



Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society

2011 - 3rd Quarter Newsletter

A Note from Your President

I trust that everyone is having a safe and productive summer. We hope that many of you are planning to attend the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society, 35th Annual Training Conference. The Conference will be held 10-13 October 2011 at the Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village, Saint Augustine, FL. I know you will benefit from the excellent program that Mike Hulon is organizing for the Society.

Also please let me remind you of another good opportunity for receiving important and timely information concerning aquatic weeds, aquatic plants, invasive terrestrial plants, and other related information from all segments of these fields. Karen Brown, Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants, UF/IFAS, is hosting a listserv with the above content. If you have not subscribed and are interested, you may contact Karen Brown at: kpbrown@ufl.edu

Thanks. See you in Saint Augustine.

Vernon Vandiver, Jr.
President, FAPMS



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FAPMS is now on Facebook. Information regarding the Society will now be posted in the status updates. Find the FAPMS page by going to our website at www.fapms.org and click on "Join us on Facebook" or do a search in Facebook for the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society. Once you are on the Facebook page "Like" us and you will receive the status updates.

Upcoming Meetings

Southeast Herbicide Applicator Conference

Oct 2-5, 2011

Edgewater Beach Resort

Panama City Beach, FL

www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/sehac

Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society

Oct 10-13, 2011

35th Annual Training Conference

World Golf Village

St. Augustine, FL • www.fapms.org

North American Lake Management Society

Oct 26-28, 2011

31st NALMS Symposium

Spokane, WA

www.nalms.org

SFAPMS

Meetings are held the third Thursday in March, June and September

Please contact an Officer or Board member to obtain location of meeting.

FAPMS 35th Annual Training Conference

October 10-13, 2011 • Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village, St Augustine, FL

The FAPMS 35th 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 October 10-13, 2011 and will be held at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort & Convention Center. The Renaissance is located at 500 South Legacy Trail in St. Augustine, Florida and is only minutes from the historic area of St. Augustine, America's oldest city.

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 19 August. Don't miss this opportunity!

Other ways to get involved include entering a photo in the photo contest, entering the duck race or by becoming a sponsor or exhibitor.

Make your reservations by calling the Renaissance at 888-740-7020 and be sure to tell them you will be attending the FAPMS Conference to ensure you receive the special room rate. See you all at the Renaissance!

AUG 2011 - 3RD QTR FAPMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Called to order 10:00 AM.
Roll Call
Approval of Minutes 4th Quarter
Correspondence
Treasurer's Report
Secretary's Report
Editor's Report

Vernon Vandiver
Stephanie Walters
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Jennifer Myers
Stephanie Walters
Tina Bond

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Old Business

APMS regional Chapter breakfast
Aquatic Magazine / AERF
By Law's and SOP changes

New Business

FAPMS brochure
Support for Aquatic Plant Control Research

Meeting called to order at 10:10 AM, President Vernon asked if there any changes, omissions or deletions to be made to the 2nd quarter minutes, no changes noted.

Adjourn

James called a motion to approve the second quarter minutes, Ed Harris seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

President Vernon reviewed with the board several correspondence items to be discussed,

Ed Harris presented to the board items pertaining to permit issues, Keshav urged the board to speak to our Senators, and the board agreed to team with AERF.

Ed Harris made a motion to write a letter to the EPA concerning this issue, Dharmen Se seconded the motion the motion passes unanimously. CC to Senators.

The board discussed the new FAPMS brochure, and a few changes to be made. Jerry Renney made a motion to approve the said changes to the brochure, Ed Harris seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Vernon discussed with the board supporting Aquatic Plant Control USACE and the cut of funding to research and development

Tina discussed with the board the delay with the next issue of Aquatics magazine, Angie discussed working with the advertisers, and income. Angie reviewed the concerns on the cost of ads and possibly a rate adjustment.

The board requested to leave the rate decision up to the Aquatics magazine committee but suggested the addition of add sizes, and to be a little closer to other industry magazines. Karen Brown made a motion to change the proposed rate deductions effective Fall 2011, Jennifer Myers seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Karen presented to the board the distribution of the magazine to the other chapters.

Treasurer's Report - Jennifer Myers discussed with the board the current financial report.

Secretary's Report - No Report

Editor's Report - Discussed during the correspondence. Vernon thanked Jennifer for Keshav made a motion to approve the officers reports, Jennifer Myers seconded the motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Auditing: Keshav discussed with the board he had the ledgers to the accountant, and will report back to the board with the results.

2. Awards: No Report.

3. By-Laws: Stephanie McCarty reviewed with the board the current By Laws and SOP changes, Ed Harris made a motion to approve the proposed By Law and SOP changes James Boggs seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously, contingent upon membership approval.

4. Governmental Affairs: No Report.

5. Historical: Historical Committee

July 2011 Board Meeting Report

St. Cloud, Florida

To: FAPMS Board of Directors

From: John Gardner

I have recently completed scanning all historical documents excluding newsletters and photos on CD. The documents were grouped by topic (board

meeting, annual meeting, letters, etc.) and scanned into PDF format and filed by year of origination. The main folder holding all scanned files is 1,175 MB in size. The files are securely backed-up offsite and are updated each day that we make any changes to the files. All original paper documents, newsletters and Aquatics magazines are still in storage here at Aquatic Systems.

I recently sent all the scanned files to David Petty for him to review and add to the FAPMS website.

The newsletters and a 1982 Aquatics magazine are being scanned now. After the newsletters and magazine are scanned, the photos on CD will be copied to the database.

Remaining issues:

- There a collection of cassette recordings and what to do with them? Would the board recommend converting the recordings to MP3 files and saving them in that format? Not sure how to do that.
- There are several years without any data to scan other than newsletters and photos; 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010 and so 2011. Documents are not being collected and saved as well in recent years as in the past. What can be done going forward to better collect historical documents?
- What to do with all the existing paper files now that scanning is complete? I recommend continuing to hang onto them for at least a year in case some questions or problems arise with the scan database.

6. Local Arrangements: Bill Torres via teleconference everything is set for the annual meeting in St. Augustine. Bill asked if he start looking for future meeting sites.

7. Mailing List: Karen Brown asked if the national and Florida mailing lists could be merged.

8. Membership & Publicity: No Report.

9. Merchandising: Steve Montgomery presented to the board the merchandise for the upcoming annual meeting. Ed Harris made a motion to approve a \$5,000 dollar spending limit for annual meeting merchandise, Jerry Renney seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Nominating: No Report.

11. Past President's Advisory Committee: No Report.

12. Program: Mike Hulon reviewed with the board the current status of the program, and key note speaker. Chance Dubose asked for applicator papers, and reviewed the proposed CEU's for the annual meeting.

13. Resource Demonstration: No Report.

14. Scholarship: Five Paul C. Myers Applicator Dependent Scholarship applications were submitted this year. These were distributed to the seven Selection Committee members for evaluation. Chairman Haller reported that the applications have been ranked and made his recommendations. Secretary/Treasurer Joyce has been consulted and each will receive \$1,000.00. The five individuals are:

- 1) Sarah Burn a Senior at the University of Central Florida and daughter of Charles Burn of Lake Worth Drainage District.
- 2) Tiffany Duke is a Senior at Florida Atlantic University and daughter of Dennis Duke of Old Plantation Water Control District.
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In addition, we anticipate a \$1000 donation to APMS for the graduate assistantship program.

15. Vendor: Melissa Barron reviewed with the board she updated the FAPMS vendor sponsorship form and will send another reminder email out shortly.

16. Website: Internet Service Provider (ISP) - Propose to change to a different ISP Currently using homestead.com. Annual cost is approximately \$130. Limited ability (cannot use password protected directories and advanced features of common web design packages are locked out) Propose to use FatCow as replacement ISP. Annual cost is approximately \$112.

Advantages - unlimited storage, data transfer, allows the use of password protected directories and can use advanced features of common web design packages. FatCow will transfer the domain for free.

Homestead.com account expires at the end of September. We could transfer to a new ISP at that time. When transfer occurs there will be about a 4 hour period the site is unavailable and another 12-24 hour where access improves in a staggered manner. On occasion, the server runs a little slow therefore the website may be slow to respond but this is typical of busy ISPs.

Website appearance and structure - Propose to update the website, improve usability, design & color scheme. Dave has recently taken training courses to use the design package Dreamweaver and is ready to update/re-work the website. The new logo and the current website color scheme are not compatible.

Aquatics Advertising: Income from Advertising 2009-2010 - \$42,931 (Outstanding invoices - \$31,756) Publishing Cost 2009-2010 - \$20,500 (approximately - 2 outstanding invoices amount is estimated at \$640 each) Profit for 2 years approximately \$22,500 (if no costs were missed) Summer publication of Aquatics - 3 advertisers did not advertise in this issue (1 full page and 2 1/2 page ads). Two did not advertise due to cut-backs in expenditures. Acquired 1 new advertiser (1/3 page ad). Propose the BOD consider reduction of advertisement rates.

Jennifer Myers asked if there were additional fees with the web re vamp, and asked for more in depth information with cost. Angie will review with Dave and have a cost sent back out to the board. James Boggs made a motion to approve the new ISP, Jerry Renney seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

APMS regional Chapter breakfast
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By Law's and SOP changes (see next page)

Education Outreach: Stacia reviewed with board getting a new display board similar to the FAPMS brochure, and steering away from doing a herbicide FAQ handout. Vernon asked if a draft of the Herbicide document can be sent out to the board for review. Karen Brown suggested giving out web cards.

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Ed Harris presented to the board that FWC is looking for policy information on Government agency employees sitting on industry boards.

FAPMS Site and Time Selection for next meeting: The next board meeting will be held October 10th, 3:00 at the

Adjourn: James Boggs made a motion to adjourn the 3rd qrt. Meeting, Jim Godfrey seconded the motion passed unanimously.

To the Members of FAPMS:

The FAPMS Board of Directors voted at the third quarter board meeting to approve two changes to the By-Laws and to present the revisions to the general membership for approval during the annual society business meeting in October. The changes involve nominations in annual society elections and the Past Presidents Advisory Committee. The recommended changes are listed below. Please read these revisions and be prepared to vote on the changes at the annual meeting in St. Augustine. If any member has any questions regarding these changes, they can contact me prior to the conference at 407-824-7279. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Stephanie McCarty, By-Laws Chairperson

1) Recommendation has been made to add the following verbiage and changes [underlined and italicized below; the old verbiage has strikethroughs] to the nomination of officers and directors section of the By-Laws:

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 8. A nominating committee shall nominate the Society officers and directors. The nominees shall be approved by majority vote of the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee chairperson. In addition, nominations may be submitted from the floor at the annual business meeting. *Nominations from the floor may proceed when: 1) Nominee's eligibility has been pre-approved; and 2) Nomination declaration includes candidate's willingness to serve and candidate's suitability for elected position. The nominators must describe the candidate's suitability for office.* A candidate must receive a plurality of the votes cast to be elected to the office for which the candidate was nominated.

2) In the interest of streamlining the governmental body of the FAPMS and given the fact that all past Presidents already function as the Board of the Scholarship Foundation and are available at any time for consultation, the Board is recommending the deletion of the Past President Advisory Committee from the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

~~9. Past President Advisory Committee: A Committee composed of all Past Society Presidents to serve as directed by the current President and Board of Directors.~~

FAPMS SOP Changes for 2011

I. We would like to add the following verbiage [in light green italic below] to responsibility #2 in the Treasurer Section of the SOP:

D. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

2. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all dues and funds of the Society and shall maintain a mailing list of all active and honorary members based on payment/renewal of dues or exemption thereof.

II. In the interest of streamlining the governmental body of the FAPMS and given the fact that all past Presidents already function as the Board of the Scholarship Foundation and are available at any time for consultation, we are recommending the Board delete the Past President Advisory Council from the SOP, ***contingent on general membership approval of By-Laws change to delete.***

~~T. DUTIES OF THE PAST PRESIDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE~~

~~1. This Committee shall be composed of all past presidents of the Society.~~

~~2. The Committee shall be chaired by the Immediate Past President.~~

~~3. The Committee shall examine the goals and aims of the Society and make recommendations to the Board as deemed appropriate.~~

~~4. The Committee shall develop policy statements related to pertinent issues concerning aquatic plant management.~~

~~5. The Committee shall provide counsel to the Board and Society.~~

~~6. This Committee will select one member to serve on the Board of Directors of the Scholarship Foundation.~~

~~7. The Committee Chair shall be responsible for making sure that all past Presidents receive communications about Society proceedings.~~

III. We are recommending the following responsibility be added to the Editor Responsibilities in the SOP:

E. DUTIES OF THE EDITOR

6. At the discretion of the Board and the elected Editor, the position of Associate Editor may be created [and filled] to assist with duties assigned to the Editor. The position will not be an official Board member and shall not have voting privileges at Quarterly Board Meetings.

IV. We are recommending the following verbiage [in light green italic below] to be added to responsibility #5 in the Program Committee Section of the SOP:

U. DUTIES OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

5. The Program Committee Chair should coordinate with the Secretary, Treasurer, President, and the Local Arrangements committee to arrange for all annual meeting needs including A/V equipment, computers, jump drives, and remote control.

V. We are recommending the following verbiage [in light green italic below] to be added to responsibility #2 in the Awards Committee Section of the SOP:

I. DUTIES OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

2. The Chairperson of the Awards Committee is responsible for the proper expenditure and documentation of the Awards Committee budget. A detailed written report - including receipts, list of all contest/tournament/award winners, and list of any cash gifts - will be completed within 30 days of the conclusion of the annual meeting. The report will be submitted to the Treasurer and copied to the President.

Scholarship Update

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The annual VIC RAMEY PHOTO CONTEST will be held at the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society

Annual Training Conference <<http://www.fapms.org/meeting/meet11/2011meeting.htm>> in St Augustine, October 10th-13th, 2011. The contest was created to inspire photographs to promote education, discussion and competition towards the Society's objective of aquatic plant management. There are two categories: Aquatic Scene (any natural aquatic scene); and Aquatic Operations (operation equipment, application method, or field applicator).

Requirements for entry:

- Photos must be taken by a FAPMS member during the contest year.
- Photos must be submitted as a 5" x 7" or 8" x 10" print, with or without mat or frame.
- Back of photo must contain photographer's name, contact number, photo category, location of photo, and description or title.

Prizes are first, second, and third place ribbons for each category.

Photos are judged on category relevance (40%), creativity or artistic impression (40%), composition and arrangement (10%), and focus and sharpness (10%). Judges are selected from attending conference members. Photo entries may be submitted at the registration desk.

NOTE: Winning photos may be used in Aquatics magazine at the editor's discretion if they are also available as .jpg files in sufficient resolution. Set your camera to 1MB or higher for best results. They may also be posted on the FAPMS website if an electronic version is submitted.

Good luck, photographers!

The Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society Annual Training Conference

The Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society Annual Training Conference will be held at the Renaissance Resort at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, October 10th-13th, 2011. Call 888-740-7020 before September 14, 2011 to reserve your rooms at the reduced rate of \$89.00. Be sure to tell them you will be attending the FAPMS Conference to receive this rate.

The 35th annual FAPMS training conference will be held at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, FL, October 10th - 13th. The Call for Papers has been extended to August 19th. Researchers, field personnel, and others involved in professional aquatic plant management are encouraged to submit presentations.

APPLICATORS AND OTHER FIELD PERSONNEL: You don't have to be a professional speaker in order to present 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 aquatic weed problems, 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 a plaque to all field personnel who present a paper. Those presenting the top three papers will also receive a cash award. First place will receive \$300, second place will receive \$200, and third place \$100.

Please complete the form, and save as "yourlastname_fapms.doc", and submit via email to Mike Hulon at texasaquaticmh@aol.com See you in St. Augustine! www.fapms.org

The Summer '11 Aquatics issues have been mailed. Expect to see the latest issue very soon!

When submitting articles or photos for consideration to Aquatics, please double check the submission guidelines to make sure your article meets the requirements. Guidelines can be found on the FAPMS website at <http://www.fapms.org/aquatics/guidelines.htm>

Articles should be 500 words or more in length, not to exceed 2,000 words. If you would like to include images with your article, please send them as separate "jpeg" files. Images for consideration for the cover MUST be in portrait orientation (up and down) and 300 dpi or greater.

Thanks- Tina

Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society

35th Annual Training Conference

October 10-13, 2011

Registration Form

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Check here if your contact information has changed

Conference Registration: \$135 Preregistration, \$185 after 9/30/2011

Your registration includes a FAPMS 1 year membership.

Extra Banquet Tickets (No.) _____ \$25 Each _____

Other (Please Specify, I.E. donation) _____

Scholarship Donation _____

Total (Please make checks payable to FAPMS) _____

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