluation committee.

## 17. Vendor - Lonnie Pell

No Report was given.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

President Myers mentioned the check for the APMS elementary education packets had not been paid due to problems with David Farr not being able to write checks for the Society. This problem has been resolved and David will issue the \$2,500 check for the education packets.

David updated the Treasurer's report for the Strong Money Market which is currently \$13,344.89.

At the 1st quarter board meeting, the board discussed the Society becoming a member of AERF and it was determined that more information was needed in order to make a decision. President Myers sent an email to everyone with information regarding AERF. Based on the information, President Myers recommended the Society become a member of AERF. Steve Weinsier made a motion for the Society to become a member of AERF, the motion received a second from Todd Olson and the motion passed unanimously.

### IX. NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the need to increase conference registration in order to assist with covering conference costs. David Farr estimated the cost per person for attending the conference last year was approximately \$120 per person. Last year the conference registration was \$60 for pre-registration and \$75 for registration at the door. There was a lengthy discussion about the cost for the conference registration. Steve Weinsier made a motion to change pre-registration to \$75 and registration at the door to \$100. The motion received a second from Catherine Johnson and the motion passed with a majority vote.

Lonnie Pell addressed the board regarding two issues, 1) private applicator insurance costs increasing and, 2) increasing private applicator license standards. Several private applicators have approached Lonnie requesting the Society's support regarding these issues. There were several suggestions regard-Steve Weinsier suggested that ing these issues. clearly defining job duties of applicators may aid insurance companies with classifying the job for insurance purposes and thereby reduce insurance costs. Catherine Johnson suggested using a checklist for applicators that identifies job duties and equipment utilized to perform those duties. David Farr suggested submitting training certificates/training hours to insurance companies that address high risk work items in order to help reduce insurance costs. David also suggested contacting DACS to determine if standards can be increased for acquiring a private applica-After further discussion, it was tor license. determined that more information is required regarding these issues in order for the board to determine the level of support that will be provided and the position of the Society.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mike Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion received a second from Todd Olson. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held at the US Army Corps of Engineers Office in Clewiston, Florida on July 1, 2003. The next meeting site and date may change if the board determines it is necessary to investigate sites for the 2004 annual training conference.

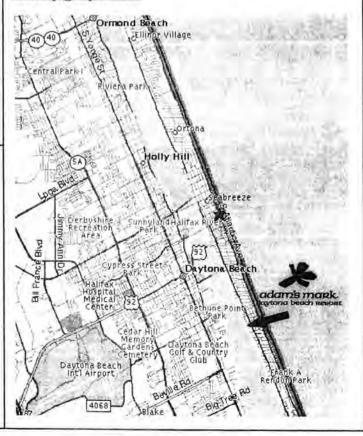
Several members of the board toured the Jacksonville Adam's Mark after the meeting.

## RESOURCE DEMONSTRATION

Check out the Resource Demonstration at the FAPMS 27th Annual Training Conference. The committee is planning some interesting programs for the demonstration this year. Possible demonstrations include plant identification, venomous insects, GIS technology and identification of various types of snakes. Contact Trace Wolf by phone at 386-409-0019 or by email at tracew@aol.com if you are interested in completing a demonstration.

## Announcing the FAPMS 27th Annual Training Conference!

It's time to fill out pre-registration forms and make your reservations for the FAPMS 27th Annual Training Conference. The conference will be at held at the Adam's Mark Hotel and Resort at Daytona Beach. October 14-16, 2003. The Adam's Mark is located at 100 North Atlantic Avenue near the boardwalk, pier and Main Street. Every room has an ocean view and inside hallways to access the rooms. The room rate is \$79 per night and the Adam's Mark offers valet parking on-site or free parking in the lot across the street for hotel guests. There are restaurants in the hotel and many more within walking distance. Call the Adam's Mark at 386-254-8200 to make reservations. Be sure to tell them you will be attending the FAPMS Conference to ensure you receive the special rate. If you have questions regarding local arrangements, please contact Bill Torres by phone at 850-245-2809 or by email at william.torres@dep.state.fl.us. Vendors with questions please contact Lonnie Pell by 321-636-2617 email phone or lonniep@sepro.com.





## Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society

## **27th Annual Training Conference**

## Registration / Membership Form

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## FLORIDA AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

## **AQUATIC PLANT MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

## **Application Information**

### PURPOSE: This award is designed:

- 1) To provide a means to recognize outstanding achievements in aquatic plant management field activities.
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#### ELIGIBILITY: Award nominees must be:

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#### NOMINATION PROCESS:

- 1) Any active FAPMS member may nominate any individual or team for the award. If a team is being nominated, fill out a separate form for each individual. Staple the forms together and write TEAM on the top copy.
- 2) Nomination should be submitted by filling out the attached Standard Nomination Form only.
- 3) Nomination and/or questions should be addressed to: Scott Glasscock, Walt Disney World, Inc., P.O. Box 1000, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830, phone (407) 824-7210, fax (407) 824-7054.

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# FLORIDA AQUATIC MANAGEMENT SOCIETY AQUATIC PLANT MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Standard Nomination Form

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3. Mechanical Control Experience: ( years and experience of equipment used)	
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11. Contributions to the Aquatic Field: (above and beyond the call of duty)	
12. FAPMS activity contributions: (offices held, programs worked with)	
Nomination MUST adhere to spaces allowed	d for uniform evaluation.

Application extending BEYOND this form will NOT be considered.

## FINAL CALL FOR PAPERS-FAPMS 2003 MEETING

The 27th annual training conference will be held at the Adam's Mark Resort, Daytona Beach October 14–16, 2003. You do not have to be a professional speaker in order to give a paper! We are looking for papers on herbicide application and mechanical techniques (aquatic and right-of-way), mixtures, innovative control measures, revegetation projects, new plant introductions, research projects, etc. Remember this society was formed for the applicator, and the annual meeting is a chance to share what you have learned with other members. Each year the society awards all field applicators who present a paper with a plaque. The field applicator presenting the best paper will receive a plaque and \$300.

## NOTE: DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS JULY 12, 2003

Title
Author(s)*:
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Title of Talk & Brief Abstract:
Biography of Presenter:
* If more than one author, please circle the name of the person who will present the paper at the meeting.
NOTE: Length of talk is usually 15 minutes. If your presentation is shorter or longer, please indicate the length of talk minutes
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July 15, 2003

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> July 20-23, 2003 APMS 43rd Annual Meeting Holiday Inn, Portland, Maine www.apms.org

October 14-16, 2003
FAPMS Annual Training Conference
Adam's Mark Hotel and Resort
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November 3-7, 2003

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