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Editor: Stephanie Walters

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am looking forward to an exciting year as your president of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society. We will be having our third consecutive meeting at the beautiful St. Pete Hilton. On October 1-4, 2007 make plans to attend and enjoy the presentations, exhibits, banquet, equipment demonstration, fishing tournament, entertainment, presidential reception, exchange of ideas, camaraderie, and much more. In addition, we will be having live entertainment this year. The band, Weeds, has agreed to come and perform for us. Many of you will know the members of the band. We are excited about having some of our own in this band and know that this will be a great time.

The first quarter FAPMS Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at the Plaza Resort and Spa at 600 North Atlantic Avenue in Daytona Beach. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. All FAPMS members are invited and welcome to attend all Board meetings.

Tim Harris and Chance Dubose are serving their fourth year as the Program Committee Co-Chairpersons. This job requires a lot of time and energy and I am sure that they will plan another great program this year. Thanks Tim and Chance for agreeing to take on this monumental task again this year! Your dedication and hard work for the betterment of our Society does not go unnoticed.

Soon we will be asking for applications for Aquatic Plant Manager of the Year. Keep an eye on your different programs and projects to see if you have individuals who are deserving of this recognition. This award is to recognize an outstanding individual or team for their achievements in the field of aquatic plant management.

We were considering having our 2008 meeting at the

Clearwater Hilton and planned to have our first quarter Board meeting there. We were unable to secure this location. Unfortunately another agency beat us to the punch. Please be prepared to vote on the location/hotel at our January meeting. We need to plan far ahead with these types of decisions. I want to thank Bill Torres chairing the local arrangements committee. Bill works diligently on the site selection, coordination and getting us the most for our dollars. He works closely with the hotel hosting our conference and negotiates fiercely on our behalf. I also noted at our last meeting that it takes a lot to rattle Bill!

Remember that the Society awards scholarships each year through our Scholarship and Research Foundation. Don Doggett is the president of the scholarship committee. We appreciate Don's effort on keeping this outstanding program going strong. Each year this Foundation awards scholarships through the Paul C. Myers Applicator Dependent Scholarship and the William L. Maier, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. These scholarships are a source of pride for our Society. I know that both Bill Maier and Paul Myers would be proud of the support of our membership and profession in their name.

The AQUATICS Magazine has a nationwide circulation of approximately 2,500, and is in its twenty-ninth year of publication under the capable editorship of Jeff Holland. AQUATICS Magazine is dedicated to field operations, and we need your support in the form of articles, pictures, and letters. The Editor and Board of Directors will be glad to assist you in the preparation of articles.

Please visit our website at www.fapms.org for more information about our Society. David Farr, FAPMS Web Master, has done an excellent job of providing

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information to support our society and the annual meeting. Thanks David for your hard work on our website. It looks great.

A special thanks to Stephanie Walters and Jennifer Myers who will serve in the Secretary and Treasurer positions of the FAPMS. They are doing a great job.

This year's existing Board members are Dr. Bill Haller, Johnnie Drew, Dr. Mike Netherland, Bruce Jagers, Jennifer Bustos-Fitz and Robbie Lovestrand. Welcome to our three new directors, Lowell Trent, John Evertsen, and Tim Harris. The addition of these three members will round out an already excellent board of directors who will provide a nice cross section of interests and specialties. Call them if you need information, or would like to get involved. Their information is listed on our website www.fapms.org

I would also like to thank all of those who have agreed to work on our committees with only a minimum of arm-twisting! They are Keshav Seteram, Dr. Haller, Bill Torres, Jackie Smith, Jennifer Bustos-Fitz, Mitch Morgan, Jeff Holland, Bill Moore, Paul Mason, Don Doggett and David Farr.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome each of you and thank everyone who has contributed to the continued success of our Society.

Cordially,

Vicki Pontius

FAPMS is currently accepting articles and photographs for *Aquatics* magazine.

There is a large demand for operational photos and short articles from applicators and members working in the field. Please consider submitting your photos

or articles to the editor,

Jeff Holland at j holland@rcid.dst.fl.us or visit the FAPMS web page at www.fapms.org for additional contact information.

Fourth Quarter 2006 FAPMS Board of Directors' Meeting

Officers:

President	Bill Moore
President Elect	Vicki Pontius
Past President	Keshav Seteram
Secretary	Stephanie Walters
Treasurer	Jennifer Myers
Editor	Jeff Holland

Directors:

Bruce Jagers	Jennifer Bustos-Fitz
Polly Ellinor	Robbie Lovestrand
Bill Torres	Buddy Deese
Bill Haller	Johnnie Drew
Mike Netherland	

Committee Chairs

Auditing: Keshav Seteram

Awards: Mitch Morgan

By-Laws: Stephanie McCart

Financial: Keshav Seteram

Governmental Affairs: Bill Haller

Historical: Robbie Lovestrand

Local Arrangements: Bill Torres

Mailing List: Jackie Smith

Membership and Publicity: Vicki Pontius

Merchandising: Jennifer Bustos-Fitz

Nominating: Keshav Seteram

Past President advisory: Keshav Seteram

Program: Chance Dubose / Tim Harris

Resource Demonstration: Tony Griffin

Scholarship: Don Doggett

Vendor: Dan Berguson / Dharmen Seteram

Absent: Jackie Smith

Guests: P.J. Myers, Jeff Schardt, Steve Weisner,

Location: St. Petersburg Hilton

Date and Time: Monday, October 30, 2006 2:00pm

I. CALL TO ORDER President Moore called the meeting to order at 2:00

II. ROLL CALL AND MINUTES Secretary Stephanie Walters took roll and a quorum was declared. President Moore asked if there were any omissions, deletions or modifications to the 2006 3rd quarter minutes. No changes were made.

III. CORRESPONDENCE To be discussed under Governmental affairs,

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT – Jennifer Myers

Treasurer Jennifer Myers reported the following, **Current Assets**; Bank of America Checking \$71,098.69, Bank of America Savings \$45,044.61, Wells Fargo Money Market \$14,309.81 Total \$130,453.11. **Income**; Meeting registration \$32,150.00, Membership \$12,425.00, Extra Banquet ticket \$200.00, Merchandise \$94.00, Sponsorship \$28,200.00, Interest Income \$396.26, Total Income \$73,465.

Expenses; Captain Al's \$4,617.80, Insurance \$326.50, Meeting Supplies \$423.53, Newsletter Printing \$858.33, Credit Card Services \$288.69, Total expenses \$6,514.85. Jennifer also noted there high expense from Captain Al's was due to duplicate charge from Captain Al's which will be reimbursed. She also stated she was expecting a high number of registrations for the meeting on Tuesday.

V. SECRETARY'S REPORT –

Stephanie Walters

Secretary Stephanie Walters reported the newsletter is now being printed by PDQ printing in Orlando, and will be back on schedule. Stephanie asked for any suggestions, articles or information from the board to be included in the newsletter.

VI. EDITOR'S REPORT – Jeff Holland

*Report giving later in meeting.

President Moore asked for a motion to be made to approve the Officers reports, Polly Ellinor made the motion, Vicki Pontius seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Auditing – Keshav Seteram

No report was giving.

2. Awards – Mitch Morgan / Vicki Pontius

Mitch Morgan reported that he needed 3 judges for the applicator papers, Mitch reported that he received a good response from vendors for door prizes, Mitch stated that this years grand prize would be a GPS system and laptop computer. Mitch mentioned a suggestion for the following year to show a video or picture for the grand prize rather than to bring a large boat to the meeting. President Moore asked if judges were needed for the photo contest, Mitch stated that the same judges that volunteered to judge the applicator paper would also judge the photo contest. President Moore reviewed the current FAPMS "Honorable Lifetime Members" and stated they were as follows: Les Bidding and Eddie Knight.

President Moore stated that in honor of the 30 year celebration of FAPMS, three more members were members nominated at the 3rd quarter board of directors meeting. This year's nominated "Honorable Lifetime Members" are Dr. Bill Haller, Dr. Vernon Vandiver, and Andy Price. Stephanie Walters reminded the board that the nominations for the Honorable Lifetime Members were made in executive session at the 3rd quarter meeting and therefore were not printed in the 3rd quarter minutes. President Moore stated that he had two Presidents Awards to be giving the first was for Victor Ramey, which was awarded in July 2006 at the APMS meeting, and announced Victor Ramey's daughter would be accepting the president's award on Vic's behalf at the banquet. President Moore noted the second Presidents award is to be awarded to Joe Joyce in honor of his 21 years of dedicated service to FAPMS. President Moore asked the board for a motion to approve the Presidents Award nominations, Jennifer Bustos-Fitz made the motion to approve, Robbie Lovestrand seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

***Editors Report: Jeff Holland**

Editor Jeff Holland reported that he had two editorials for Aquatics magazine and asked the board for their opinions. Steve Weisner asked Jeff about advertising in Aquatics magazine, Jeff stated that advertising issues are handled through Debbie and David Tarver, and noted the monies collected for advertising go to the publishing company and not to FAPMS. Jeff mentioned that he was looking for new articles and photos for Aquatics magazine. President Moore suggested possibly doing an interview with the winner of this year's applicator paper winner.

President Moore asked for a motion to approve the Editors report, Vicki Pontius made the motion to approve, Chance Dubose seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

3. By-Laws – Stephanie McCarty

Stephanie McCarty briefly reviewed the By Laws changes that were posted in the 3rd quarter newsletter, President Moore stated the changes are to be voted on at the 2006 annual business meeting.

4. Financial – Bill Moore

No report was giving

Buddy Deese mentioned to the board that the fishing tournament is being held at the pier.

5. Governmental Affairs— Bill Haller

Bruce Jagers reviewed a follow up with the Orange Lake Enhancement project in Alachua County,

and noted that Orange County is also requesting permits from FWC for projects. President Moore asked if FAPMS should become more involved. Bruce stated that should another meeting take place a statement from FAPMS would be useful. President Moore asked that Bruce please keep the board updated on these discussions.

6. Historical – Robbie Lovestrand

Robbie mentioned that he was working on documents showing past meetings and presidents, and also one for awards. The third is a compilation of all the past officers. Robbie asked the board to review and to note any changes additions, or omissions from the documents. President Moore thanked Robbie for his hard work with historical data.

7. Local Arrangements – Bill Torres

Bill stated we met our quota for rooms this year. Bill also presented to the board potential sites for the 2008 meeting. The hotels are as follows: Wyndham Orlando \$99.00/night early November. Royal Plaza Walt Disney world \$119/night which will now delete them as an option The Royal Plaza stated they could give a price of \$105/night for the month of September. St. Pete Hilton \$104.00/night first week in October, Hilton Clearwater beach \$105.00/night last week of October. The Board mentioned there were complaints from members of having the annual meeting during a holiday. Bill stated that a discussion needed to be made soon to lock in the prices and dates quoted. The Board suggested having the January meeting at the Hilton in Clearwater to review the Hotel. Bill Moore suggested also having a meeting at the Wyndham Orlando to review the accommodations. Keshav Seteram suggested asking for a show of hands at the annual business meeting.

8. Mailing List – Jackie Smith

Annual membership total is 557 giving on Jackie's behalf from Bill Moore.

9. Membership & Publicity – Vicki Pontius

No report was giving

10. Merchandising – Jennifer Bustos-Fitz

Jennifer Bustos-Fitz stated she received the items ordered for the 30th anniversary, and passed samples to the board for review. It was brought to the boards attention of a discrepancy on the knives. Jennifer stated she would be in contact with our supplier.

11. Nominating – Keshav Seteram

Keshav reviewed with the board the 2007 nominations as follows. Stephanie Walters Secretary, Jennifer Myers Treasurer, Jeff Holland editor, President elect Chance Dubose, directors at large Tim Harris, Lowell Trent, and John Evertson. The nominations will be voted for at the annual business meeting, nominations from the floor will also be excepted providing the person nominated is present.

President Moore asked for reports from the following committees for the annual business meeting Awards, By Laws, Local Arrangements, Membership/mailling list, Merchandising, Nominating, Program, Scholarship, Vendor, and Website

12. Resource/Equipment Demonstration– Tony Griffin

Tony reviewed with the board insurance, parking waivers, and discussed some of the parking lot issues for the equipment demonstrations. The board discussed different ideas to help with the parking situation. Tony also reviewed with the board the different types of equipment that would be demonstrated this year. President Moore thanked Tony for his outstanding efforts this year recruiting for the equipment demonstration this year.

13. Past President Advisory – Keshav Seteram

No report was giving

14. Program – Chance Dubose and Tim Harris

Tim, Chance and Keshav reviewed with the board the current program and pointed out the new style and font size requested by the FAPMS members. Keshav stated that PDQ printing was doing a great job on the program and newsletter, and suggested remaining with them for printing needs.

15. Scholarship—Don Doggett

Don stated that there were 7 applicants for the Paul C. Myers Dependent Scholarship this year, each received \$750.00. Don also stated that there were no scholarships giving under the W.L. Maier Jr. Memorial Scholarship. In addition, a \$1,000.00 donation was giving to help sponsor the APMS/AERF chapter's graduate assistantship. Don stated that eight raffle sponsors have been solicited for this year's annual fundraiser, and silent auction items were donated by Foundation members. Don noted that he was successful in locating many of the FAPMS past presidents. President Moore noted that to date 44 scholarships have been giving.

16. Vendor – Dharmen Seteram / Dan Bergeson

Dan Bergeson reported there are 27 exhibitors for the 2006 annual meeting.

17. Website –David Farr

David Farr stated that he was working on a few changes and updates to the website and asked the board for any suggestions. President Moore thanked David for doing a wonderful job keeping up with the FAPMS website and keeping information current.

President Moore asked for a motion to approve the committee reports, Buddy Deese made the motion to approve, Vicki Pontius seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business

No report was giving

VIII. New Business

Vicki Pontius discussed with the board a committee sign up sheet, Keshav Seteram stated the South Florida Water Management District is looking for a new crew Chief after the retirement of Mike Barrick in January. David Farr asked the board members to take pictures of the annual meeting and to please forward to him to be posted on the website. David noted there would be a link posted on the FAPMS website.

IX. Adjournment

The tentative site and time for the 2007 board meeting is January 11th at the Clearwater Hilton, information will be mailed upon finalization.

President Moore thanked the board for all the help and support.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations to our new
Honorary Lifetime Members!!!**

*Dr. Bill Haller,
Dr. Vernon Vandiver,
Andy Price.*



**FAPMS would also like to recognize
Past Honorary Lifetime Members**

*Les Bitting
Eddie Knight*

**Please join us in wishing Mike Barrett
S.F.W.M.D. Kissimmee field station
A Wonderful and relaxing retirement!!!**

**Special thanks to Bill Moore,
2006 FAPMS president.
A Job Well Done!**

**The FAPMS Board of Directors, Officers, Committee Chairs and Members would like to thank the sponsors
for their generosity, and support of the 2006 30th annual training conference.**

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Vertex Water Features.

Silver

Allstate Resource Management,
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Be sure to visit our website!! WWW.FAPMS.ORG

2006 FAPMS Annual Business Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Moore called the annual business meeting to order.

2. ELECTIONS — Keshav Seteram

Keshav reviewed with the members the recommended slate to be approved, President Elect Chance Dubose, Secretary Stephanie Walters, Treasurer Jennifer Myers, Editor Jeff Holland, Directors at large Lowell Trent, John Evertson, and Tim Harris. Keshav opened nominations to the floor, no nominations were made. Keshav asked for a motion to be made to approve the recommended slate, Jay Heidt motioned for approval, the FAPMS members seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT — Jennifer Myers

Treasurer Jennifer Myers reported the following. Current Assets; Bank of America Checking \$71,098.69, Bank of America Savings \$45,044.61, Wells Fargo Money Market \$14,309.81 Total \$130,453.11. Income; Meeting registration \$32,150.00, Membership

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT — Stephanie Walters

No report was giving

5. EDITOR'S REPORT — Jeff Holland

Jeff asked the members for photos and asked that they be sent in Portrait format.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Awards — Mitch Morgan / Vicki Pontius

Mitch stated that a total of \$1750.00 was spent this year on awards and prizes. This years award winners will be posted on the FAPMS website and newsletter.

2. By-Laws — Stephanie McCarty

To the Members of FAPMS:

With the advent of our FAPMS web site and the constant maintenance required for upkeep, a Web Site Committee with associated Chairperson was formed by FAPMS Board approval. This requires an addition to the Society By-Laws, outlining the duties of said Committee and Chairperson.

Two additional By-Laws changes were required with the deletion of the Aquatic Plant Advisory Committee and the addition of the Paul C. Myers Applicator Dependent Scholarship Fund.

One final change was made when the Board determined that all dues paid in the second half of the year should count for the following calendar year.

RECOMMENDED BY-LAWS CHANGES:

(All deleted words will show a strike through and all additions will be listed in italics.)

Article VII – Board of Directors

~~Section 5. The Board of Directors shall appoint the Society's Aquatic Plant Advisory Committee Delegate. The Delegate shall serve a two year term and may serve one consecutive term if ratified by the Board of Directors. The duties of the Delegate shall be to represent the Society at Committee Meetings and to advise the Board of Directors of Committee activities.~~

Article VIII – Committees

Section 1. Chairpersons of the following committees shall be appointed each year by the President of the Society with the advice of the Board of Directors. The duties of these committees shall be as indicated.

16. Web Site Committee: Responsible for maintenance of the Society web site and updates as necessary. Required web site items shall include a list of board members and associated phone numbers, annual conference information with links, membership information and an email link for contact by FAPMS members. Optional information approved by the Board may also be added.

Article X – Dues and Funds

Section 1. Annual dues for active, associate and student members shall be established by the Board of Directors. Dues are payable on the first day of January to the Treasurer of the Society. *Dues paid between January 1 and July 1 will apply toward the current calendar year. Dues paid after July 1 will apply toward the subsequent calendar year.*

Article XIV – Special Funds

Section 1. The William L. Maier, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the Board of Directors of the Society and is administered by the Board of Directors of the FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation, Inc.

Section 2. The Paul C. Myers Applicator Dependent Scholarship Fund was established by the Board of Directors of the Society and is administered by the Board of Directors of the FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation, Inc.

Stephanie asked the members to approve the changes, all of the above By-Law changes were approved by the members.

3. Financial – Bill Moore

No report was giving

4. Governmental Affairs – Bill Haller

No report was giving

5. Historical – Robbie Lovestrand

No report was giving

6. Local Arrangements – Bill Torres

Bill stated to the board the importance of booking the hotel rooms for the annual meetings within the time frame allowed, as well as staying at the host hotel.

7. Mailing List – Jackie Smith

No report was giving

8. Membership & Publicity – Vicki Pontius

Vicki reported 597 members.

9. Merchandising – Jennifer Bustos-Fitz

No report was giving

10. Program – Chance Dubose and Tim Harris

Tim thanked the members for attending; President Moore thanked Tim and Chance for doing a great job on this year's program.

11. Resource/Equipment Demonstration – Tony Griffin

No report was giving

12. Scholarship – Don Doggett

Don reported a total of \$4,875.00

13. Vendor – Dan Bergeson

Dan thanked the 2006 sponsors, and Grand sponsor Cerexagri, and reported a total of \$32,000.00 from 25 sponsors

17. Website David Farr

David asked the members for photos

18. Old business

No report was giving

19. New Business:

No report was giving

20. Adjournment

President Moore thanked the members and adjourned the meeting.

9th Annual Southeast EPPC Conference

Pulling Together:

Cooperation to Combat Invasive Plants

Dates: March 20-22, 2007

Location: UGA Center for Continuing Education,
1197 South Lumpkin Street, Athens, GA

The Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council is a regional non-profit organization dedicated to controlling invasive plants and restoring natural ecosystems. SE-EPPC welcomes participation by all land agencies, organizations, industries, and individuals, all working together to forge a solution.

Call for Papers

The Georgia EPPC on behalf of the Southeast EPPC invites you to present aspects of your work in a contributed presentation or poster. Abstracts and the final program will be available online at www.se-eppc.org prior to the meeting. Registration costs for the meeting will be around \$100.

Program topics include:

- Biological Control
- Noxious Weeds in the Southeast
- Chemical Control
- Restoration/Ecology
- New Developments in Herbicide Technology
- Legislation/Regulatory Issues
- Education
- Ongoing Research Projects
- Funding/Information Sources
- Other Invasive Species (Insects, Diseases, Vertebrates, etc.)
- Urban Issues
- Mapping/Early Detection
- Genetics

Submission of Abstracts – Electronically submit a title and abstract to Chris Evans (cevans@uga.edu). The deadline for receiving abstracts is January 19, 2007. Each contributed presentation or poster requires an abstract.

General Program Schedule:

Tues. March 20 – General and concurrent sessions, workshops, posters and evening reception

Wed. March 21 – General and concurrent sessions, control workshop and afternoon field trips

Thurs. March 22 – Half-day general and concurrent sessions. Business Meeting.

Registration and Full Program will be available at: www.se-eppc.org.

Please contact Chris Evans, cevans@uga.edu or 229-386-3298 for additional information.

Visit the FAPMS Web Site!

Visit the web site at www.fapms.org to find the latest information about the 2006 annual training conference, available scholarships, job announcements and membership benefits. Photos from the 2005 annual training conference as well as new information have been posted to the web site. Send questions and comments regarding the web site via e-mail to fapms@earthlink.net.

ANNOUNCEMENT! The Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society will be adding an online member directory to the website. For your safety the online directory will be **PASSWORD PROTECTED**. If you have any questions or do **NOT** want your name included in the directory please contact Jackie Smith via email at: Jackie.c.smith@dep.state.fl.us



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AWARDS

Fishing Tournament

Photo Contest

Aquatic Scene

Keith Mangus "Alligator Bellowing at Little Wekiva"

Aquatic Operations

Keith Mangus "Snag at Little Wekiva"

Applicator of the Year Nominees

John Pierce "Big John" Orange County Environmental Protection Division

Michael Page Helicopter Applicators Inc

Carl Smith, Chris Mayhew, Wesley Williams, and Danny Copeland

Highlands County Parks and Recreation Department

WINNER of Applicators of the Year

Carl Smith, Chris Mayhew, Wesley Williams, and Danny Copeland

Highlands County Parks and Recreation Department

They have combined 57 years of experience in aquatic industry.

They routinely use excavators and other equipment to unblock drainage canals in addition to standard herbicide application equipment.

They fabricated front-end rakes on airboats to move vegetation and tussocks.

They speak with various Lake Management groups in Highlands County as well as Highlands County Commissioners informing the groups on County management goals.

They are involved with monitoring bald eagle and snail kite activities around the Highlands County lakes.

Two of the Team members have presented Applicator Papers and Chris Mayhew has been awarded Best Applicator Paper.

Applicator Paper Presenters

Stephen Montgomery, Allstate Resource Management

Erin McCarta, Highlands County Parks and Recreation Department

Gary L. Foreman, City of Orlando

James Godfrey, SJRWMD

James Shultz, SJRWMD

Patrick Simmsgeiger, Diversified Waterscapes

WINNER of Applicator Papers

3rd Place (\$ 100) James Godfrey *SJRWMD*

2nd Place (\$ 200) Stephen Montgomery *Allstate Resource Management*

1st Place (\$ 300) Gary Foreman *City of Orlando* "A Day in the Life of Wetlands Applicator"

RECOGNITIONS

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Bill Torres

Polly Ellinor

Buddy Deese

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Dr. William T. Haller

Dr. Vernon V. Van Diver, Jr.

PRESIDENTAL AWARDS

Victor Alan Ramey

Dr. Joseph C. Joyce

PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE (Vicky Pontius)

CLOSING

FOUNDATION PRIZE DRAWING (Don Doggett)

2006 Scholarship Awards

The FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation, Inc. has named seven recipients of the Paul C. Myers Applicator Dependent Scholarship.

The following students each received \$750.00 for the upcoming school year:



Daniel Deese,
son of Buddy Deese,
is a sophomore attending
the University of Miami.



Heather Hertel,
daughter of Eric Hertel,
is a junior attending
Indian River Community College.



Katie Hertel,
daughter of Eric Hertel,
is a sophomore attending
Indian River Community College.



Greg Magee,
son of Norma Cassinari,
is a junior attending
Indian River Community College.



Jenna Pontius,
daughter of Vicki Pontius,
is a freshman attending
South Florida Community College.



Brianna Schooley,
daughter of Nick Schooley,
is a freshman attending
the University of Central Florida



Rena Tchekmeian,
daughter of David Blackburn,
is a junior attending
Florida Gulf Coast University.

The FAPMS Scholarship Foundation was established by the Board of Directors of the Society and is administered by the Board of Directors of the FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation, Inc. Since 1986 the foundation has provided over \$25,000 in scholarships.

**Please send any donations to: Don Doggett
Lee County Hyacinth Control District, P.O. Box 60005, Ft. Myers, FL 33906**

FAPMS Members: I want to express my greatest appreciation to the FAPMS for the most prestigious Honorary Membership Award. I was very surprised and certainly unable at the time to express how meaningful it is to be honored in such a manner by your friends, colleagues and peers. I have had the opportunity to work with other groups/associations/societies and FAPMS is unique. In 1976 it was formed by applicators for applicators and that mission is still strong and vibrant in the society 30 years later, testimony to the dedication and goals of the members and FAPMS officers. FAPMS members take pride in their work and are eager to learn more. While ole Bubba may be nodding off in the back row, one ear is tuned in to hear relevant information or a new applicator tip! FAPMS members have advanced aquatic plant management forward by asking tough questions, providing new ideas,, trying them on occasion, and participating in operational research and educational programs. Certainly a special and unique group of dedicated individuals; it surely is an honor to be honored by such a group,,,

Thanks.. Bill Haller

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

9th Annual Southeast EPPC Conference
Pulling Together: Cooperation to Combat Invasive Plants

Dates: March 20-22, 2007

Location: UGA Center for Continuing Education
1197 South Lumpkin Street, Athens, GA

January 15-17, 2007

Northwest Aquatic Plant
Management Society Meeting
West Dover, VT
<http://www.neapms.net/>

April 18-20, 2007

Florida Vegetation Management
Association Annual Meeting
Daytona Beach, FL
<http://www.fvma.info/index.html>

March 3-5, 2007

Midwest APMS Annual Meeting
Milwaukee, WI
<http://www.mapms.org>

April 30-May 3, 2007

FLEPPC Annual Symposium
Cocoa Beach, FL
<http://www.fleppc.org/>

March 25-27, 2007

Western APMS Annual Meeting
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