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FOURTH QUARTER, 2004 NEWSLETTER

Graduate Assistantship Announcement

A graduate assistantship in the area of aquatic plant management and ecology is being offered by the Aquatic Plant Management Society's research and education organization, and the Aquatic EcoSystem Restoration Foundation (AERF). Co-sponsors of this academic award include six regional APMS chapters: Florida, Midsouth, Midwest, South Carolina, Texas and Western.

Objective: To provide a stipend for a full-time graduate student to conduct research in the areas involving the various aquatic plant management techniques (used alone or integrated with other management approaches) or in aquatic ecology related to the management of regionally or nationally recognized nuisance vegetation.

Applicants: Solicitation for proposals is open to any full-time faculty member and/or graduate student of an accredited U.S. academic institution. A faculty sponsor must be identified if the application is submitted by a graduate student.

Amount: \$60,000

Duration: Two years

Proposal Deadline: Applications must be post-marked no later than April 30, 2005.

Guidelines for Proposals: Proposals should contain a concise statement of the project, including its purpose and justification, as well as sections that discuss study objectives, methodologies, schedule, budget, and planned publication of results. The APMS will not pay overhead or indirect costs on approved projects. Resumes of the faculty applicant and graduate student, if known, not to exceed two pages each are required. Proposals should not exceed ten pages, and must be signed by the applicant (principal investigator) and appropriate university official. An original and ten copies should be submitted to: Mr. Donald W. Doggett, Lee County Hyacinth Control District, P.O. Box 60005, Fort Myers, FL 33906.

Award: Notification of the award will be provided to the faculty member by July, 2005, with initiation of the stipend scheduled for the 2005–2006 academic year.

Inquiries: Mr. Donald W. Doggett, 239-694-2174, FAX 239-690-2785, doggett@lchcd.org, or Mr. Carlton Layne, 3272 Sherman Ridge Dr., Marietta, GA 30064, 678-773-1364, FAX 770-499-0158, clayne@aquatics.org.

FAPMS Membership Dues

Have increased to \$35 effective January, 2005

In Memoriam, Paul C. Myers, 1948–2004

Longtime Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society member, Mr. Paul Charles Myers of Winter Haven passed away in his home September 19, 2004. Paul was 55 years old and battled a rare form of cancer for 27 years.

Paul worked for the Florida Department of Pollution Control from 1971 through 1977. He served as director of Polk County's Environmental Services Aquatic Plant Management Department until 1983. In 1981, Paul founded Applied Aquatic Management, Incorporated and served as Executive Vice President until his passing.

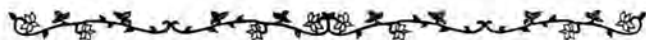
He was instrumental in developing and perfecting many of the invasive weed management techniques currently used widespread in Florida. While working with South Florida Water Management District, he evaluated various "hack and squirt" combinations for the control of melaleuca and was the first to use contract labor to execute the work. Paul was a willing educator and assisted and taught many applicators.

Paul always had a friendly smile and welcoming nature with everyone he met. The Aquatic Plant Management Society awarded the "Max C. McCowen Friendship Award" to Paul in 2000 in recognition of his friendly nature.

Paul was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and traveling. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lake Alfred. Paul is survived by his wife of 34 years, Linda Webster Myers; daughter Robin Myers, Gainesville, FL; son, Paul C. Myers, Jr., daughter-in-law, Jennifer Myers, and two grandchildren, Jake and Jordan Myers, Winter Haven.

Paul was a longtime member and supporter of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society. He was president of the Society in 1984 and was a past editor of the *Aquatics* magazine. Paul's contributions to the Society were numerous. His expertise and friendship will be greatly missed.

As a tribute to Paul, memorial contributions may be made to the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society Scholarship and Research Foundation for the newly formed "Paul C. Myers Applicator Dependent Scholarship," c/o Don Doggett, PO Box 60005, Ft. Myers, FL 33906, or to the First Baptist Church of Lake Alfred Building Fund, 280 East Pierce St., Lake Alfred, FL 33850.



FOURTH 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:

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

Absent: Christine Bauer

Guests: Bill Haller, Tim Harris and Bill Moore

Location: Hilton Deerfield Beach/Boca Raton,
100 Fairway Drive, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Date and Time: October 18, 2004 at 4:00pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Weinsier called the meeting to order at 4:10pm.

II. ROLL CALL AND MINUTES

Angie Huebner took the roll and President Weinsier declared a quorum. President Weinsier asked if anyone had any deletions, omissions or modifications to the minutes of the third quarter 2004 Board of Directors' meeting. A motion was made by Keshav Setaram to accept the minutes for the third quarter 2004 Board of Directors' Meeting. Chance Dubose seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

President Weinsier stated he received several e-mails during the quarter and all pertained to arrangements for the meeting.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT—David Farr

David reported the Society's total assets are in the amount of \$69,981.57. These include a Nations Bank checking balance of \$38,623.54, a Nations Bank savings account balance of \$11,552.24, \$13,430.07 in the Strong Money Market Fund, \$3,715.72 in inventory and fixed assets, \$2,660.00 in outstanding authorizations. There are 254 attendees registered for the conference and a total of 22 sponsors. There was a lengthy discussion about reviewing and possibly changing criteria/level for sponsorship.

V. SECRETARY'S REPORT—Angie Huebner

No report was given.

VI. EDITOR'S REPORT—Judy Ludlow

No report was given.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Auditing—Keshav Setaram

No report was given.

2. Awards—Mitch Morgan

No report was given.

3. By-laws—Anthony Walker

No report was given.

4. Financial—Keshav Setaram

No report was given.

5. Governmental Affairs—Steve Weinsier

No report was given.

6. Historical—Robbie Lovestrand

Robbie reported he purchased bins to place/store historical items. He stated that he will be purchasing additional items in the amount of approximately \$40 and will submit a voucher to David Farr for reimbursement. Robbie reported he has to acquire copies of new *Aquatics* magazines.

7. Local Arrangements—Bill Torres

Bill provided an agenda for the annual training conference. Exhibitors need to remove displays by 5:00pm on Wednesday. There will be a DJ at the Presidential Reception. South Seas Plantation at Sanibel Island will not be open in January, therefore the 2nd quarter board meeting will be held at Sanibel Island.

8. Mailing List—Jackie Smith

Jackie reported she has been working to resolve problems with the mailing list. Approximately 45 names will be added to the mailing list. David commented at this time there have been approximately 208 membership renewals.

9. Merchandising—Jackie Smith

Steve Weinsier reported the following merchandise would be available at the meeting: portfolios with the FAPMS logo, t-shirts, sweat shirts, hats, and coasters. The prices for the items have not been determined at this time.

10. Nominating—PJ Myers

Keshav Setaram stated PJ Myers submitted the candidate slate at the last board meeting. The slate is as follows: President-elect—Bill Moore, Secretary—Angie Huebner, Treasurer—David Farr, Editor—Jeff Holland, Board of Directors—Bill Haller, Johnny Drew and Mike Netherland.

11. Past President Advisory—PJ Myers

No report was given.

12. Program

Chance Dubose and Tim Harris reported there are some changes to the program. Chance and Tim would like to work on the program committee next year. There was a lengthy discussion about CEUs and it was recommended to clarify issues regarding the CEUs at the meeting. Don Doggett stated the President from the Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS) contacted him regarding completing an APMS update during the conference. An update will be completed during the conference. They also recommended dedicating the meeting in the memory of Mr. Paul Myers. A PowerPoint presentation honoring Mr. Paul Myers will be completed at the end of the day on Tuesday.

13. Membership & Publicity—Keshav Setaram

Keshav reported the FAPMS display board has not been located at this time. There was a discussion about purchasing a new display board. Polly Ellinor made a motion to purchase a new FAPMS display with a limit of \$300. Vicki Pontius seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

14. Resource Demonstration—Lonnie Pell

Lonnie reported there will be 5 equipment demonstrations and the event will begin at 3:00pm on Wednesday.

15. Scholarship—Don Doggett

Don reported the 3rd quarter newsletter printed the names of the scholarship recipients. The FAPMS Scholarship & Research Foundation has received approximately \$15,000 in the name of Mr. Paul Myers. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested donations be given to Paul's Church or the Foundation. The foundation intends to name a scholarship in Paul's honor. Tuesday morning at 8:00am, the board of directors meeting will be held in the Everglades room. Tickets for the raffle held Wednesday night will be added to the Grand Prize drawing on Thursday.

16. Vendor—Lonnie Pell

There was a lengthy discussion regarding sponsorship levels and there were several recommendations regarding changing the criteria of the different levels. Lonnie recommended merging the vendor responsibilities into the program responsibilities. This may help alleviate issues that occurred this year. It was recommended that Chance Dubose and Lonnie Pell work together to provide the board of directors with a recommendation regarding sponsorship levels.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Haller mentioned several decisions will be made at the board meeting that will affect the scholarship foundation and it is recommended for anyone interested to attend the meeting. Catherine Ethridge

will be distributing CEUs after the sessions. It was recommended to have several people distributing the CEUs. The fishing tournament will be Tuesday night. Buddy Deese will provide information regarding the tournament at the end of the session on Tuesday. It was recommended to announce information regarding CEUs at the beginning of the conference. A list of local restaurants has been completed and is available at the registration desk.

ADJOURNMENT

The next BOD meeting will be at Orlando. Angie Huebner will e-mail the board of directors regarding the date of the meeting in January. Todd Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second from Jim Cuda. President Weinsier adjourned the meeting at 5:08pm.

And the Winners Are...

Officers

President Elect: **Bill Moore**
Secretary: **Angie Huebner**
Treasurer: **David Farr**
Editor: **Jeff Holland**
Directors: **Johnnie Drew**
Bill Haller
Mike Netherland

Grand Prize

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Susan Lee
A&D Aquatic
Trail Cutters

Best Field Application Paper

James Godfrey
St. Johns River Water
Management District

Applicator of the Year

Shawn Moore & Richard Krantz
St. Johns River Water Management District

Photo Contest

Aquatic Operation
Boyd Thompson
(technician in flooded field)

Aquatic Scene
Boyd Thompson
(longhorn cattle in
flooded field)

Exhibitor Award

Helena Chemicals

PRODUCT DEMO

Air Commander
Hovercraft, Inc.

Golf Tournament

Kenny Balance
John McLaren
NaturChem

Bob Gunkel
US Army Corps
of Engineers





A special "Thank You!" to Judy Ludlow for serving seven years as the editor of *Aquatics* magazine. Judy's hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated.



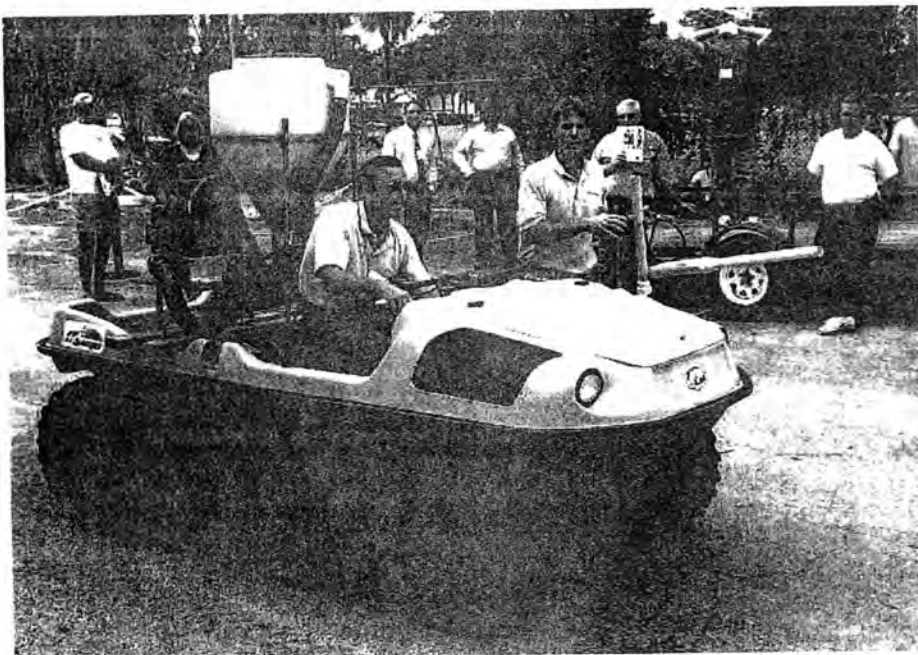
Equipment
Demo





Keshav Setaram presents a plaque to Steve Weinsner in appreciation of his year of service as president

Grand Prize winner, Susan Lee, with Grand Prize sponsor representative, Bill Moore



Equipment Demo

Thank You, Sponsors!

The FAPMS Board of Directors and the Membership appreciate the generosity of the sponsors in supporting the 2004 FAPMS Annual Training Conference. Thank you for making the conference a success!

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2004 FAPMS Annual Business Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Weinsier began the meeting at 11:28am on October 20, 2004.

II. MINUTES

President Weinsier asked if anyone had any deletions, omissions, or modifications for the minutes of the 2003 FAPMS Annual Business Meeting. No changes were made to the meeting minutes.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT—David Farr

David reported the Society's current assets are \$71,069.07. A breakdown of the total assets included a checking account balance of \$42,371.04; savings account - \$11,552.44; Strong Money Market Fund - \$13,430.07; and \$3,715.52 in accounts receivable, inventory and funds not deposited.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT—Angie Huebner

No report was given.

V. EDITOR'S REPORT—Judy Ludlow

Judy reported the Fall 2004 issue will be the last issue she completes. Judy thanked the Society for their support during the past seven years that she served as editor. She announced the Aquatics magazine can now be accessed on the FAPMS website.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Advisory—Keshav Setaram

No report was given.

2. Auditing—Keshav Setaram

No report was given.

3. Awards—Mitch Morgan

No report was given.

4. By-Laws—Anthony Walker

No report was given.

5. Financial—Keshav Setaram

No report was given.

6. Government Affairs—Steve Weinsier

No report was given.

7. Historical—Robbie Lovestrand

No report was given.

8. Local Arrangements—Bill Torres

No report was given.

9. Mailing List—Jackie Smith

No report was given.

10. Merchandising—Jackie Smith

No report was given.

11. Nominating—PJ Myers

President Weinsier explained the ballot and procedures and opened nominations from the floor for

President-elect. No nominations were received from the floor. President Weinsier opened nominations from the floor for Secretary. No nominations were received from the floor. President Weinsier opened nominations from the floor for Treasurer. No nominations were received from the floor. President Weinsier opened nominations from the floor for Editor. No nominations were received from the floor. President Weinsier opened nominations from the floor for Directors-at-Large. No nominations were received from the floor.

12. Past Presidents Advisory—PJ Myers

No report was given.

13. Program—Chance Dubose

No report was given.

14. Membership and Publicity—Keshav Setaram

No report was given.

15. Resource Demonstration—Lonnie Pell

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

No new business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 11:37am.

Press Release—USDA CONSIDERS AMENDING IMPORTED NURSERY STOCK REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9, 2004—The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service today announced that it is seeking public comments through an "advance notice of proposed rulemaking" on its existing imported nursery stock regulations.

Nursery stock is also known as "plants for planting." According to the International Plant Protection Convention, plants for planting are "living plants and parts thereof, including seeds and germplasm, intended to remain planted, to be planted or to be replanted to ensure their subsequent growth, reproduction or propagation."

Under current regulations, all plants for planting are allowed to enter the United States if the shipment is accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate and has been inspected and found to be free of plant pests, unless the importation is specifically prohibited or further restricted by the regulations.

APHIS uses an advance notice of proposed rulemaking to maximize feedback on ideas that are under consideration regarding possible regulatory changes that may ultimately be published in a proposed rule. Interested persons would then be given an opportunity to comment on a proposed rule. Before any changes become effective, APHIS would still have to publish a final rule.

Possible changes to the regulation include establishing a category in the regulations for plants for planting that would be excluded from importation pending risk evaluation and approval; developing ongoing programs to reduce the risk of entry and establishment of quarantine pests introduced through imported plants; combining existing regulations governing the importation of plants for planting into one

section and reevaluating the risks posed by plants for planting currently prohibited.

This notice is scheduled for publication in the Dec. 10 Federal Register. APHIS documents published in the Federal Register and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

Consideration will be given to comments received on or before March 10, 2005. Comments can be submitted by postal mail, commercial delivery or e-mail. Send an original and three copies of postal mail or commercial delivery comments to Docket No. 03-069-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238 or e-mail comments to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. E-mail comments must be contained in the body the message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in the body of the message and type "Docket No. 03-069-1" on the subject line. To submit comments online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for locating this docket and submitting comments.

Comments can be reviewed in USDA's South Building, Room 1141, 14th St. and Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. To facilitate entry into the comment reading room, please call (202) 690-2817.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 9, 2005

FAPMS 1st Quarter Board Meeting
Orlando, FL
www.fapms.org

February 7-10, 2005

45th Annual Meeting of the Weed Society of America
Honolulu, HI
www.wssa.net

February 27-March 4, 2005

6th National Invasive Weed Awareness Week
Washington, DC
www.nawma.org

April 19-21, 2005

Annual meeting of the
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