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FIRST QUARTER, 2005 NEWSLETTER

Don't Miss the 29th Annual FAPMS Training Conference November 8-10, 2005

It's time to fill out pre-registration forms and make your reservations for the FAPMS 29th Annual Training Conference. This year the conference will be held at the St. Petersburg Hilton. The Hilton is located at 333 First Street overlooking Tampa Bay and features a restaurant, bar, health club and business services in the hotel. It is located in the Waterfront District in the BayWalk Entertainment Complex. The room rate is \$79 per night. Reservations may be made by calling the Hilton at 727 894-5000 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 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 hotel may be obtained from the FAPMS website at <http://www.homestead.com/fapms/index.html>. For more information regarding St. Petersburg visit <http://www.stpetehilton.com/>.

Scholarship Available

The Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society Scholarship and Research Foundation Inc., announces the availability of the following scholarship.

FAPMS Dependent Scholarship. This scholarship provides up to a \$1,500 scholarship to deserving dependents of FAPMS members. The scholarship award is based on the following:

1. The applicant's parent or guardian having been a FAPMS member in good standing for at least three consecutive years.

2. Financial need will be determined based on need and the expected family contribution amount indicated on the processing results of a Student Aid Report (OMB No. 1845-0008). This report is available by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid Federal Form.

3. The applicant being a high-school senior entering college the next academic year, attending junior college or be a college undergraduate.

4. An evaluation of the quality of the application and required essay by the Scholarship Selection Committee composed of three FAPMS members and four FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation members.

5. Submission of a completed application by June 1, 2005.

For further information or to request an application to apply for the scholarship, please contact Don Doggett, Lee County Hyacinth Control District, P.O. Box 60005, Ft. Myers, FL 33906.

FIRST QUARTER 2005 FAPMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Officers:

President	Keshav Setaram
President Elect	Bill Moore
Past President	Steve Weinsier
Secretary	Angie Huebner
Treasurer	David Farr
Editor	Jeff Holland

Directors:

Christine Bauer	Todd Olson
Polly Ellinor	Chance Dubose
Bill Torres	Buddy Deese
Bill Haller	Johnnie Drew
Mike Netherland	

Absent: David Farr, Christine Bauer, Polly Ellinor, Mitch Morgan, Jackie Smith, Jennifer Bustos-Fitz, Lonnie Pell

Guests: Andy Roberts and Lorraine Miller

Location: Orange County Environmental Protection
800 Mercy Drive
Orlando, Florida 32808

Date and Time: Wednesday 9 February 2005 at 10:00am

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Setaram called the meeting to order at 10:14am.

II. ROLL CALL AND MINUTES

Angie Huebner took the roll and President Setaram declared a quorum. President Setaram asked if anyone had any deletions, omissions or modifications to the minutes of the Fourth Quarter 2004 Board of Directors' Meeting. A motion was made by Steve Weinsier to accept the minutes for the Fourth Quarter 2004 Board of Directors' Meeting. Buddy Deese seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. President Setaram asked if anyone had any deletions, omissions or modifications to the 2004 FAPMS Annual Business Meeting minutes. Steve Weinsier commented the amounts reported by David Farr and recorded in the meeting minutes reflect the account balance prior to all invoices being paid for the 2004 conference. Todd Olson made a motion to accept the 2004 FAPMS Annual Business Meeting minutes and

the motion received a second from Steve Weinsier. The motion passed unanimously.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

President Weinsier sent several emails prior to the meeting. One email specifically listed the names of committee chairpersons to fill remaining committees. Committee chairs include: by-laws-Mike Bodle, merchandising-Jennifer Bustos-Fitz, awards-Vicki Pontius and Mitch Morgan, program-Chance Dubose and Tim Harris, historical-Robbie Lovestrand, governmental affairs-Bill Haller, nominating-Steve Weinsier, auditing-Steve Weinsier, membership & publicity-Bill Moore, mailing list-Jackie Smith, vendor-Lonnie Pell and financial-Keshav Setaram. According to the by-laws the president, president-elect, 2 directors and treasurer will serve on the financial committee. Keshav selected Bill Torres and Todd Olson to serve the position of the directors on the financial committee. President Setaram received a request from David Farr for FAPMS to provide support for the education of the children of the late Mark Zellar. Jeff Holland provided President Setaram information for a possible partnership with Habitattitude. President Setaram also received a request from Don Doggett for a donation from FAPMS in the amount of \$1000-\$2000 for the APMS Graduate Assistantship.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT-David Farr

Steve Weinsier reported the Society's total assets are in the amount of \$34,759.55. These include a Nations Bank checking balance of \$5,385.51, a Nations Bank savings account balance of \$11,599.67, \$13,505.00 in the Strong Money Market Fund and \$4,269.37 in inventory and fixed assets. Total current asset balance is \$34,759.55. Results from the 2004 conference include: income-\$36,700.00, sponsorship-\$15,750.00, registration-\$20,950.00, expenses-\$39,804.00 with a loss of \$3,104.00. This year approximately \$6,000 less was received in sponsorship compared to sponsorship in previous years. Steve requested that at the end of each quarter an account balance sheet tracking loss and profit be completed by the treasurer. Steve also commented the Society's total loss for the year was approximately \$6,000.

V. SECRETARY'S REPORT-Angie Huebner

No report was given.

VI. EDITOR'S REPORT-Jeff Holland

Jeff reported that photos are needed for the cover of the *Aquatics* magazine. Jeff has received several requests for job postings and product related articles to be placed in *Aquatics*. He commented that he would request product related articles focus on the

active ingredient versus the product name. President Setaram commented the only problem with placing job announcements might be the time limit on the posting versus the publishing of *Aquatics*. Jeff commented a new program/initiative "Habitattitude" has been created to educate members of the public about the proper disposal of plants and animals and promote responsible public stewardship. He stated that membership is free and recommended FAPMS become a member. Steve Weinsier made a motion that FAPMS become a member of "Habitattitude". Buddy Deese seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mike Netherland addressed the content of the *Aquatics* magazine and stated he has several articles that could be used but do not focus on Florida issues. There was a discussion about the content of *Aquatics*. The BOD was in agreement that articles that do not have to focus strictly on Florida issues and related issues should be included in *Aquatics*.

Todd Olson made a motion to accept the treasurer's, secretary's and editor's reports. Steve Weinsier seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Auditing—Steve Weinsier

Steve Weinsier suggested that a balance sheet be completed for each quarter that reflects profit and loss for the quarter.

2. Awards—Mitch Morgan/Vicki Pontius

No report was given.

3. By-Laws—Mike Bodle

No report was given. There was a discussion about the program committee standard operating procedures (SOPs) and the possibility of adding the SOPs to the FAPMS by-laws. Mike will determine if the SOPs should be added to the by-laws.

4. Financial—Keshav Setaram

President Setaram reported the financial committee consists of the president, president-elect, treasurer and two directors. The committee can approve expenditures up to \$250 not to exceed \$1000 per year.

5. Governmental Affairs—Bill Haller

Bill Haller reported that EPA is developing a Re-registration Eligibility Decision (RED) for 2,4-D through the 6-phase public participation process. He stated that proposed changes/use rates could impact operations in Florida. Bill also reported there has been some confusion about Clean Water Act permits recently in the 9th Circuit Court District. DEP and IFAS will resume Joint Research Review meetings on March 28 and 29, 2005. National Invasive Weed

Awareness Week is the week of 16 March. Bill Torres reported information from the state level. Under Florida Forever, 2.28% of the dock stamps funds are allocated to the Invasive Plant Trust Fund. There is a proposed bill to cap the amount of funds to be allocated to the Invasive Plant Trust Fund and other funds. The proposed cap for the Invasive Plant Trust Fund is \$29.4 million. Last year funding was \$35 million. Bill Haller suggested that FAPMS write a letter stating the proposed cap would negatively affect aquatic and upland plant management programs. He also reported the company Cytoex is producing a chemical (LST) that kills citrus canker and apparently works on cogon grass, lygodium and other plants and is not harmful to the environment. The chemical does not have a label and will have to go through EPA to get a product registration.

6. Historical—Robbie Lovestrand

Robbie Lovestrand reported he needs \$30 to purchase items to preserve historical items.

7. Local Arrangements—Bill Torres

Bill Torres provided a quick reference for the 2005 annual training conference. The first deadline for the meeting is to provide the Hilton a tentative program and a written request to bring audiovisual equipment from an outside source by 7 July. The room rate is \$79 and the last date to book rooms at that rate is 7 October. The final program and a valid tax exemption certificate are due at that time also. Bill also provided price quotes for the 2006 annual training conference: Deerfield Hilton \$69; Adams Mark Jacksonville \$89; South Seas Resort Captiva \$89–\$109; St. Petersburg Hilton \$93; Daytona Hilton \$120; Registry Resort in Naples and Double Tree in Orlando \$129. President Setaram suggested having the next BOD meeting at the South Seas Resort Captiva. Steve Weinsier suggested also having a BOD meeting in Jacksonville. Todd Olson commented parking may be an issue for the equipment demonstration. Bill made some recommendations to improve the 2005 conference: 1) approve signature authorization for two or three people, 2) determine registered participants 5-6 days prior and adjust number for banquet, 3) seating arrangements—more aisles, 4) add pool-side activities, 5) exchange cell phone/Nextel numbers.

8. Mailing List—Jackie Smith

No report was given. Problems with the mailing list are being resolved. Information has been forwarded to Jackie Smith and she has incorporated the information. At this time there are 306 members of FAPMS. There was a discussion regarding member-

ship numbers per year and this will be addressed during the membership and publicity report.

9. Merchandising—Jennifer Bustos-Fitz

Steve Weinsier reported for Jennifer Busto-Fitz that a list of suggested items would help her determine items to be purchased for the next conference. Jennifer should send out an email to the BOD members requesting comments regarding the merchandise. David should post an area on the FAPMS website for comments as well.

10. Nominating—Steve Weinsier

No report was given. The slate should be complete at the next meeting. Three directors, president-elect, treasurer and secretary will be required for the slate.

11. Past President Advisory—Steve Weinsier

Steve stated there is concern about membership and the FAPMS marketing strategy.

12. Program

Chance Dubose and Tim Harris provided a summary of the FAPMS sponsorship from 1999 through 2004. Chance and Tim met with Lonnie Pell to discuss possible changes in the sponsorship criterion. Two options were provided. Option 1: Grand—\$5,000; Diamond—\$2,500; Platinum—\$1,250; Gold—\$750 and Silver—\$250. Option 2: Grand—\$5,000; Platinum—?; Gold—\$1,000; Silver—\$600 and Bronze—\$250. Other suggestions for sponsorship could include sponsoring the applicator paper awards, coffee breaks, etc. Sponsors could be recognized with a banner and/or on the program for sponsoring breaks. Bill Haller made a motion to accept Option 1 for the sponsorship level. The motion was seconded by Steve Weinsier. The motion passed unanimously. Chance and Tim will determine incentive options and the options will be discussed at the next meeting. Chance and Tim also provided a timeline and deadlines for the vendor and program committee. Coordination will be completed to acquire CEUs for other states such as Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina. There was a lengthy discussion about the feasibility of the golf tournament and the established day of the fishing tournament. The golf and fishing tournaments topic was tabled for discussion until the next meeting. There was a discussion about the timeline for the program committee and adding it to the by-laws. It was determined the timeline should be added to the SOPs versus the by-laws. Steve Weinsier made a motion to add the timeline to the FAPMS SOPs. The motion received a second from Jeff Holland. Todd Olson stated the timeline should be a generic description. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

13. Membership & Publicity—Bill Moore

Bill Moore reported membership has declined over the past several years and the Society needs to work to increase membership. He plans to distribute FAPMS brochures at appropriate meetings and conferences. A direct mailing postcard will be sent to the list of Florida certified applicators. There was a discussion about updating and printing membership brochures. Bill Moore made a motion to purchase 2500 membership brochures for \$1,372.71 and the motion received a second from Steve Weinsier. The motion passed unanimously. Bill will purchase a new display for less than \$300. He provided an example used by APMS to determine the membership list for each year, members are invoiced in December and membership fees are due by 31 January. Bill requested the FAPMS PO box be checked on a regular basis. President Setaram will speak at the Aquatic Weed Control Short Course about FAPMS. David Farr sent President Setaram a request for supporting the short course. Steve Weinsier made a motion to donate \$500 to support the Aquatic Weed Control Short Course. The motion received a second from Todd Olson and the motion passed unanimously. With the donation, FAPMS will receive space for a table-top display. President Setaram stated David Farr inquired about the publication of field charts for IFAS. It was determined the BOD passed a motion to provide \$3,500 for the printing of the field charts at the Third Quarter 2004 FAPMS BOD Meeting. The BOD decided to revisit the issue after the 2005 conference to determine if additional funding would be provided for the printing of the field ID charts. Once David Farr has received an invoice, \$3,500 will be provided for printing the field ID charts.

14. Resource Demonstration—Lonnie Pell

No report was given. Chance Dubose commented there are several demonstrations planned for the 2005 conference.

15. Scholarship—Don Doggett

Don Doggett provided a request from APMS for FAPMS to provide a donation of \$1,000–\$2,000 for the APMS Graduate Assistantship. Bill Haller will complete a historical account regarding FAPMS donations for the next BOD meeting. The topic was tabled for discussion until the next meeting. The Applicator Dependent Scholarship will be awarded this year. The Paul C. Myers Applicator Dependent Scholarship has received approximately \$17,000 to date.

16. Vendor—Lonnie Pell

No report was given.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Aquatic Engineering recently acquired a patent for utilizing GPS in conjunction with aquatic herbicide injection applications. There was a discussion about providing support for the trust fund of the late Mark Zellar's children. Information regarding the trust fund will be placed in the next newsletter. Jeff Holland commented a group that is vocal about herbicide application, the Bass Anglers Sportsman's Society (BASS) will be moving to Florida in April. Mike Bodle commented USDA will be releasing a moth, the new bio-control for lygodium, at Jonathan Dickenson State Park on 14 February. Steve Weinsier will send out invoices to everyone on the FAPMS mailing list for membership renewal. President Setaram will speak with Jackie Smith about forwarding the mailing list to Steve Weinsier.

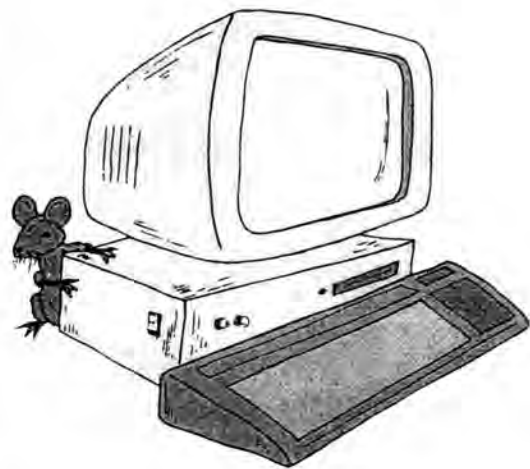
ADJOURNMENT

The next BOD meeting will be on April 27, 2005 at 10:00am. The location will be determined at a later date. Bill Haller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second from Todd Olson. President Setaram adjourned the meeting at 1:22pm.



FAPMS WEBSITE

Visit the FAPMS website at www.fapms.org to find out the latest information about our annual training conference. Other information on the web site includes available scholarships, job announcements, membership benefits and the new aquatic plant assistance tool. Just submit your questions and we will send it to an aquatic plant manager in your area. You can also find useful forms for membership renewal and conference registration at the FAPMS Online Store. Send questions and comments regarding the website via e-mail to fapms@earthlink.net.



In Remembrance of the Late Mark Zeller

Mark Zeller, a gentle man, loving father and wonderful friend, passed suddenly from this life in November 2004. He truly loved the outdoors and was an extremely dedicated biologist and avid woodworker. He loved killing weeds, and relished his role in enabling conservation land managers to remove invasive plants from their properties. Despite his youth, Mark had a world of experiences and adventures. He lived all over the United States, attended college in Alaska (drove there on a motorcycle with his girlfriend and eventual wife, Lisa), and volunteered on two separate occasions with animal rescue related to oil spills while there. Mark spent six months in Antarctica studying seal behavior. When crisis occurred after the first hurricane hit Florida last year, he volunteered to help with relief efforts.

Mark will be remembered for his generous nature, his willingness to share his time, his quiet but keen sense of humor, and his warm sincere smile. Mark will be sorely missed by his family, friends and co-workers.

He worked for the Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Invasive Plants, Upland Management Section as a Biological Scientist III.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to a memorial fund for their children, Zachary and Anna Zeller. The memorial fund has been set up in their names at Wachovia Bank. Any branch will accept the donations. Melissa Mitchell is the contact person with the bank (850-425-6030).

Aquatic Plant Management Society

Announces Annual Student Paper Contest for Upcoming July 2005 Meeting in San Antonio, Texas

The Aquatic Plant Management Society is soliciting student papers for their upcoming 45th Annual Meeting to be held July 10-13, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio on the Riverwalk at Paseo Del Alamo. Presentations of original research on the biology or ecology of aquatic and wetland plants, control methods (biological, chemical, cultural, mechanical) for invasive exotic or nuisance native plant species, and restoration projects involving wetland or aquatic plants are solicited. With a special session planned on Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) at this year's meeting, papers that emphasize control, causative factors, or general ecology of such bloom events and their associated water quality impacts are also highly encouraged.

The Society encourages students that have conducted original research to present their findings and gain a valuable perspective on aquatic plant problems and various management applications throughout the U.S. The meeting locale in San Antonio, Texas provides an excellent opportunity for students from Texas and nearby states to attend and present research on aquatic plant management in this region.

The APMS has a strong ethic of student support and all qualified attendees will be provided room accommodations (based on double occupancy) and waiver of registration fees. In addition, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize money will be awarded. This meeting presents an opportunity for students to develop their presentation skills, learn about the field of aquatic plant management, and meet with key Government, University, Industry representatives and peers with similar educational and professional interests.

Please log on to www.apms.org to learn more about the Aquatic Plant Management Society. For information about the contest, please contact:

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FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS—FAPMS 2005 MEETING

The 29th annual training conference will be held at the Hilton St. Petersburg November 8 through 10, 2005. You don't have to be a professional speaker in order to give a paper! We are looking for papers on herbicide application and mechanical techniques (aquatic and right-of-way), mixtures, innovative control measures, re-vegetation projects, new plant introductions, research projects, etc. Remember FAPMS was formed for the applicator, and the annual training conference is a chance to share what you have learned with other members. Each year the society awards all field applicators who present a paper with a plaque. This year the field applicator presenting the best paper will receive a plaque and \$300.

NOTE: DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS JULY 31, 2005

Title _____

Author(s)*: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

* If more than one author, please circle the name of the person who will present the paper at the meeting.

Title of Talk & Brief Abstract: _____

Biography of Presenter: _____

NOTE: Length of talk is usually 15 minutes. If your presentation is shorter or longer, please indicate the length of talk:
_____ minutes

Check as appropriate: ☐ Applicator paper ☐ Slide projector ☐ Overhead projector (transparencies) ☐ Video projector
☐ Computer (PowerPoint) Other needs _____

The preferred format for talks will be with PowerPoint. Anyone needing assistance with the preparation of a PowerPoint presentation may contact David Sutton, 3205 College Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314, or e-mail: dlsutton@ufl.edu.

Submit this form to: Tim Harris, 602 N. Palm Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177, or fax to (386) 328-1298.

Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society

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April 27, 2005
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May 3-5, 2005
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