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SECOND QUARTER, 2005 NEWSLETTER

New Location for the FAPMS Annual Training Conference!

The FAPMS 29th Annual Training Conference is just around the corner so don't wait to complete your pre-registration forms and make your reservations. This year's conference will be November 8-10, 2005 and 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. The hotel is located in the Waterfront District in the Bay Walk Entertainment Complex. The room rate is \$79 per night. Make your reservations 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.

There are many ways to get involved at the conference. Applicators can present papers and receive a plaque and cash award. This year the first place award winner will receive \$300, the second place award winner will receive \$200 and the third place award winner will receive \$100! The deadline for submitting the form is 31 July. Don't miss this opportunity! Another way to get involved is to participate in the Resource Demonstration or the photo contest. More details are provided in this newsletter. Forms can also be found at www.fapms.org.

If you have questions regarding local arrangements, please contact Bill Torres by telephone at (850) 245-2809 or contact Bill 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 www.fapms.org. For more information regarding St. Petersburg visit http://www.stpetehilton.com/.

Second Quarter 2005 FAPMS Board of Directors Meeting

Officers:

President Keshav Setaram
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Past President Steve Weinsier
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Treasurer David Farr
Editor Jeff Holland

Directors:

Christine Bauer
Polly Ellinor
Bill Torres
Bill Haller

Chance Dubose
Buddy Deese
Johnnie Drew

Mike Netherland

Absent: David Farr, Jeff Holland, Christine Bauer, Todd Olson, Chance Dubose, Mike Netherland, Mike Bodle, Robbie Lovestrand, Jennifer Bustos-Fitz, Don Doggett, Lonnie Pell

Location: Big Talbot Island State Park 12157 Heckscher Drive Jacksonville, Florida 32226

Date and Time: Wednesday 27 April 2005 at 10:00am

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Setaram called the meeting to order at 10:20am.

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 First Quarter 2005 Board of Directors Meeting. President Setaram mentioned the first sentence under correspondence should be corrected. The corrected sentence should be "President Setaram sent several e-mails prior to the meeting." Another error

was identified in the treasurer's report. The second to last sentence should be "Steve requested that at the end of each quarter an account balance and tracking loss and profit sheet be completed by the treasurer." A motion was made by Bill Haller to accept the minutes for the First Quarter 2005 Board of Directors Meeting with the aforementioned corrections. Steve Weinsier seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Steve Weinsier mentioned an article published in the Sun Sentinel on April 9, 2005 about a helicopter crash in the Everglades. There was a discussion about the details of the accident. Angie Huebner mentioned an article published in the Sun Sentinel about the spray program on Lake Okeechobee. The US Army Corps of Engineers has contacted the author and will work to educate him about the spray program. Steve Weinsier also mentioned an article about the use of Round-up and the effect on amphibians. Bill Haller stated the article has been appropriately addressed by AERF, RISE and the Weed Society of America. Jackie Smith also mentioned the article in National Geographic about invasive species.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT-David Farr

David Farr forwarded the treasurer's to President Setaram. President Setaram reported the current account balances: checking-\$2,090.19; savings-\$9,617.95; Strong money market-\$13,572; total accounts-\$25,280.54; inventory and fixed assets-\$4,269.37; total current assets-\$29,549.91. The \$500 sponsorship for the 2005 Aquatic Weed Control Short Course and \$3,500 for the plant identification charts were paid. The Society has received 20 memberships since February 9 for a total of \$595.00. There was a question about tax payments. Steve Weinsier will contact David to determine the status of the tax payments. David has also recommended the BOD consider increasing the registration to help offset costs of the annual training conference. There was a discussion about increasing the registration. Steve Weinsier made a motion to increase pre-registration to \$100 and registration at the door to \$150. Polly Ellinor seconded the motion. Discussion regarding the motion was favorable because it may also assist with determining the number of people for the banquet ahead of time. The motion passed unanimously.

V. SECRETARY'S REPORT-Angie Huebner

Angie reported there has not been a lot of response regarding classified advertising. She also requested that information be forwarded for the newsletter.

VI. EDITOR'S REPORT-Jeff Holland

No report was given. It was mentioned that extra Aquatics magazines are at the Center for Invasive Plants. Bill Haller mentioned we should ensure the county cooperative extension offices receive Aquatics. Bill Haller 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 reported he will contact David Farr regarding the Society's taxes. Steve also cautioned the BOD about sponsorship and donations since FAPMS funding currently is limited.

2. Awards-Mitch Morgan / Vicki Pontius

Last year the awards committee spent about \$1,200 on plaques. Mitch would like to change the number of door prizes awarded at each session to two items. He also suggested that vendors could donate items for door prizes. President Setaram suggested giving away a substantial prize after the business meeting in order to generate more participation at the meeting. Angie Huebner suggested donating Society merchandise items for door prizes. President Setaram mentioned the President, Treasurer, Secretary and 3 directors will be leaving the BOD this year. Mitch also asked for suggestions to increase participation for the Aquatic Plant Manager of the Year Award.

3. By-Laws-Mike Bodle

No report was given. A generic timeline needs to be completed for the annual training conference.

4. Financial-Keshav Setaram

No report was given.

5. Governmental Affairs-Bill Haller

Bill Haller reported there is an action in Congress that will exempt FIFRA from NPDS permits. The registration for 2-4D is being re-evaluated by the US Environmental Protection Agency. David Sutton retired in March. It will probably be after the first of the fiscal year before a person is recruited for this position. Bill Torres reported the Invasive Plant Trust Fund cap was set at \$41,000,000 instead of \$29,000,000. The annual reports for plant management will now be placed on the FDEP website. The House and Senate recommended the funding levels for tussock work to be \$9,000,000 for the next fiscal year. Operational reports are still required to be completed but do not have to be submitted to FDEP.

6. Historical-Robbie Lovestrand

No report was given.

7. Local Arrangements-Bill Torres

The tentative program and a letter from the Society requesting audio visual equipment should be submitted to the St. Petersburg Hilton by 7 July 2005. Menu selection will be completed by Bill Torres and he will e-mail the selections to the BOD. The Adam's Mark in Jacksonville is now a Hyatt and will not honor the rates previously provided by the Adam's Mark for the 2006 conference. The St. Petersburg Hilton sent a contract

for the 2006 conference dates October 28 - November 2. Steve Weinsier made a motion to have the 2006 annual training conference at the St. Petersburg Hilton October 28 - November 2. Polly Ellinor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. There was some discussion about the 2007 annual training conference and suggestions for locations included the Best Western at Rolling Hills. Another suggestion was a hotel in Hollywood. Bill Torres suggested having the banquet off site instead of at the hotel. Logistics could be an issue with having the banquet off site.

8. Mailing List-Jackie Smith

Jackie reported there are still problems with the mailing list. At the end of March, there were 352 members of FAPMS according to the mailing list. The address for membership renewals should be changed to the Orlando address. Realizing the Treasurer has numerous responsibilities, there was a discussion about reducing the Treasurer's responsibilities throughout the remainder of the fiscal year. Jackie Smith volunteered to assist with the duties of the treasurer with the exception of the maintenance of the FAPMS website. Bill Haller made a motion to have Jackie Smith accept responsibilities of the treasurer including registration for the annual training conference through the end of the year. These duties will not include the website maintenance. Polly Ellinor seconded the motion and the motion passed with one opposed to the motion.

9. Merchandising-Jennifer Bustos-Fitz

Steve Weinsier provided the merchandise committee report completed by Jennifer Busto-Fitz. Jennifer has completed extensive research and compiled a list of new items and prices for FAPMS merchandise. Jennifer should complete a budget and a list of recommendations for purchasing merchandise and e-mail it to the BOD. The budget for purchasing new merchandise each year is usually between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

10. Nominating-Steve Weinsier

There was a lengthy discussion about the slate for 2006. The slate will be completed and submitted at the next meeting. Three directors, president-elect, treasurer, editor and secretary will be required for the slate.

11. Past President Advisory-Steve Weinsier

No report was given.

12. Program

Tim Harris reported a tentative program will be completed by the end of June. Tim and Chance Dubose have identified items for sponsorship levels: Grand (\$5,000)-15 minutes program update, program recognition, 3 sponsor memberships; 2 booths or 1 large booth, advertisement in the newsletter; Diamond (\$2,500)-15 minutes program update, program recognition, 2 sponsor memberships, booth and advertisement in the newsletter; Platinum (\$1,250)-10 minutes of program update; program recognition, 1 sponsor

membership, and a booth; Gold (\$750)-7 minutes of program update, program recognition and a booth; Silver (\$250)-program recognition. There was a discussion about acquiring sponsorship for the applicator papers. Cash awards will be given to the first, second and third place applicator paper award winners for \$300, \$200 and \$100, respectively. The program committee plans to acquire sponsors for the coffee breaks during the conference. Sponsors will be recognized in the program and during the coffee break with a banner or a sign or logo. Chance will work with Lonnie Pell regarding sponsorship for the conference. Applicator papers are needed for the conference.

13. Membership & Publicity-Bill Moore

Bill Moore reported the FAPMS display has been purchased and will be used for the first time at a conference in St. Petersburg next week. President Setaram will complete a presentation about the Society at the Aquatic Weed Control Short Course. Jackie Smith stated that South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will be utilizing contracts to complete aquatic plant management operations by the end of the fiscal year. This could impact the FAPMS membership. Approximately 20% of the FAPMS membership consists of SFWMD employees. There was a discussion about sending membership applications to all certified applicators in the state of Florida. Bill Moore made a motion to send direct mailings to all certified applicators in the state of Florida with cost not to exceed \$1,000. Bill Haller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

14. Resource Demonstration-Lonnie Pell

No report was given.

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 at the last meeting. Bill Haller provided an estimate for the funding donated to the scholarship foundation since 1992. There was a lengthy discussion about donating funding for the assistantship. Bill Haller will get an update from Joe Joyce to acquire the amount of funding that has been donated.

16. Vendor-Lonnie Pell

No report was given.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next BOD meeting will be on 19 July 2005 at 10:00am at the St. Petersburg Hilton. Bill Haller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second from Jackie Smith. President Setaram adjourned the meeting at 1:20pm.

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We invite you to visit our website at www.homesteadgardens.com to learn more about other employment opportunities.

Homestead Gardens is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We welcome diversity.

Resource Demonstration At Training Conference

Check out the Resource Demonstration at the FAPMS 29th Annual Training Conference. The committee is planning some interesting programs for the demonstration this year. Possible demonstrations include plant identification, venomous insects, GIS technology and identification of various types of snakes. Contact Lonnie Pell by phone at 321-636-2617 or by e-mail at lonniep@sepro.com if you are interested in completing a demonstration.



Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society

Newsletter Advertisement Registration Form

The FAPMS Newsletter reaches nearly 600 applicators, supervisors and administrators in Florida. You now have a chance to advertise your goods and services to the people who will use them. Please remit all payments and 2 business cards to:

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Receipt requested from FAPMS? □ Yes □ No

Thank you for your support.

If you have any other questions concerning this matter please contact jackie.c.smith@dep.state.fl.us

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 30, 2005

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:					
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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.	

LAST 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 applicators presenting the top three papers will receive a plaque and cash awards. First place will receive a \$300 award, secon place will receive a \$200 cash award, and third place will receive a \$100 cash award.

NOTE: DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS JULY 31, 2005

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29th Annual Training Conference November 8-10, 2005

Registration/Membership Form

Additional names: 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
Active \$35 Associate (out of state) \$20 Contributing \$50 ☐ New Renewal \$ Student \$5 Library service \$100 Membership includes a subscription to Aquatics and the FAPMS newsletter. Conference registration(s) @ \$100 pre-registration, \$150 after October 10, 2005 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 October 10, 2005 ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover Credit card number: Name on credit card: _____ Expiration date: _____ Mail to: FAPMS E-mail: jackie.c.smith@dep.state.fl.us P.O. Box 560700 Orlando, FL 32856 For hotel reservations call the St. Petersburg Hilton at (727) 894-5000. Please make room reservations by October 7 and reference FAPMS when you call to get the special room rate of \$79 per night. The St. Petersburg Hilton Hotel is located at 333 First Street. 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



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October 11-13

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October 27 - 28, 2005

Annual Conference on Ecosystems Restoration and Creation Tampa, FL www.hccfl.edu/depts/detp/ecoconf.html

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