

FLORIDA AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT SOCIETY, INC.

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FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation Awards Scholarships

A record seven applications were submitted for the FAPMS Applicator Dependent Scholarship. Due to the increased requests, the Foundation was unable, for the first time, to fulfill all applicants' needs. The good news is that four scholarships were awarded to dependents of long time members of FAPMS. Heather Hertel, daughter of Eric Hertel, and Greg Magee, son of Norma Magee, each received \$850. Heather will be a sophomore and Greg will be a freshman at Indian River Community College. Alex and Rena Tchekmeian, son and daughter of Dave Blackburn, each received \$750. Alex will be a freshman at the University of Central Florida and Rena is a sophomore at Florida Gulf Coast University. Congratulations to these individuals.

Tyler Koschnick is the recipient of the William L. Maier Memorial Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded every two years to a worthy graduate student in a field of study directly related to the management of freshwater aquatic vegetation for the ecological benefit of aquatic or wetland environments. Tyler is pursuing his doctorate degree at the University of Florida.

The FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation takes pride in being able to financially support members of our industry. We wish them the best in their educational pursuits.

Annual Training Conference October 18-21, 2004

It's time to fill out pre-registration forms and make your reservations for the FAPMS 28th Annual Training Conference. This year the conference will be held at the Deerfield Beach/Boca Raton Hilton. The Hilton is located at 100 Fairway Drive in Deerfield Beach and features a restaurant and business services in the hotel. It is located two miles from the beach. The room rate is \$69 per night. Reservations may be made by calling the Hilton at 954-427-7700 and be sure to tell them you will be attending the FAPMS Conference to ensure you receive the special room rate. Reservations should be made prior to September 22, 2004. If you have questions regarding local arrangements, please contact Bill Torres by phone at 850-245-2809 or you may contact him 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 hotel may be obtained from the FAPMS website at <http://www.homestead.com/fapms/meeting.html>. For more information regarding Deerfield Beach, visit:

<http://www.deerfieldchamber.com/>

**See YOU in Deerfield Beach
for the
FAPMS 28th ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE**



FAPMS 2005 Slate of Officers

The 2005 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 backgrounds and make 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.

President Elect: Bill Moore

Bill Moore is a Charter Member of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society and has attended every annual meeting. He has held the following positions in the Society: Chairman of Local Arrangements Committee, Chairman of By-Laws Committee, Board of Directors, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and President. He also served on the Board of Directors of the FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation. Bill is a member of ten professional societies. He has been employed as Manufacturer's Representative for product development, marketing and sales of endothall-based aquatic herbicides in Florida since 1978. From 1971 to 1978 he was responsible for sales and marketing of aquatic herbicides in Florida as a Distributor Representative. Bill received a B.S.A Degree with a major of Entomology from the University of Arkansas. He retired from the Army Reserves in 1997 as an Entomologist, with the rank of Colonel, after 31 years of service.

Editor: Jeff Holland

Jeff Holland is employed as a Biologist/Limnologist in the Aquatic Biology Department of the Reedy Creek Improvement District's (RCID) Environmental Services Laboratory. Jeff has been employed by RCID for the past 16 years. He is responsible for coordinating monitoring and lake management activities within RCID's jurisdiction, which encompasses all Walt Disney World properties. Jeff received an A.S. degree in Oceanographic Technology from the Florida Institute of Technology and a B.S. degree in Limnology from the University of Central Florida in 1987 under Dr. John Osborne. He has been an active member of FAPMS for over 10 years, volunteering for the awards committee for 3 years and served as chair of the merchandise committee. Jeff was also elected to be the first Environmen-

tal Director for FL BASS Federation in 1991, and then Central Regional FL BASS Federation Director from 2000 through 2002.

Secretary: Angie Huebner

Angie has been employed with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for 9 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 6 ½ years. Two of her main duties at Lake Okeechobee include upland and aquatic plant management. Angie has been a member of FAPMS for six years and is currently the FAPMS secretary. She is a member of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council and is chairman of the USACE Stewardship Advisory Team.

Treasurer: David Farr

David is currently a Supervisor III for Volusia County Mosquito Control. They do the 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, chair 2000-2001. He has served on the Board of Directors and is currently the FAPMS treasurer.

Director: Bill Haller

Dr. Bill Haller is a Charter Member of FAPMS and served as the third FAPMS President from 1979-1980 after having served on several committees and on the Board of Directors. He received his Doctorate Degree in 1974 from the University of Florida (UF) and has been on the faculty in Gainesville since that time. Bill's responsibilities at UF include aquatic weed related research, teaching and public education. He has attended every FAPMS meeting, most Insti-

tute of Food and Agricultural Services (IFAS) sponsored short courses and has been involved in training and speaking at meetings in which almost all FAPMS members have attended at one time or another. He is currently serving as the Acting Director of the IFAS/US Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants.

Director: Johnnie Drew

Johnnie Drew began his career at the St. Johns Water Management District in March of 1989 and quickly worked himself through the ranks from an entry-level applicator position to Invasive Plant Supervisor through hard work and dedication to his profession. He was an integral part in the creation of the Invasive Plant Management Database, a system that tracks work efforts on all District properties. He has served on the Board of Florida Vegetation Management Association. He has worked with land managers and environmental scientists in developing invasive plant damage assessments that have become a critical component in creating land management and restoration plans. Recently, Johnnie designed an ATV-mounted fire suppression unit that's become a welcome addition to the prescribed fire initiative. He is also working in cooperation with IFAS on several herbicide rate trials on some of the more troublesome upland invasive species including Mexican petunia,

Japanese climbing fern and wild taro utilizing herbicides such as Habitat and Renovate and EUP work with Stingray.

Director: Michael D. Netherland

Dr. Michael D. Netherland is a Research Biologist for the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (USAERDC). He started working with nuisance aquatic plants while pursuing a master's degree under the guidance of Dr. Carole Lembi in 1987. Upon completion of his studies at Purdue University, Mike took a position as a Research Biologist with the USAERDC in 1989 and worked on improving control methods for invasive aquatic plants under the Aquatic Plant Control Research Program. In 1995, Mike began a Ph.D. program at the University of Florida under the guidance of Dr. Bill Haller. Mike completed his Ph.D. in 1999 and accepted a position as Research Manager for Aquatics with the SePRO Corporation. In December 2003, he resumed his position with the USAERDC and is currently stationed at the University of Florida Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants. Mike has been active in several regional APMS chapters and the national APMS. He currently serves on the APMS Board of Directors (elected in 2003) and has chaired the Student Affairs Committee since 2002.

FAPMS

28th Annual Training Conference

October 18-21, 2004

Tentative Schedule

MONDAY, October 18, 2004

10:00 AM 13th Annual FAPMS Golf Tournament
12:00 AM-10:00 PM Exhibit/Vendor Set-up
4:00 PM FAPMS Board of Directors Meeting

TUESDAY, October 19, 2004

10:00 AM Steve Weinsier
Call to Order

Robbie Lovestrand, FDEP, BIPM
Invocation

Announcements-Programs, Local Arrangements, CEUs

10:15 AM Steve Weinsier, AllState Resource Management, Inc.
Presidential Address
"We Are The People"

10:30 AM Al Cofrancesco, USACE
Keynote Address

11:05 AM Bill Torres, FDEP, BIPM
Bureau of Invasive Plant Management Overview

11:25 AM Chris Doolin
Legislative Update

11:40 AM David Douglas, FFWCC
The new FWC- Implications for Aquatic Plant Management

12:00 PM **LUNCH**

General Session II
Matt Phillips

4:55 PM Scott Dimarsen, Dow AgriScience
Product update

1:05 PM Mike Netherland, USACE
Hydrilla Management: Chasing a Moving
Target

5:02 PM Adjourn

7:00 PM Presidential reception

1:25 PM Jeff Schardt, FDEP, BIPM
Meeting New Challenges in Controlling
Aquatic Plants With Herbicides

WEDNESDAY, October 20, 2004

1:40 PM Mike Grotowitz, USACE
Integrated Control of Hydrilla

General Session IV
Vicki Pontius

1:55 PM Mike Smart, USACE
Restoration of Native Plant Communities

7:55 PM Prize Drawing

2:10 PM Bill Moore, Cerexagri
Product update

8:00 PM Dr. William Overholt, Indian River
Research & Education Center
Brazilian Pepper Genetics

2:20 PM Bill Haller, UF
Aquatic Weed Research at the Center for
Aquatic and Invasive Plants

8:15 AM James Cuda, UF
Brazilian Pepper Biocontrol

2:35 PM Ken Langland, UF
Orgauxin rule

8:30 AM Melissa Gugliott, Biosafe Systems
Clean Green Algaecide

2:50 PM Lonnie Pell, SePro

8:45 AM Charles Ashton, USACE
Alligator Flea Beetle

3:05 PM Break

9:00 AM Rue Hestand, FFWCC
Changes in Aquatic Vegetation Manage-
ment Techniques Due To Artificial Water
Level Fluctuation on Lake Kissimmee, FL

General Session III
Jackie Smith

9:15 AM

3:20 PM Prize Drawing

9:30 AM Gabe Diaz-Saaved, Becker Underwood
Product update

3:25 PM Mark Shaw, Volusia County
Tomoka Basin Geopark Project

9:37 AM Tyler Kosnick, UF
Diquat-resistant duckweed and
investigations into potential resistance
mechanisms

3:40 PM James Godfrey, SJRWMD
Emergent aquatic weed control for
improved recreation with Habitat
herbicide

9:52 AM Break

3:55 PM Victor Anderson, City of Orlando
No Sweat—we can handle it

General Session V
P.J. Myers

4:10 PM Applicator paper

10:12 AM Greg Reynolds, Syngenta
Product update

4:25 PM Applicator paper

10:27 AM Chuck Cichra, UF
Aquatic plants and their effects on

4:40 PM Applicator paper

dissolved oxygen content

THURSDAY, October 21, 2004

10:42 AM C. Elroy Timmer, Aquatic Vegetation
Control, Inc.
Live Microorganisms

General Session VIII
Todd Olson

10:49 AM Wes Proack, FFWCC
Largemouth Bass Virus

8:00 AM Prize Drawing

8:05 AM Stephanie Linton, ProSource One
Product Update

11:04 AM Steve Sammons, Auburn University
Effects of Aquathol K treatments on
Largemouth Bass Activity Patterns

8:12 AM Karen Brown, UF
APIRS update

11:14 AM FAPMS Business meeting

8:27 AM Mike Bodle, SFWMD
Torpedo Grass Applications

12:00 PM **LUNCH**

8:42 AM FMC Representative
Product update—Stingray

General Session VI
Tyler Koshnick

8:57 AM Laura Powell, UF
PPE Review

1:05 PM Prize Drawing

9:57 AM Jim Schmidt, Applied Biochemist
It's Not Just Pond Scum Anymore

1:10 PM Jim Brewer, Brewer International
Product update

10:12 AM Break

1:25 PM Paul Moler, FFWCC
Venomous Reptiles of Florida

General Session IX
Kashav Setaram

1:55 PM James Boggs, Helena
Product update

10:32 AM Vic Ramey, UF
A New Website for Applicators and
Their Clients

2:10 PM Deborah Brown, Florida Department of
Financial Services
Insurance classification update

10:48 AM Mark Zeller, FDEP-BIPM
Upland Plant Control Program

2:25 PM Steve Smith, SFWMD
Airboat Safety

11:03 AM Jim Griffin, SWFWMD
Lake and Watershed Planning Using GIS

2:40 PM Craig Smith, Griffin
Product update

11:18 AM Lowell Trent, FFWCC
Triploid Grass Carp Practical Principles
for Successful Use

2:55 PM Break

3:10 PM Vernon Vandivier, Vandivier Consultants
Calibration

11:33 AM Doug Henderson, ReMetrix
Product update

3:40 PM Product Demonstration

11:40 AM Frank Ahlbin, Sonic Solutions
Product update

5:00 PM Adjourn

11:47 AM Introduction of new board members

7:00 PM FAPMS Awards Banquet

11:50 AM Grand prize drawing

12:00 PM Adjourn meeting



Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society

28th Annual Training Conference

October 18-21, 2004

Registration/Membership Form

Additional names: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Agency/Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

☐ Check here if your contact information has **changed**

Membership dues for calendar year(s) _____ ☐ New ☐ Renewal \$ _____

☐ Active \$20 ☐ Associate (out of state) \$20 ☐ Contributing \$50 ☐ Student \$5

☐ Library service \$100 Membership includes a subscription to *Aquatics* and the FAPMS newsletter.

Conference registration(s) _____ @ \$75 pre-registration, \$100 after September 28, 2004 \$ _____

Extra banquet ticket(s) _____ @ \$25 each \$ _____

Other, please specify, e.g. donation _____ \$ _____

Contribution to scholarship fund \$ _____

Total \$ _____

☐ Cash; check number: _____ ☐ Purchase order number: _____

Pre-registrations must be **paid in full** by September 28, 2004

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover Credit card number: _____

Name on credit card: _____ Expiration date: _____

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For hotel reservations call the Deerfield Beach Hilton at (954) 427-7700. Please make room reservations 30 days in advance and reference FAPMS when you call to get the special room rate of **\$69 per night**. The Deerfield Beach Hilton Hotel is located at 100 Fairway Drive, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33441.

Note: Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered at this training conference.

☐ Check here if you need your receipt before the conference.

If you need to change, correct or check on your **membership**, please call Jackie Smith at (561) 791-4720

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.
- 2) To enhance professionalism in aquatic plant management activities in Florida.

ELIGIBILITY: Award nominees must be:

- 1) Activity members in the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society.
- 2) Directly involved in aquatic plant management field activities.
- 3) Individuals included in either of the following groups are NOT eligible for this award.
 - A. Persons involved exclusively in an administrative capacity.
 - B. Persons employed in the chemical or equipment manufacturing and distribution industries.

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: Mitch Morgan, City of Gainesville, 405 NW 39th Avenue, Station #41, Gainesville, FL 32069, phone (352) 316-6540, fax (352) 334-3110. All faxes should be sent to the attention of Mitch Morgan.

AWARD: An engraved plaque and \$100.00 check**DEADLINE:** September 17, 2004

FLORIDA AQUATIC MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

AQUATIC PLANT MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Standard Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Agency or Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Years Aquatic Plant Management Experience: _____ Years Active FAPMS member: _____

Persons Submitting Nomination: _____

Complete all categories that are applicable

1. Herbicide Control Experience: (years and application techniques used) _____

2. Biological Control Experience: (years and agents used) _____

3. Mechanical Control Experience: (years and experience of equipment used) _____

4. Public Relations: (contributions to public, inter-agency, special interest groups) _____

5. Weed Identification: (exotic/native, target/non-target plants) _____

6. Ingenuity: (methods, ideas, design introduction...) _____

7. Research: (conducts for self or other reasons) _____

8. Work Quality and Consistency: (work with/without need for direct supervision) _____

9. Environmental awareness: (endangered species, invasive or prohibited plants) _____

10. Education Achievement & Overall knowledge: (classes, seminars, degrees) _____

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 for uniform evaluation.
Application extending BEYOND this form will NOT be considered.**

FISHING FANATICS!

It's Your Choice!

The 28th Annual FAPMS Training Conference is scheduled for October 18-21, 2004 in Deerfield Beach, FL. The annual fishing tournament is tentatively scheduled Tuesday, October 19 from 7 to 11pm, weather permitting. This year, we have to make a choice. We can fish at the City of Deerfield International Pier or on a drift boat.

The drift boat is \$30 per person and includes rod, reel, bait and tackle. 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. Tackle (a rod and reel) can be rented for \$9 plus a security deposit that is refundable when the tackle is returned. Spectators can go on the pier for \$1. Bait will be available for purchase. Either way, there will be a nominal registration fee for the fishing tournament of \$3 with all proceeds being donated to the scholarship fund as an investment in the Society's future.

If we choose the drift boats, there are two boats available each with a limited number of spaces (one boat can take a maximum of 35 people, the other 40 people). Therefore, it is on a first come, first served basis and reservations are required. No alcohol is permitted on the pier or boats. The sign-up sheet will be at the conference registration desk. Please be sure to complete the form and pay your entrance fee at that time. Please e-mail Buddy Deese at jideese@att.net with your choice, BOAT or PIER, and how many people will be participating in the tournament. We will then determine where the tournament will be held. See you in Deerfield Beach!



FAPMS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Bring your sticks!

The FAPMS 28th 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) and will be held at the Jacaranda Golf Club in Plantation. The tournament will begin at 10:00 AM on October 18th. Cost is minimal or free depending on your level of sponsorship as an exhibitor and will include a box lunch, drink and use of the clubhouse, golf carts and 18 holes on the golf course. Please contact James Boggs at 863-557-0076 to sign up for the tournament and tell him who will be the four members of your team. The dead line for signing up for the tournament is October 4th.



Equipment Demonstration

There will be an equipment demonstration at the FAPMS 28th Annual Training Conference in Deerfield Beach. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lonnie Pell by phone at 321-752-6824 or by email at lonniep@sepro.com or Todd Olson by phone at 561-845-5525 or by e-mail at L1J2@aol.com.



Scholarship Recipient Thanks FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation

The FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation, Inc. awarded Rena Tchekmeian a \$1000 Applicant Dependent Scholarship last year. Rena Tchekmeian completed her first year of college at Florida Gulf Coast University in Ft. Myers this spring. The letter below was sent to Don Doggett, President of the FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation in appreciation of the scholarship.

Dear Mr. Doggett:

Summer has arrived, and I have completed my first year of college at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers. I wanted to take a moment to thank you and the Board of Directors again for the scholarship money that you awarded me last year to assist in funding my education and let you know that, as I promised you, I worked diligently and made the Dean's List both semesters and was also inducted into the Honor Society.

My classes for the fall term have been determined, and I will be taking a course in Marine Systems in which I hope to become more informed on environmental issues. I was saddened, too, when I heard that fires forced the closing of Florida Gulf Coast University briefly and I am sure I will see the devastation in and around that area when I return in the fall. There is no question that we all must be more responsible.

This school year, my family will be supporting the college educations of my brother and step-sister attending Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville. They will acquire their AA degrees mid-year and transfer to the University of Florida. My younger brother just started the Summer B term at the University of Central Florida this week. All in all, that's four children in college at one time for one family. There is no doubt the scholarship money you provided is appreciated and very much needed.

Thank you again for helping to make it possible for me to pursue my education and pave the way for my future.

Sincerely,

Rena M. Tchekmeian
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida



What's New



FAPMS membership dues will increase to \$35 beginning January 1, 2005

Visit the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Invasive Plant Management website at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/invaspec/index.htm> to view the Bureau's annual reports.

- 2002-2003 Aquatic Plant Management
- 2002-2003 Field Operations
- 2002-2003 Upland Plant Management

NatureServe, in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, has developed a protocol for assessing, categorizing, and listing non-native plants according to their impacts on native biodiversity. Visit the NatureServe website at <http://www.natureserve.org/getData/plantData.jsp> to view "An Invasive Species Assessment Protocol: Evaluating Non-Native Plants for Their Impact on Biodiversity."

Third Quarter 2004 FAPMS Board of Directors Meeting

Officers:

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

Directors:

Christine Bauer	Jim Cuda
Buddy Deese	Chance Dubose
Polly Ellinor	Todd Olson
Vicki Pontius	Steve Smith
Bill Torres	

Absent: Jim Cuda, Buddy Deese, Judy Ludlow

Guests: Bill Haller, Tim Harris, Ryan Peck, Cheryl Weingarten

Location: Doubletree Hotel 5780 Major Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819

Date and Time: July 7, 2004 - 10:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Weinsier called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL AND MINUTES

Todd Olson took the roll for Angie Huebner and President Weinsier declared a quorum. President Weinsier asked if anyone had any deletions, omissions or modifications to the minutes of the second quarter 2004 Board of Director's meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes for the second quarter 2004 Board of Directors' Meeting and the motion passed unanimously.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

President Weinsier submitted several correspondence items. The items were discussed during the respective committee reports.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT—David Farr

David reported the total assets included a Nations Bank checking balance of \$2,979.32, and a Nations

Bank savings account balance of \$17,513.82, \$13,430.07 in the Strong Money Market Fund, and \$3,744.72 in inventory and fixed assets. PJ Myers made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Polly Ellinor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

V. SECRETARY'S REPORT—Angie Huebner

No report was given.

VI. EDITOR'S REPORT—Judy Ludlow

President Weinsier read Judy's report that mentioned an ad swap between *Aquatics* and *Wildland Weeds*. Keshav Setaram made a motion to accept the editor's report. The motion received a second from P.J. Myers and passed unanimously.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Auditing—Keshav Setaram

No report was given.

2. Awards—Mitch Morgan

Mitch asked for information and several people offered to provide information about previous year's awards.

3. By-laws—Anthony Walker

No report was given.

4. Financial—Keshav Setaram

President Weinsier discussed a memo from Vic Ramey (University of Florida IFAS) asking for \$7000 to print field ID charts. The majority of the board supported helping to fund the printing of the field ID charts. PJ Myers made a motion to provide \$3500 to print the field ID charts and determine after the annual training conference if FAPMS will provide an additional \$3500 for the remaining printing costs. David Farr seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. President Weinsier also discussed an e-mail regarding the Syngenta GreenPartners program.

5. Governmental Affairs—Steve Weinsier

Dr. Haller discussed a letter from IFAS regarding projects that were vetoed by the governor. Items vetoed include the Citrus Genome Project and funding for some Mosquito Control programs. IFAS has begun working on the '05-'06 budget.

6. Historical—Robbie Loverstrand

No Report was given.

7. Local Arrangements—Bill Torres

Bill provided deadlines and the total number of room nights for the annual training conference. The last day the hotel will hold the block of rooms for the Society is September 22, 2004. This information should be included in the newsletter. There was a discussion regarding the number of complementary rooms that FAPMS will be providing for guests.

Vicki Pontius suggested the keynote speaker receive a complimentary room. David Farr requested a complementary room for 3 nights for personnel who will assist with registration. Bill also provided potential dates and locations for the 2006 annual training conference.

8. Mailing List—Jackie Smith

Jackie reported there have been some problems with the mailing list. Many FAPMS members have not been receiving the newsletter or *Aquatics*. Jackie will work with David Farr to ensure problems with the mailing list are resolved as soon as possible.

9. Merchandising—Jackie Smith

Jackie reported the tote bags for the Aquatic Plant Management Society meeting have been purchased for the registration gift. Jackie is planning to purchase new merchandise items such as T-shirts and jackets for the annual training conference. It was suggested to purchase a few small and medium jackets.

10. Nominating—PJ Myers

PJ submitted the 2005 slate of officers and director-at-large candidates for the BOD's review. Vicki Pontius made a motion to accept the 2005 slate of officers and director-at-large candidates. Jackie Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

11. Past President Advisory—PJ Myers

No report was given.

12. Program

Chance Dubose reported the program committee is working to finalize the program for the annual training conference. A keynote speaker has not been determined at this time. Chance asked if anyone had suggestions for a keynote speaker. Dr. Haller suggested having someone speak about the West Nile virus or mosquito control.

13. Membership & Publicity—Keshav Setaram

Keshav reported the board should consider reviewing, revising and printing more membership brochures. The board agreed to print more brochures. Jackie Smith has a box of brochures that can be distributed. Steve Weinsier suggested sending the membership brochures to Short Course attendees. It was suggested to distribute brochures at the Aquatic Plant Management Society meeting next week. There was a discussion about the FAPMS display.

14. Resource Demonstration—Lonnie Pell

No report was given.

15. Scholarship—Don Doggett

Don reported there were six submissions for the Applicator Dependent Scholarship. Approximately three \$1000 scholarships will be awarded this year. He recently met with the Executive Director of the

Southwest Florida Community Foundation to discuss options for increasing FAPMS Scholarship Foundation assets. It was recommended to increase membership fees \$10 in order to increase support for the scholarship foundation. After some discussion, PJ Myers made a motion to increase FAPMS membership fees \$15 in order to help support the scholarship foundation. The motion received a second from Todd Olson. The motion passed unanimously. The new membership fee will be \$35 and will be effective January 1, 2005. Notice to the membership will be placed in the next newsletter.

16. Vendor—Lonnie Pell

No report was given. David Farr reported he is revising the vendor form and it will be placed on the FAPMS website.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

David Farr would like more information for the FAPMS website. Jennifer Myers encouraged members of the board to nominate candidates for the Aquatic Plant Manager of the Year award.

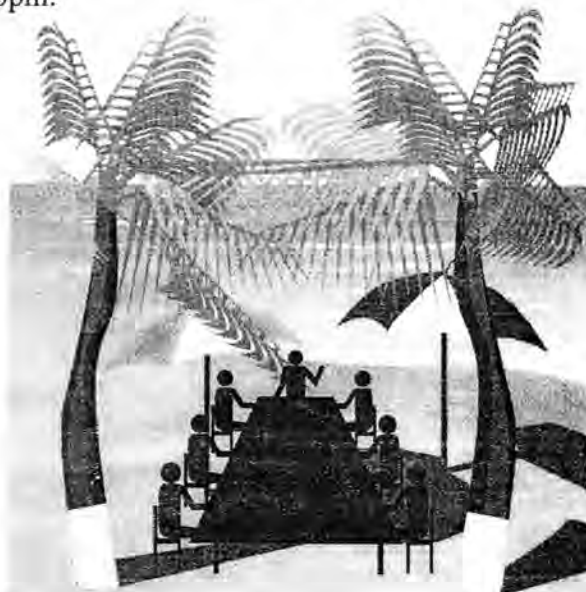
IX. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Haller reported there will be a presentation about herbicide resistance on Tuesday morning at the Aquatic Plant Management Society meeting. Dr. Haller will be attending a BASS symposium to discuss aquatic plant management issues. He reported there were several applicants for Vernon Vandevier's position and the Short Course is on schedule for next year.

ADJOURNMENT

PJ Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second from Angie Huebner. President Weinsier adjourned the meeting at 12:18pm.

The next BOD meeting will be at the Boca Raton/Deerfield Beach Hilton on Monday October 18 at 4:00pm.





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