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FAPMS Annual Training Conference October 14-16, 2003

The FAPMS 27th Annual Training Conference will be held at the Adam's Mark Daytona Beach Resort. The Adam's Mark is located at 100 North Atlantic Avenue and features restaurants and business services in the hotel. It is located 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 onsite or free parking in the lot across the street for hotel guests. Reservations may be made by calling the Adam's Mark at 904-254-8200 and be sure to tell them you will be attending the FAPMS Conference to ensure you receive the special room rate. If you have questions regarding local arrangements, please contact Bill Torres either by phone at 850-245-2809 or by e-mail at william.torres@dep.state.fl.us. Vendors with questions please contact Lonnie Pell by phone at 321-636-2617 or by e-mail at lonniep@sepro.com. More information concerning the conference and the Adam's Mark may be obtained from the FAPMS website at <http://www.fapms.org>.



How can you get involved at the Annual Training Conference?

You can...

...enter the 12th Annual Golf Tournament

...catch some fish at the Fishing Tournament

...complete a program at the Resource Demonstration

See this issue for more details or visit <http://www.fapms.org>

FAPMS

27th Annual Training Conference

October 14-16, 2003

Tentative Schedule

Monday, October 13, 2003

- 10:00 AM 12th Annual FAPMS Golf Tournament
- 12:00-10:00 PM Exhibit/Vendor Setup
- 5:00 PM **FAPMS Board of Director's Meeting**

Tuesday, October 14, 2003

- 8:00 AM REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITS,
Open until 5:00 PM.
- 8:00 AM Past Presidents' Meeting/FAPMS
Research and Scholarship Foundation
Meeting
- 10:00 AM **FAPMS 27th Annual Meeting**
Call to Order-PJ Myers, President
Invocation-Robbie Lovstrand
Announcements-Program
Local Arrangements/CEUs
- 10:15 AM Presidential Address - "We're All in
This Together," **PJ Myers**, Applied
Aquatic Management, Inc., Bartow, FL

GENERAL SESSION I

Moderator: **PJ Myers**

- 10:30 AM Keynote Speaker-Carlton R. Layne,
"Getting to Know You"
CRL Enterprises, Marietta, GA
- 11:05 AM "New Herbicides and New Applicator
Responsibilities," **Dr. Bill Haller** and
Tyler Koschnick, University of Florida,
Gainesville, FL
- 11:25 AM "Administrative Update on Bureau of
Invasive Plant Management," **Bill Torres**,
DEP, Tallahassee, FL

11:40 AM TBA-Ernie Feller

11:55-12:55 **Lunch**-on your own

GENERAL SESSION II

Moderator: **Vicki Pontius**

- 1:00 PM **Prize Drawing**
- 1:05 PM "Lakes, Wetlands & Wildlife-Lake
Management Service Diversity,"
Jennifer Bustos Fitz, Allstate Resource
Management, Inc., Davie, FL *
- 1:20 PM "Using Environmentally Benign Pond
Management Practices at Heritage Park,"
Chuck Nohejl and **Gabe Diaz-Saavedra**,
Broward County Waterways
Management/Becker Underwood,
Pompano Beach, FL *
- 1:35 PM "No Sweat-Can We Handle It?" **Victor
Anderson**, City of Orlando, FL *
- 1:50 PM "Right-of-Way Maintenance," **Jesse
W.E. Griffen**, South Florida Water
Management District, Okeechobee, FL *
- 2:05 PM "The Life & Times of an Aquatic Plant
Spray Applicator at SFWMD," **Alex
West**, South Florida Water Management
District, West Palm Beach, FL*
- 2:20 PM "Mitigation: The Maintenance of
Wetlands and Natural Areas," **Stephen
Montgomery**, Allstate Resource
Management, Inc., Davie, FL*
- 2:35 PM "Update: Maintenance Control in Florida
Public Waters," **Jeff Schardt**,
Department of Environmental
Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- 2:50 PM "Sonar Quick Release, Precision Release
and Renovate," **Lonnie Pell**, SePro Corp.
- 3:05 PM **Break**

GENERAL SESSION III

Moderator: **Matt Phillips**

3:20 PM **Prize Drawing**

3:25 PM "Introduction to Biocontrol of Aquatic Weeds in Florida," **Dr. James P. Cuda**, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

3:40 PM "Potential Biological Control Agent for West Indian Marsh Grass," **Dr. William Overholt** and **Rodrigo Diaz**, Indian River Research and Education Center, Ft. Pierce, FL

3:55 PM "General Certification Standards (CORE)," **Ken Gioeli**, UF-IFAS Extension Service, Ft. Pierce, FL

4:55 PM Product Update, 7-minute sponsor

5:02 PM **Adjourn**

7:00 PM **Presidential Reception**

FISHING TOURNAMENT—Buddy Deese

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

GENERAL SESSION IV

Moderator: **Catherine Johnson**

7:55 AM **Prize Drawing**

8:00 AM "DEP Upland Invasive Exotic Control Program...the first 5 years +1," **Jackie Smith**, Department of Environmental Protection, Wellington, FL

8:15 AM "Herbicides for Homeowners to Use on Melaleuca Stumps," **Dr. Ken Langeland**, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

8:30 AM "Maximizing Endothall Applications for Hydrilla Control," **Dr. Bill Haller** and **Tyler Koschnick**, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

8:45 AM Product Update, 7-minute sponsor

8:52 AM "DEP Uplands Invasive Exotic Plant Control Program: Keys to a Successful Plant Control Project," **Brandy Hancock**, DEP, Tampa, FL

9:07 AM Product Update, 15-minute sponsor

9:22 AM Product Update, 15-minute Sponsor

9:37 AM "Sensitivity of Dotted Duckweed to Diquat," **Les Glasglow**, Syngenta Crop Protection, Vero Beach, FL, co-authors **Dr. Haller** and **Tyler Koschnick**, UF, Gainesville, FL

9:52 AM **Break**

GENERAL SESSION V

Moderator: **Steve Smith**

10:07 AM **Prize Drawing**

10:12 AM Product Update, 7-minute sponsor

10:19 AM "Creation of the St. Johns River Alliance," **Christine Bauer**, Jacksonville Naval Air Station, US Navy, Jacksonville, FL

10:34 AM Product Update, 10-minute sponsor

10:44 AM "The Use of Renovate for Broad Spectrum Weed Control," **Gene Lemire**, Martin County Mosquito Control

11:00 -12:00 **FAPMS Annual Business Meeting**

12:00-1:00 **Lunch**—on your own

GENERAL SESSION VI

Moderator: **Dr. David Sutton**

1:05 PM **Prize Drawing**

1:10 PM Product Update, 15-minute sponsor

1:25 PM "Stingray—A New Herbicide on the Block for Floating Plants," **Tyler Koschnick**, **Dr. Bill Haller**, **Dr. V.V. Vandiver**, and **R.M. Herrick**, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

- 1:40 PM "General Certification Standards (CORE)," **Ken Gioeli**, UF-IFAS Extension Service, Ft. Pierce, FL
- 2:40 PM TBA, **Dr. Chuck Chichra**, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- 2:55 PM **Break**
- GENERAL SESSION VII**
Moderator: **Steve Weinsier**
- 3:10 PM **Prize Drawing**
- 3:15 PM "Identification, Propagation, and Planting Depths for Aquatic Plants," **Frank Melton**, University of Florida, Manatee County, FL
- 3:30 PM "Sonar Sediments, and Hydrilla: Formulation Comparisons," **Dr. M.D. Netherland**, ReMetrix, Carmel, IN, **Tyler Koschnick**, and **Dr. Bill Haller**, University of Florida, Gainesville
- 3:45 PM "Alligators: Florida's Valuable and Often Controversial Natural Resource," **Arnold Brunell**, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Eustis, FL
- 4:00 PM **RESOURCE DEMONSTRATION**
- 5:00 PM **Adjourn**
- 7:00 PM **FAPMS Awards Banquet**

Thursday, October 16, 2003

GENERAL SESSION VIII
Moderator: **John Rodgers**

- 8:00 AM **Prize Drawing**
- 8:05 AM Product Update, 7-minute sponsor
- 8:12 AM Product Update, 10-minute sponsor
- 8:22 AM "Biology and Control of Torpedograss," **Dr. David Sutton** and **Dr. Greg**

MacDonald, University of Florida, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

- 8:37 AM "Aquatic Plant Management Certificates," **Kimberly Moore**, University of Florida, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 8:52 AM "Jeopardy Game," **Laura Powell**, University of Florida-IFAS Extension Services, West Palm Beach, FL
- 9:52 AM Product Update, 15-minute sponsor
- 10:07 AM **Break**

GENERAL SESSION IX
Moderator: **Trace Wolfe**

- 10:22 AM **Prize Drawing**
- 10:27 AM "Interesting Facts about Aquatic Plants—from APIRS," **Karen Brown**, University of Florida, Center for Aquatic & Invasive Plants, Gainesville, FL
- 10:43 AM "Are You Adequately Protecting Yourself from Airboat Noise?" **Robert Maglievez**, Volusia County Health Department, Deland, FL
- 10:58 AM Product Update, 15-minute sponsor
- 11:13 AM "Stealth Weed Control Mowing Program" **Alex Slaughter**, Florida Department of Transportation, Jacksonville, FL
- 11:28 AM Product Update, 10-minute sponsor,
- 11:38 AM Product Update, 7-minute sponsor
- 11:45 AM Introduction of New Board Members
- 11:55 AM **Grand Prize Drawing**
- 12:00 PM **Adjourn FAPMS 27th Annual Meeting**

* Denotes Applicator Paper

FAPMS 2003 Slate of Officers

The 2003 slate of officers and director-at-large candidates has been recommended by the nominating committee to fulfill duties for the society. These candidates have a broad range of experience and have backgrounds making management and budget decisions similar to the decisions that will likely face the FAPMS board. The selected candidates have experience in aquatic plant management operations and/or administration.

Keshav Setaram—President Elect

Keshav is a senior environmental engineer with the Orange County Environmental Protection Division in Orlando, Florida. He has over twenty years experience in aquatic plant management as well as water quality management with Orange County. Keshav is a long-time member (20+ years) of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society and has served as a director, committee chair and treasurer. He looks forward to continuing to serve, if elected. Keshav has a Bachelor of Science in Limnology and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Central Florida.

Angie Huebner—Secretary

Angie has been employed with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for 8 years. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a Master of Natural Science with an emphasis in marine biology while employed with the USACE. She has worked in the Environmental Stewardship Section at the South Florida Operations Office in the Jacksonville District for 5½ years. Two of her main duties at Lake Okeechobee include upland and aquatic plant management. Angie has been a member of FAPMS for five years and is currently the FAPMS secretary. She is a member of FLEPPC and serves on the USACE Stewardship Advisory Team.

David Farr—Treasurer

David is currently a Supervisor III for Volusia County Mosquito Control. They do a majority of the weed control work in the county for various county departments, Volusia County School Board and some of the cities within the county. This work also includes grant projects for the DEP upland invasive program as well as the lakes they maintain under the aquatics program. David has worked as a reserve firefighter/EMT and a telecommunicator for the city of Daytona Beach Shores since 1992. In 1993 he started his career in pest control as a spray technician for a lawn spray company in Daytona Beach. David began working with Mosquito Control in 1996 as a chemical spray technician and has been the supervisor of the weed control program since the beginning of 2000. He has been a member of FAPMS since 1996

and has served on the local arrangements committee as both the co-chair, 1999 and chair, 2000–2001. He served on the board of directors 2000–2001.

Judy Ludlow—Editor

Judy has zoology degree from Ohio State University and a masters from the University of Florida. She has been employed as a biological scientist with the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Invasive Plant Management since 1988. She is currently the editor of the *Aquatics* magazine for FAPMS. She has been a member of FAPMS since 1988 and is also a member of the Aquatic Plant Management Society.

Directors-At-Large

Polly Ellinor

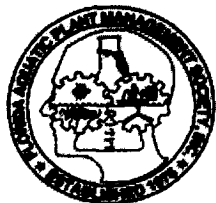
Polly received a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State University and has been involved in the agricultural business all of her life. She has worked in the aquatic and vegetation management industry for eight years and has been affiliated with Helena Chemical Co. for the past three years as an accounts manager. She has a Florida State Commercial Applicators License and is a member of various related organizations throughout the state. She served on the FAPMS nomination committee in 2001-2002.

Bill Torres

For the past six years Bill Torres has been the chief of the Bureau of Invasive Plant Management (BIPM) at the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Prior to working with the BIPM, he worked for 10 years for DEP's Bureau of Environmental Resource Permitting and the Bureau of Submerged Lands and Aquatic Preserves. Bill has a bachelor's degree in biology from Biscayne College in Miami and has a Graduate Certificate in public management from the University of South Florida. Bill is currently serving his second term as president of North Florida's Hispanic Association.

Buddy Deese

Buddy worked in the commercial fishing industry while continuing his education with training courses in outboard engine mechanics. He began working at Lake Worth Drainage District in February, 1992 and earned his Public Applicator License with endorsements for aquatic pest control and right-of-way. He keeps his license current and skills sharp by participating in both required and additional training including inspection procedures for agricultural containers offered for recycling, hazardous materials handling, OSHA safety, CPR and first aid. Buddy joined FAPMS in 1994 and has since become an active member coordinating the annual FAPMS fishing tournament at last year's conference and has been hard at work to make this year's event even better.



Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society

27th Annual Training Conference

Registration / Membership Form

Date _____

Name _____

Agency / Company _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

\$ _____ Membership: Dues For calendar Year(s) _____ \$20/yr Active, \$5/yr Student
(Includes a subscription to Aquatics and FAPMS Newsletter)

\$ _____ Conference Registration (s) _____ \$75 Pre-registration*; \$100 at the door

\$ _____ Extra Banquet ticket (s) _____ \$25 each

\$ _____ Other (Please Specify, I.E. donation) _____

\$ _____ Contribution to Scholarship fund

\$ _____ **Total** (please make checks payable to FAPMS)

Payment Method: Cash Check # _____ Credit card # _____

Exp. Date _____

Name on card: _____

Mail to: David J Farr, Treasurer FAPMS
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(386) 424-2920 fax (386) 424-2924

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For hotel reservations call the Adam's Mark at (386) 254-8200. Please make room reservations 30 days in advance and reference FAPMS when you call to get the special room rate of \$79.00 per night for single and double occupancy. *The Adam's Mark is located at 100 North Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118.*

Note: Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be offered at this training conference.

* Pre-registrations must be paid in full 21 days before the start of the conference.

Additional Names: _____

Third Quarter 2003 FAPMS Board of Directors' Meeting

Officers

President	PJ Myers
President Elect	Steve Weinsier
Past President	John Rodgers
Secretary	Angie Huebner
Treasurer	David Farr
Editor	Judy Ludlow

Directors

Mike Baker	Catherine Johnson
Christine Bauer	Bill Moore
Jim Cuda	Todd Olson
Chance DuBose	Steve Smith

Absent: Judy Ludlow, Mike Baker, Bill Moore, Terry Warson, and Bill Torres

Guests: Jack Anderson

Location: Hilton Deerfield Beach / Boca Raton, 100 Fairway Drive, Deerfield Beach, Florida

Date and Time: July 15, 2003 at 10:00am

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Myers called the meeting to order at 10:01a.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 Second Quarter 2003 Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Jim Cuda noted two errors in the Membership and Publicity report. The first sentence in the report stated, "A suggestion was made to place a **FAMPS** advertisement in the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's *Wildland Weeds*." The sentence should state, "A suggestion was made to place a **FAPMS** advertisement in the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's *Wildland Weeds*." The second sentence in the report stated, "David Farr suggested exchanging advertisement with **FLEPPC** in *Wildland Weeds* for advertisement in FAPMS's *Aquatics*." The sentence should state, "David Farr suggested exchanging advertisement with **FLEPPC** in *Wildland*

Weeds for advertisement in FAPMS's *Aquatics*." Jim Cuda also noted an acronym that should have been spelled out in Old Business. The sentence stated "At the 1st quarter BOD's 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." The sentence should state "At the 1st quarter BOD's meeting, the board discussed the Society becoming a member of **Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation** and it was determined that more information was needed in order to make a decision." Todd Olson made a motion to accept the minutes with the aforementioned changes and Steve Smith seconded the motion. The corrected minutes for the Second Quarter 2003 Board of Director's Meeting passed unanimously.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

President Myers had no correspondence to discuss.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

The third quarter treasurer's report dated July 15, 2003 submitted by David Farr indicated the Society's total assets are \$31,414.68 with \$0.48 in liabilities. A breakdown of the assets is as follows: checking, \$5,482.74; savings, \$10,928.84; strong money market, \$13,366.60; and inventory, \$1,636.50. The Society now has a merchant account through Wells Fargo. Credit card charges will be entered through Quick Books from the Internet. This account is a dollar more a month, \$0.25 per transaction and 2.39% for keyed transactions. This process will also decrease the amount of time it takes to receive payment. In addition to Visa and MasterCard, the Society will also accept Discover. David addressed the amount of taxes and tax services the Society paid last year, which was approximately \$2,500. A portion of this amount was to resolve tax issues for 2001 and 2002 and also to pay for tax penalties. Approximately \$925 was paid in tax services. Steve Weinsier will discuss the amount paid for tax services with Michael Bats. Steve's understanding was the tax service fee would be \$750. David suggested using a different accountant to complete the Society's taxes for 2003. David acquired several quotes and the most expensive quote was \$500 from a CPA. Catherine Johnson commented there were two reasons Mr. Bats completed the Society's taxes: 1) to change the Society's IRS status and 2) to ensure procedures with lobbyist were conducted ethically. Catherine also commented since these issues have been resolved, it may be more economical and easier to use a local accountant.

Steve Weinsier commented it is important for the Society to utilize a CPA for the Society's tax certification. There was a lengthy discussion about sales tax on merchandise. At the 2nd quarter meeting, the board voted for a 10% mark up on all merchandise. Sales tax was not included and will be added on to the original price and the 10% mark up. Steve Weinsier made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion received a second from Catherine Johnson and the motion passed unanimously.

V. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Angie Huebner reported the 2nd quarter newsletter was mailed last week. Todd Olson made a motion to accept the secretary's report. The motion received a second from Jim Cuda and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. EDITOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Auditing Committee

Steve Weinsier commented he would call Michael Bats regarding the tax service fees.

2. Awards Committee

Scott Glasscock commented door prizes would be determined at a later date. Scott requested input from the board about awards that should be presented. Lonnie Pell commented it was not necessary to present exhibitors with a plaque. Lonnie also mentioned vendors will supply some of the door prizes.

3. By-laws

President Myers reported there will be no changes to the by-laws at this time. He asked the board to contact him if it is determined changes need to be made to the by-laws.

4. Financial

No report was given.

5. Governmental Affairs

President Myers reported since the last meeting, the Governor's budget was passed with a \$4 million reduction. This reduction was minimal considering the original proposal that would have tremendously reduced funding.

6. Historical

No report was given.

7. Local Arrangements

No report was given. President Myers commented there will be a site tour of the hotel at 12:00pm. Bill Torres will present information regarding the two proposed sites for the 2004 annual training confer-

ence and the 4th quarter board meeting. The location of the 2004 annual training conference will be determined at the 4th quarter board meeting.

8. Mailing List

Jackie Smith reported the Society currently has approximately 450 members. Jackie stated that David Farr has requested the mailing list and that she is concerned about having several copies of the mailing list because it may cause confusion. David stated he would like the mailing list to assist with registration at the conference. Jim Cuda suggested placing the mailing list on the FAPMS website and that only those who are members can access the system to locate members. Jackie stated this issue should be addressed with the membership. Angie Huebner will contact Jon Lane who maintains the website, to determine if a password can be established on the FAPMS website. Once the answer is determined, the issue should be revisited under old business at the next board meeting. President Myers suggested the board should address this issue with the membership about the members' only access at the annual conference in October. Steve Weinsier asked the board about members being able to access a membership list to determine if anyone had issues. The majority of the board was in favor of members being able to access a membership list on the FAPMS website with a password.

9. Merchandising

Jennifer sent a cost proposal for purchasing merchandise. The proposal included purchasing 100 license plates, 100 stainless steel knives, 48 T-shirts and 10 jackets with embroidery at a total cost of \$1,792.50. President Meyers stated the women's shirts were not included and that would be an additional \$400.00 to \$500.00. President Myers stated 10 jackets may be low and the board may want to add more jackets. Several members of the board suggested purchasing more jackets and sizes should be medium to 2X.

10. Nominating Committee

John Rodgers submitted a 2003 candidate slate for officers and directors-at-large. The slate includes president-elect, Keshav Setaram; secretary, Angie Huebner; treasurer, David Farr; editor, Judy Ludlow; directors-at-large, Polly Ellinor, Bill Torres and Buddy Deese. John Rodgers asked if anyone had questions regarding the proposed slate that was submitted to the board. John made a motion to approve the 2003 FAPMS candidate slate. Todd Olson seconded the motion. Jim Cuda asked if 3 candidates for the directors-at-large were appropriate. President

Myers responded that 3 candidates were enough, and the write-in allowed someone from the membership to be nominated at the meeting. Jim wanted to ensure enough people to cover those voting. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

11. Advisory

John had no report but addressed the purpose of the Past Presidents Meeting. President Meyers commented the purpose was to provide recommendations for the direction of the Society. This item will be further discussed in the program committee report.

12. Program

Vicki Pontius submitted a copy of the tentative program for the annual training conference for the board's review. Several items were discussed regarding the program. The 4th Quarter Board of Director's Meeting will be October 13, 2003 at 5:00pm at the Daytona Beach Resort. The 12th annual Golf Tournament will begin at 10:00am on October 13. Registration will begin at 8:00am on October 14. Jackie Smith, David Farr and Jennifer Bustos-Fitz will work registration. After a lengthy discussion about the Past Presidents/FAPMS Research and Scholarship Meeting, it was decided the meeting will be at 8:00am on October 14. Jim Cuda suggested addressing the membership at the annual training conference to receive input about possible research needs the Society could address. Steve Weinsier suggested forming a committee to help determine research items. President Myers stated this issue should be addressed as new business. Buddy Deese will be coordinating the fishing tournament. Judges for the applicator papers will be Judy Ludlow, John Rodgers, Ed Harris, Christine Bauer and Lonnie Pell. Applicator papers will be presented in the afternoon on October 14. At this time 2 applicator papers will be presented and 4 more are needed. Vicki requested volunteers to be moderators at the conference. PJ Myers, Steve Smith, Steve Weinsier and Trace Wolfe volunteered to be moderators. Approval for two hotel rooms for a total of four nights was requested for the keynote speaker, Carlton Layne, and presenter Ken Gioeli. Steve Weinsier made a motion to approve complimentary rooms for Carlton Layne and Ken Gioeli for a total of four nights. Todd Olson seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. Bill Torres will coordinate the arrangements for the rooms. Four presenters are needed for the conference. Christine Bauer volunteered to complete a presentation about the St. Johns River Alliance. Catherine Johnson suggested acquiring a presentation to fulfill CEUs for the Right-of-Way category. Lonnie Pell suggested Dick Bush to complete a presentation

regarding this issue. David Farr suggested placing the tentative program for the conference on the FAPMS website. Angie Huebner will work with Jon Lane to add the program to the FAPMS website. Lonnie Pell will send letters to potential sponsors during the last week of July or the first week of August. Once the conference sponsors are determined the program can be finalized. Catherine Johnson will work with FDACS to determine the number of CEUs that will be given at this year's conference.

13. Membership and Publicity

Steve Weinsier contacted Karen Brown, editor of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's (FLEPPC) *Wildland Weeds*, and Judy Ludlow, editor of the FAPMS's *Aquatics*, about exchanging advertisement. It was determined that exchanging complimentary advertisement is feasible for both organizations. Jackie Smith commented that FLEPPC currently is producing their own magazine and due to the decreased cost of production and other factors, the magazine has increased in size. Steve Weinsier mentioned he reviewed the last issue of *Aquatics* and feels that more information should be included in the magazine. President Myers commented it is the board's responsibility to ensure information is included in *Aquatics*. Lonnie Pell mentioned interest has been expressed about having a "For Sale" or "Classified Advertisement" section in the magazine. President Myers commented the classified advertisement would be more appropriate for the newsletter. After some discussion, the board determined that classified advertisement would consist of four lines for \$25 per issue and would be placed in the newsletter.

14. Resource Demonstration

Trace Wolfe reported he has contacted several people about conducting demonstrations at the annual training conference. At this time Diane Eggeman with the Fish and Wildlife Service will present information about waterfowl that use the Eastern Flyaway and how to prevent impacts to the waterfowl during work operations. Bill Kerns with the University of Florida will complete a program about venomous insects. Jon Lane and Chance DuBose will complete a program about GPS/GIS applications. Catherine Johnson commented demonstrations/presentations completed during previous years included plant identification, "applicator Olympics," water safety and skin cancer. Jackie Smith suggested having someone complete a plant identification program about some of the newly identified exotic plants. Angie Huebner suggested contacting Gatorland to complete a program about snakes.

15. Scholarship

Don Doggett reported three applications were received for scholarships. Seven people were on the committee to evaluate the applications. The deadline to complete the evaluations was last week. The applications are being reviewed to ensure the applicants qualify for a scholarship. The amount of the scholarships has not been determined at this time. Vicki Pontius inquired if applicators furthering their education could qualify for a scholarship. At this time, scholarships are awarded to dependents of applicators who have been FAPMS members for 3 consecutive years and meet other specified criteria. Vicki Pontius suggested reviewing and possibly modifying the criteria to include applicators who are furthering their education. This issue will be addressed at the Past Presidents Meeting at the annual training conference. Don Doggett submitted a memo for the board to review from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The title of the memo: "Interim Statement and Guidance on Application of Pesticides to Waters of the United States in Compliance with FIFRA."

15. Vendor

Lonnie Pell reported letters will be sent to vendors regarding the annual training conference either the last week of July or the first week of August.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Jack Anderson with Advanced Aquatic opened the discussion regarding private applicator insurance rates. Jack submitted a summary of insurance issues to the board. He approached the Society to request help forming a coalition of various companies to address insurance companies about insurance rates. After September 11, 2001, insurance companies began evaluating the classification of companies. Many companies have been reclassified, which in turn increased insurance rates. This reclassification has occurred because there is no clear definition that identifies the items of work performed by applicators. Catherine Johnson suggested contacting Ron Hyatt, he may be able to assist with the matter. President Myers suggested forming a steering committee to determine the Society's roll in this issue and asked for further comments from the board. Jackie Smith suggested addressing this issue at the past presidents meeting at the annual training conference. It was decided a steering committee will address this issue at the past presidents meeting. Steve Weinsier, Trace Wolfe, PJ Myers and Lonnie Pell will comprise the steering

committee. Jack Anderson will work with the steering committee regarding the insurance issue.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

David Farr inquired about the Society purchasing a laptop computer. The laptop will assist David in his duties as treasurer and will be passed on to the next treasurer. David has researched different types of laptops and has determined Dell laptops are highly rated and cost is approximately \$1,500. Steve Weinsier made a motion to purchase a laptop for the Society and the motion received a second from Jim Cuda. There was a discussion regarding placing a limit on the amount of money to be spent on the laptop. The motion was amended to purchase a laptop for the Society with a limit of \$1,800. Steve Weinsier made the motion, it received a second from Vicki Pontius and the motion passed.

Catherine Johnson suggested the Society should have a "Legislative Day" in order to educate members of the state legislature about invasive aquatic plants and the problems that are associated with them. President Myers stated that a day like this is currently being planned but was not sure about the details. He stated he would acquire information about the meeting and report the information to the board at the next Board of Director's meeting.

Steve Smith commented that Clayton Phillippy, a charter member of FAPMS and former employee of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, recently passed away. He mentioned that Mr. Phillippy was instrumental in aquatic plant management from both an industry and agency standpoint. Steve commented that Judy Ludlow will probably place an article in *Aquatics* as a memorial to Mr Phillippy. Steve Smith made a motion to present a Lifetime Achievement Award to Clayton's family from the Society and the motion received a second from Vicki Pontius. The motion passed unanimously.

SITE SELECTION

The 4th Quarter FAPMS Board of Directors meeting will be held at the Adam's Mark Daytona Beach Resort on October 13, 2003 at 5:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Cuda made a motion to adjourn the meeting and President Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:56pm.

Members of the Board of Directors toured the facilities at the Hilton Deerfield Beach / Boca Raton 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 Wolfe by phone at 386-409-0019 or by e-mail at tracew@aol.com if you are interested in completing a demonstration.

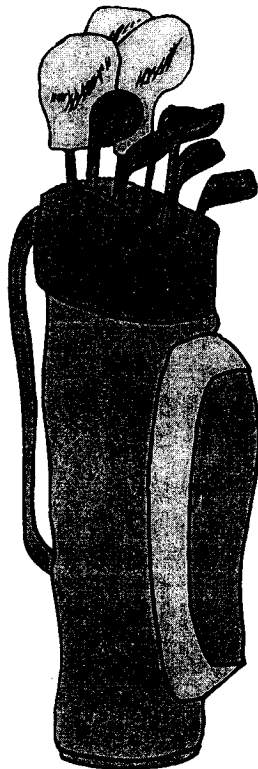
FAPMS Golf Tournament

Bring your sticks!

The FAPMS 27th Annual Training Conference will host another fun day on the golf course. This year's tournament will be a four-person scramble format (best ball). It will be held at the Indigo Lakes Golf Club in Daytona, a very short drive from the Adam's Mark.

The tournament will begin at 10:00am on October 13th. Cost is minimal or free depending on your level of sponsorship as an exhibitor. A box lunch, drink and use of the clubhouse, golf carts and 18 holes on the golf course are included in the cost.

Please call James Boggs at 863-557-0076 to sign up for the tournament and inform him who will be the four members of your team. The deadline for signing up is October 3rd.



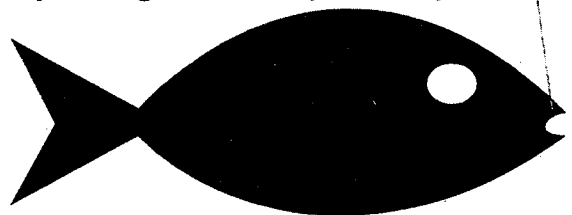
ANNUAL FAPMS FISHING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Just a reminder for the "Fishing Fanatics" attending the 27th Annual FAPMS Training Conference in Daytona Beach, FL, October 14-16, 2003. The annual fishing tournament is tentatively scheduled to be at the Daytona Beach Pier on Tuesday evening, October 14 from 7 to 11pm, weather permitting. The pier is located at 1200 Main Street, which is just ½ block south (walking distance) of the Adam's Mark. As in past years, there will be a nominal registration fee of \$3.00 with all proceeds being donated to the scholarship fund as an investment in the Society's future.

The cost for admission to the pier varies depending upon whether or not you provide your own equipment. If you bring your own pole, the cost is \$3.50. Tackle, a rod and reel can be rented for \$9.50 plus a security deposit that is refundable when the tackle is returned. Spectators can go on the pier for \$1. Frozen bait (shrimp or squid) will be available for purchase. Artificial lures and live bait are also permitted.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest gamefish and the largest trash fish (e.g., catfish, stingray, etc.). Each contestant will be allowed to enter one fish in each category. All fish to be considered for judging **must be presented** to the designated judge by 10:45pm for measurement. Size will be determined by measuring the total maximum length. In case of a tie, the winner will be decided by a coin toss. The judge's decision is final.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the registration desk. Please be sure to complete the form and pay your entrance fee when you register. In order to get an idea of the number of contestants participating in the tournament, please contact Buddy Deese by e-mail: jideese@att.net. See you in Daytona Beach!





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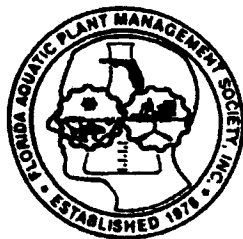
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