

# CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!

## FLORIDA AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT SOCIETY, INC.

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### *President's Awards*

*President Vicki Pontius presented two FAPMS President's Awards.*

The first President's Award was presented to **Bill Moore** in recognition to the many contributions made to the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society. October 2007

#### **Bill Moore;**

Although Bill claims he is retired, we all know that Bill has been and continues to play a very important role in our Society. At this time, he is the Past President of FAPMS and works just as hard in his so-called retirement as he did when he was receiving a paycheck for his efforts. Before Bill came into our industry, he was an active member of the Army for 5 years. While enlisted, he earned a Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal and as a reservist earned the Meritorious Service Medal. After leaving the Army, Bill began his career in our industry, spending 5 years as a distributor rep and 30 years as a manufacturer's rep. During that time, he held many titles. Bill was a marketing entomologist, an aquatic biologist, aquatic specialist, assistant operations manager, branch manager, and finally a sales representative. He worked for the companies Pennwalt, Zoecon Corporation, Helena Chemical Company and retired as Senior Sales Rep. at Cerexagri on June 1, 2005.

Bill, congratulations! I am proud to present you the President's award.

The second President's Award was presented to **Mike Page** in recognition of the many contributions made to our industry. Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society. October 2007

#### **Mike Page;**

Mike Page has been a major contributor to the development of aerial application programs that are used throughout our industry. Mike is part owner of Helicopter Applicators, Inc. and as a pilot brings more than 34 years and over 11,000 flight hours conducting aquatic herbicide applications, rights-of-way spraying, control of the gypsy moth, black fly and mosquito, and fire ignition and suppression.

Mike has worked throughout the state of Florida on many public lands. He has assisted with the development of many programs that have become part of the "toolbox" for fighting invasives. He has been instrumental in the development of best management practices for the control of invasives such as Old World Climbing Fern, melalueca, and torpedo grass. As for bio-control, Mike has provided inoculation services for the harvesting, transportation, and deposition of southern naiad in the filter marshes of the Everglades restoration project. Mr. Page, along with his company, Helicopter Applicators, helped with the design and construction of the thru valve boom and the 1000-pound tote which have revolutionized and streamlined aerial applications. He developed a granular loading system that greatly reduces labor requirements and eliminates potential exposure for workers on the ground. He also assisted with and continues development of various innovative nozzle configurations for specific applications. Mr. Page has conducted numerous aerial research plots for SFWMD, Everglades National Park, USDA, U of F, and various chemical companies. Many of these studies have resulted in the development of integrated pest management protocols and specific aerial application guidelines. Mr. Page maintains a very high standard of quality by assuring that all equipment is properly maintained and all personnel are fully trained and experienced. End results of his standards are always excellent.

Mike, congratulations. I am proud to present you with the President's Award.

# Awards, continued

## Presenting Applicator Paper

Randal Snyder	SJRWMD
James Schultz	Lake Worth Drainage District
Steve Montgomery	All State Resource Management
Henry James	City of Orlando
Kenneth G. Sonne, Jr.	Lee County Hyacinth Control District

## Best Applicator Paper

1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Montgomery	All State Resource Management
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kenneth G. Sonne, Jr.	Lee County Hyacinth Control District
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Randal Snyder	SJRWMD

## Applicator of the Year

Calvin W. Long US Army Corp

This year's applicator of the year nominees all had several years in aquatic plant management industry and as active FAPMS members.

There are over ten criteria to be completed for a nominee. Some categories are:

- Herbicide, biological and mechanical control experience
- Weed identification
- Public relations

Those are some basic abilities an applicator needs to perform quality aquatic weed control. Other abilities an excellent applicator needs are:

- Work consistency
- Ingenuity

To achieve proper applications without secondary affects to environment and contributes to Aquatic Plant Management Industry.

The Applicator of the Year fulfilled those categories necessary to be an excellent applicator. In addition, they have helped teach plant identification sessions to co-worker and other agencies. As an airboat operator trainer, he volunteered to transport airboat and train New Jersey, Philadelphia District staff on treating Phragmites while safely operating the airboat.

## Award Ribbons

<b>Aquatic Operations</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Buddy's Blunder</b>	by Adam Johnson
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Hygrophila</b>	by Joyce Hertel
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Spraying Cattails</b>	by Boyd Thompson
<b>Aquatic Scene</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Lake Wilmington (Blue Cypress)</b>	by Joyce Hertel
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Parrotfeather with drew drop</b>	by Boyd Thompson
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Otter</b>	by Charles Burn

# 31<sup>st</sup> Annual FAPMS Annual Business Meeting

## **Officers:**

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

## **Directors:**

Bruce Jagers	Jennifer Bustos-Fitz
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Bill Haller	Johnnie Drew
Mike Netherland	

## **I. CALL TO ORDER President Pontius called the meeting to order at 11:20**

President Pontius announced the incoming president - Chance Dubose, and President Elect- Mike Netherland, and asked the FAPMS members if there were any nominations from the floor, none were motioned. President Pontius closed the nominations. President Pontius asked the members to make a motion to approve the nominating slate, a motion was made from the floor, and seconded. The motion passed unanimously among the members.

## **II. TREASURER'S REPORT – Jennifer Myers**

Jennifer Myers reviewed the financial with the members. \*information can be found in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter minutes.

## **III. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Stephanie Walters**

No report submitted

## **IV. EDITOR'S REPORT – Jeff Holland**

Jeff Holland asked requested articles from applicators for Aquatics magazine

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. Auditing – Keshav Seteram**

Keshav stated to the members that the 2007 financials were in order

### **2. Awards – Mitch Morgan / Vicki Pontius**

Mitch thanked the sponsors for the meeting and door prizes

### **3. By-Laws – Stephanie McCarty**

Stephanie McCarty reviewed the changes made to the By laws and SOP's, the updates can also be found on the FAPMS website. Stephanie stated to the members the By Laws and SOP's will be reviewed on an annual basis.

### **4. Membership & Publicity – Vicki Pontius**

President Pontius reported the current membership is 494, There were 292 registered attendees for the 31<sup>st</sup> annual meeting,

### **5. Program – Chance Dubose and Tim Harris**

Tim Harris thanked the speakers, and members for attending

### **6. Scholarship – Don Doggett**

Don thanked the sponsors for the scholarship raffle items, and urged members to participate in the silent auction.

### **7. Vendor –Dan Bergeson**

Dan thanked the vendor sponsors, and the meeting grand sponsor. Dan reported there was a total of 27 vendor sponsors this year.

President Pontius announced the annual banquet at 7:00 P.M and thanked the FAPMS members for attending and encouraged members to volunteer.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mitch Morgan made a motion to adjourn the 31<sup>st</sup> annual business meeting, the floor seconded the motion passed unanimously.

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Scholarship Recipients.**

**Bradley Clawson,**

A junior attending Florida State University,  
Stepson of member Lowell Trent

**Daniel Deese,**

A sophomore attending Florida Atlantic University,  
Son of member Buddy Deese

**Jenna Pontius,**

A sophomore attending South Florida Community College,  
Daughter of member Vicki Pontius

**Brianna Schooley,**

A sophomore attending the University of Central Florida,  
Daughter of member Nick Schooley

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# SPECIAL NOTES

## *In Remembrance*

Harold Brown died September 12, 2007 at his residence in Sebastian, Florida. Harold was the second President of FAPMS, and a Charter Member. He was 75.

Clarke Hudson died December 2, 2007 at Florida Hospital, Deland, Florida. Clarke was the ninth President of FAPMS, and a Charter Member. He was 64.

## *Retirement*

Jess Van Dyke will retire January 31, 2008. He has served 35 years with the State of Florida, first with the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and then with the Department of Environmental Protection. Jessie has worked tirelessly preserving Florida's aquatic ecosystems. His commitment and dedication along with his wit and joyful outlook on life has made a lasting impression on those that have worked with him.

## *Outgoing President*

"THANK YOU" VICKI PONTIUS FOR A GREAT YEAR!!!!

## *Outgoing Directors 2005-2007*

Dr William (Bill) Haller  
Johnnie Drew  
Michael Netherland

## *2007/2008 FAPMS Incoming Officers and Directors*

**President Elect** Mike Netherland, USACE/Univ. of Fl.

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## 2008 Scholarship Award

The South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Society is seeking applications for its annual Phillip M. Fields Scholarship Award. The Society intends to award a \$3,000 scholarship to the successful applicant in the fall of 2008. Scholarship funds may be used by the recipient to cover costs associated with education and research expenses. Eligible applicants must be enrolled as full time undergraduate or graduate students in an accredited college or university in the United States. Course work or research in an area related to the biology, ecology or management of aquatic plants in the Southeast is also required.

Applications must be received no later than May 1, 2008 and will be evaluated on the basis of relevant test scores (ACT, SAT, GRE, etc.), high school and/or college grades, quality and relevance of course work or research, a proposed budget, information obtained from references, and other related considerations. Other factors being equal, preference will be given to applicants enrolled in Southeastern and South Carolina academic institutions. The successful applicant may be requested to present an oral report on research activities at the annual meeting of the Society. Application forms and additional information are available at:

<http://scapms.org/scapmsscholarship.htm>

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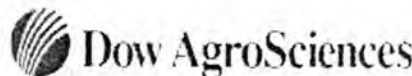


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May 5-8, 2008

**The Aquatic Plant Management  
Society, Inc.**  
**48th Annual Meeting**  
**July 13-16, 2008**  
**The Mills house Hotel**  
**Charleston, SC**

Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's  
23rd Annual Symposium  
Jacksonville, Florida  
April 21-24, 2008

**The 19th Annual FLMS Conference**  
**Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort,**  
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