

# FLORIDA AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT SOCIETY, INC.

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## Change in USDA Policy Regarding Possessing and Moving Live Plant Pests, Biological Control Organisms and Noxious Weeds

Recently the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) has amended permit policies. The policy changes are due to the events of September 11, 2001 and addressing concerns raised by the Office of Inspector General PPQ. The changes affect PPQ Form 526 permits that allow possessing and moving live plant pests, biological control organisms or noxious weeds. A letter composed by USDA APHIS PPQ dated October 15, 2003 sent to current permit holders addressed the changes in shipping labels, hand carrying organisms, and conditions of and maintaining permits. The USDA letter and policy changes are summarized as follows:

**Shipping labels:** If the permit authorizes organisms to be received from foreign sources, labels provided by PPQ (Form 599) must be sent to the supplier. The supplier must affix an original label to the exterior of each package. "The label will route the package to a PPQ inspection station at the port of entry into the United States." If there is no label or the label has been modified, USDA inspectors at all ports of entry will refuse entry of the package. Photocopied labels will not be accepted. Current permit holders have been sent a 6-month supply of pre-printed labels with unique numbering. Each label must be accounted for and tracked. New tamper-resistant labels will be introduced in the future. Old labels must be returned to PPQ along with a tracking sheet for labels that have been used. New labels will be issued after tracking sheets and unused labels are returned.

**Hand carrying:** Importing organisms in hand, in personal baggage or via automobile under a Plant Pest Permit (PPQ Form 526) will not be allowed effective November 1, 2003. If so authorized on the permit, all organisms authorized for importation by the aforementioned methods under a USDA APHIS PPQ permit

issued prior to August 1, 2003, will continue to be allowed only until November 1, 2003. Unless explicitly authorized on an issued permit on or after August 1, 2003, all organisms being imported in this manner after November 1, 2003 will be seized and moved to the nearest PPQ Plant Inspection Station for destruction. After November 1, 2003, all importations of organisms under PPQ Plant Pest Permits must be by bonded carriers.

**Conditions:** The conditions of the permit were designed to prevent dissemination of the permitted organisms or contaminants that may accompany the shipments. All conditions of the permit must be in compliance, this includes specific requirements such as notifications, identifications or other documentation that must be submitted to APHIS. If conditions cannot be met, the permit should be returned. Failure or refusal to comply with conditions of the permit will result in the revocation of the permit and may result in possible civil or criminal penalties. Effective March 3, 2003, the PPQ Permit Service Branch requires acknowledgement and acceptance of permit conditions prior to the issuance of the permit.

**Maintaining permits:** It is the responsibility of the permit holder to safeguard the organisms throughout the duration of the permit. The permit must be valid as long as the organisms are in possession. If the permit holder leaves the institution where the organisms are contained, the permit holder must either (1) designate a qualified individual to assume responsibility for the organism and the individual must obtain a new permit prior to the permit holders departure, (2) apply for a permit to move the organism to a new facility, (3) destroy the organisms. The permit holder should notify APHIS to cancel the original permit.

Additional information about USDA APHIS PPQ permitting can be found at this website:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/permits/>

# 2003 FAPMS Annual Business Meeting

## I. CALL TO ORDER

President Myers called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m. on October 15, 2003.

## II. MINUTES

President Myers asked if anyone had any deletions, omissions, or modifications for the minutes of the 2002 FAPMS Annual Business Meeting. No changes were made and the minutes for the 2002 Annual Business Meeting passed unanimously.

## III. TREASURER'S REPORT—David Farr

David reported the draft balance sheet ending October 15, 2003 showed the Society's current assets are \$79,329.70 and liabilities at \$1800.00. A breakdown of the total assets included a checking account balance of \$47,349.22; savings account - \$10,945.38; Strong Money Market Fund - \$13,382.04; accounts receivable - \$855.00; inventory and funds not deposited - \$5,148.90 and laptop computer - \$1649.98.

## IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT—Angie Huebner

No report was given.

## V. EDITOR'S REPORT—Judy Ludlow

President Myers requested articles to be submitted for *Aquatics* from the Society membership. Jackie Smith made a motion to accept the treasurer's, secretary's and editor's reports. The motion received a second from Steve Smith and the motion passed unanimously.

## VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Advisory

No report was given.

### 2. Auditing—Steve Weinsier

No report was given.

### 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. Government Affairs—PJ Myers

No report was given.

### 7. Historical—Terry Warson

No report was given.

### 8. Local Arrangements—Bill Torres

President Myers reported for Bill Torres the FAPMS 2004 Annual Training Conference will be in Deerfield Beach.

## 9. Mailing List—Jackie Smith

No report was given.

## 10. Merchandising—Jennifer Myers

No report was given.

## 11. Nominating—John Rodgers

President Myers explained the ballot and procedures and opened nominations from the floor for President Elect. No nominations were received from the floor. Steve Smith made a motion to close nominations and Steve Weinsier seconded the motion. President Myers opened nominations from the floor for Secretary. No nominations were received from the floor. Jackie Smith made a motion to close nominations and Steve Smith seconded the motion. President Myers opened nominations from the floor for Treasurer. No nominations were received from the floor. Steve Smith made a motion to close nominations and Steve Weinsier seconded the motion. President Myers opened nominations from the floor for Editor. No nominations were received from the floor. Steve Weinsier made a motion to close nominations and Steve Smith seconded the motion. President Myers opened nominations from the floor for Directors-at-Large. No nominations were received from the floor. Steve Weinsier made a motion to close nominations and Steve Smith seconded the motion.

## 12. Past Presidents Advisory—John Rodgers

No report was given.

## 13. Program—Vicki Pontius

President Myers commented that Vicki Pontius and David Sutton did an excellent job completing the program for the 2003 annual training conference.

## 14. Membership and Publicity—Steve Weinsier

No report was given.

## 15. Resource Demonstration—Trace Wolfe

No report was given.

## 16. Scholarship—Don Doggett

No report was given.

## 17. Vendor—Lonnie Pell

No report was given.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

President Myers asked the membership when they preferred the annual training conference to be held either the first part of October, last part of October or the first part of November. The majority of the membership preferred the first part of October.

Steve Smith inquired about the possibility of having a joint meeting with South Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society since the meeting will be in south Florida next year. President Myers commented



the presidents from the societies should discuss the possibility of having a joint meeting.

Someone from the membership inquired about the room rates for next year. The room rate will be \$69.00 + tax.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jackie Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Steve Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52a.m.

## **FOURTH 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	Christine Bauer
Jim Cuda	Chance DuBose
Catherine Johnson	Bill Moore
Todd Olson	Vicki Pontius
Steve Smith	

**Absent:** Catherine Johnson

**Guests:** Paul Myers, Jennifer Bustos-Fitz, Jeff Schardt, Bill Haller, Chris Doolin

**Location:** Adam's Mark Daytona Beach Resort, 100 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118

**Date and Time:** October 13, 2003 at 5:00pm.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Myers called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

#### **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 Third Quarter 2003 Board of Directors' Meeting minutes. Vicki Pontius made a motion to accept the minutes for the Third Quarter 2003 Board of Directors' Meeting and Chance DuBose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **III. CORRESPONDENCE**

President Myers provided the US EPA the position of FAPMS to support the Interim Statement and Guidance on Application of Pesticides to Waters of the United States in Compliance with FIFRA.

President Myers submitted a letter from the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation (AERF). The letter will be addressed under new business.

#### **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT—David Farr**

Steve Weinsier reported for David Farr, the Society's assets include a Nations Bank checking balance of \$41,808.16, a Nations Bank savings account balance of \$10,945.38 and a Strong Money Market Fund balance of 13,382.04. Including accounts receivable, the Society's total current assets as of October 13, 2003 are \$73,088.06. David reported currently 264 people have registered for the annual training conference. David purchased a Compaq notebook computer for \$1,649.98. An account was established with Wal-Mart and Office Depot. The FAPMS website was renewed for 1 year. At this time, the Society has received \$22,000 from sponsors for the annual training conference. Todd Olson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mike Baker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. SECRETARY'S REPORT—Angie Huebner**

No report was given.

#### **VI. EDITOR'S REPORT—Judy Ludlow**

Judy reported that articles are needed for *Aquatics*.

Steve Smith made a motion to accept the Secretary and Editor reports. Todd Olson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **1. Auditing Committee—Steve Weinsier**

Steve Weinsier reported the treasurer's report for David Farr.

##### **2. Awards—Scott Glasscock**

Scott Glasscock reported he has received numerous donations to purchase door prizes.

##### **3. By-laws—PJ Myers**

No report was given.

##### **4. Financial—Steve Weinsier**

Steve Weinsier reported he contacted Mr. Bats regarding the accounting bill from last year. Apparently some work that was required had not been

previously completed and Mr. Bats completed this work. Steve commented it may be feasible for David Farr to utilize a local accounting firm to complete this year's taxes. Jim Cuda commented it may be appropriate to have a treasurer-elect to work with the outgoing treasurer so there is a smooth transition between the incoming and outgoing treasurer. President Myers stated the board can address this issue and change the by-laws if it is determined appropriate.

#### **5. Government Affairs-PJ Myers**

President Myers reported Chris Doolin will give a legislative budget update at the annual training conference on Tuesday.

#### **6. Historical-Terry Warson**

No report was given.

#### **7. Local Arrangements-Bill Torres**

Bill Torres submitted an outline for October 13, 14, 15 and 16 that identified times, locations, activity and equipment provided for the annual training conference. Bill also submitted a comparison for two hotels for the 2004 annual training conference that included the Adam's Mark in Jacksonville and the Hilton at Deerfield Beach.

President Myers suggested the board consider having the annual training conference at Deerfield Beach because according to the cost comparison it is a better value. The Adam's Mark charges for many miscellaneous items whereas at the Hilton it appears many items are complimentary and may save the society some expense. Steve Smith asked if there was enough room for the equipment demonstration. There is a large parking area that would provide enough space for the equipment demonstration. Steve Weinsier made a motion to have the 2004 annual training conference at the Deerfield Beach Hilton. Todd Olson seconded the motion. There was discussion about the number of rooms available. At this time there are 250 rooms set aside and the committee can arrange for overflow rooms to be available. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **8. Mailing List-Jackie Smith**

No report was given.

#### **9. Merchandising-Jennifer Myers**

Jennifer Myers submitted a price list for merchandise to be sold during the conference. The cost includes the 10% markup and sales tax.

#### **10. Nominating-John Rodgers**

No report was given.

#### **11. Past President Advisory-John Rodgers**

The Past President's Advisory Meeting will be Tuesday October 14 at 8:00am in the Manatee Room. Jim Cuda stated the board may want to address the

past presidents about research topics. There was a lengthy discussion about the purpose of the meeting. President Myers stated the original purpose for the meeting is not known and should be determined at the meeting. Once the purpose is determined, the board can evaluate and determine if the purpose should be revised.

#### **12. Program-Vick Pontius**

Vicki Pontius stated prizes are needed for the Jeopardy Game. Vicki requested that moderators keep the program on schedule because the schedule is full. She also stated that information packets have been provided to the judges for the evaluation of applicator papers. Vicki gave basic instructions for completing the packets.

#### **13. Membership & Publicity-Steve Weinsier**

Steve Weinsier spoke with Karen Brown and Judy Ludlow about exchanging advertisement. Steve asked the board to be thinking about ideas for a membership drive. David Farr stated there needs to be more content on the FAPMS website. President Myers commented the board should consider advertising in DOT publications. Steve Weinsier suggested advertising in mosquito control publications.

#### **14. Resource Demonstration-Trace Wolfe**

No report was given.

#### **15. Scholarship-Don Doggett**

Don Doggett reported the FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation meeting will be Tuesday, October 14 at 8:00am. Don also reported the Foundation awarded three \$1000 Applicator Dependent Scholarships. Heather Hertel, daughter of FAPMS member Eric Hertel, Rena Tchekmeian, daughter of FAPMS member Robert Blackburn, Jr. and Bittany Camacho, daughter of FAPMS member Charles Camacho were awarded scholarships. Don also reported this year's fund raising ticket raffle will be as in past years. Sponsors for the drawing are Cerexagri, SePRO, Syngenta and Griffin, LLC. The prize drawing will be during the banquet and tickets will be eligible for the grand prize drawing on Thursday October 16.

#### **16. Vendor-Lonnie Pell**

Lonnie Pell reported 23 sponsors have paid in full. The amount of funds collected at this time is approximately \$20,000.

### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed at the meeting.

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

President Myers addressed the board about renewing membership with AERF. President Myers recom-

mended renewing the Society's membership which is \$250 for 1 year. Steve Weinsier made a motion to renew the Society's membership for 1 year with AERF. Todd Olson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

David Farr stated he has received a request from some companies for a copy of the FAPMS membership list. Bill Moore commented the Florida Lake Management Society and other organizations have published a membership list. There was a lengthy discussion about selling the FAPMS membership list. There were suggestions for selling hard copies for \$500 and electronic copies for \$250. Mike Baker made a motion to sell the FAPMS membership list, either hard copy or electronic copy, for \$500 with mailing addresses only. John Rodgers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Schardt reported the next edition of *Understanding Invasive Aquatic Weeds* is currently being printed. There were some changes including photographs and the removal of the 5th grade label. Jeff also stated the Aquatic Plant Management Society meeting will be in Tampa July 11-14 at the Hyatt Regency. FAPMS usually participates in the meeting. It was recommended for the board to discuss this issue.

Jim Cuda stated he recently learned the USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) no longer will allow hand carrying of insects through US Customs as of November 1, 2003. This will impact biocontrol research because there will be no mechanism to bring potential biocontrols into the United States for research. FedEx and other carriers do not allow for shipping insects. The University of Florida plans to address APHIS and is proposing to have individuals pre-certified to allow for hand-carrying these items. Jim Cuda inquired if FAPMS would address the issue. President Myers stated a letter would be completed to address APHIS regarding this issue.

#### **SITE SELECTION**

It was suggested to have the 1st Quarter 2004 FAPMS Board of Directors meeting at the St. Petersburg Hilton. The date and time is not determined.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Todd Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Glasscock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

**The FAPMS Membership, Board of Directors, Officers and Committee Members thank the Sponsors for their generosity and support for the 2003 annual training conference!**

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**Election Results**  
President Elect: Keshav Setaram  
Secretary: Angie Huebner  
Treasurer: David Farr  
Editor: Judy Ludlow  
Directors-At-Large: Polly Ellinor,  
Bill Torres, Buddy Deese

**Best Field**  
**Application Paper**  
**Victor Anderson**  
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Victor Anderson, City of Orlando, caught a black drum

#### **Non-game Fish**

William Harrell, Melbourne Tillman, caught a catfish

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**HELP WANTED:** Widow requires person to assume duties. Must be capable of family.

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Due to popular demand from the FAPMS membership, the newsletter will have a classified advertisement section. Advertisement in this section will be four lines and the cost will be \$25.00. Place your advertisement in the next newsletter by contacting Angie Huebner by phone at 863-983-8101 or by e-mail at [Angie.L.Huebner@usace.army.mil](mailto:Angie.L.Huebner@usace.army.mil)

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# UPCOMING MEETINGS

**January 28, 2004, 10:00 a.m.**  
 Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society  
 1st Quarter Board of Directors Meeting  
 US Army Corps of Engineers  
 South Florida Operations Office  
 Clewiston, Florida

**April 28-30, 2004**  
 Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council 20th Annual Symposium &  
 Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council 6th Annual Symposium  
 Clarion Suites and Convention Center  
 Pensacola Beach, Florida

**May 3-7, 2004**  
 Aquatic Weed Control Short Course 2004  
 Ft. Lauderdale Marriott North  
 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

**July 11-14, 2004**  
 Aquatic Plant Management Society  
 44th Annual Meeting  
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