



Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society

# 2014 - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Newsletter

## Presidents Message

Greetings to all members I hope all had a great holiday season. Now it back to work and getting ready for the spring which is just around the corner. I have talked to several members in south Florida area that have been battling algae and submerged vegetation already this year. Thus this year is starting off with a bang.

For those of you that have been looking for your winter issue of Aquatics for 2014. Unfortunately it is not coming out; the editor emailed me and told me that we didn't have enough articles to run a publication. The spring 2014 issue should be coming out soon. Dr. Gettys is anticipating having four issues this year. So be on the lookout for your Aquatics magazine coming to you soon.

As noted in Bassmaster magazine (volume 47 issue no.1) the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes and Lake Okeechobee, made two of the top three bass fishing destinations here in Florida. I would like to take a moment to congratulate each and every one of our members, for making this happen. Great job keep up the good work.

The second quarter board meeting is coming up on April 15, 2014 at the South Florida Water Management District's, Saint Cloud Field Station at 10am. Most importantly the 2014 annual conference is in Daytona Beach, FL on October 13-16. We will be at the Hilton Daytona Beach Resort/Ocean Walk Village. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

James Boggs Jr.  
President

## REVIEW OF THE 1ST QUARTER MINUTES

President Boggs took roll and a quorum was declared, James asked if there were any omissions, deletions or changes to the annual business meeting minutes or to the 3rd qrt minutes... no changes noted

Ed Harris made a motion to approve the annual business meeting and the 4th qrt minutes, Brian Finder seconded the motion the motion passed unanimously

**CORRESPONDENCE** - Add FVMA meeting to the upcoming meetings in the newsletter

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Jerry reviewed briefly with the board the current treasurer's report, as below  
FAPMS

<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</b>	<b>1/13/2014</b>	
CHECKING	\$	99,753.99
SAVINGS	\$	96,844.81
MONEY MARKET	\$	15,557.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>212,156.75</b>

### **INCOME 10/14/13-1/13/14**

ADVERTISING	\$	6,606.00
MERCHANDISE	\$	353.04
INTEREST	\$	8.86
MEETING REGISTRATION	\$	2,100.00
SPONSORSHIP	\$	750.00
EXTRA BANQUET TICKET	\$	75.00
SCHOLARSHIP DONATION	\$	8,551.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$	795.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,238.90</b>

### **EXPENSES**

Meeting Expenses	\$	57,260.45
Education	\$	6,275.00
Credit Card Services	\$	1,043.92
Donation to scholarship	\$	11,841.00
Newsletter	\$	5,011.25
Postage	\$	1,443.64
Web services	\$	950.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>83,825.26</b>

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** - No report submitted

**EDITOR'S REPORT** - see associate editors report below

Associate Editors report - The Fall 2013 issue of Aquatics was delivered to 1,331 APMS members in December, including 14 people overseas. Forty percent (530) went to Florida members. Total cost for publishing this issue is not yet available. I have completed four issues of Aquatics magazine (Winter 2012 and Spring, Summer, Fall 2013) and will now pass the red pencil to Dr. Lyn Gettys. I will remain active as Associate Editor to assist Lyn. I have enjoyed my year of serving as Editor for FAPMS.

Angie stated there an income of \$9,326 from advertising generated from Aquatics magazine. Approval of the officers report. Keshav Setaram made a motion to approve the officers report, Ed Harris second the motion the motion passed unanimously

**AUDITING** - Keshav will get with Jennifer to confirm the expenses and income from the treasurers report. And requested an invoice for the music entertainment from the annual meeting

**AWARDS** - No report submitted

**BY-LAWS** - Remind everyone to review SOP's and By Laws and have any changes back by the next board meeting.

**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS** - Government Affairs Committee Report - January 14, 2014 FAPMS BOD Meeting

Submitted by: Jeff Schardt

I will not be able to attend the FAPMS Board Meeting - January 14 is also the date of the APMS Board Meeting in Savannah. I have no new information to present from a state of Florida perspective other than what was provided at the FAPMS Annual Training Conference. The 2013 NPDES Report is being compiled for submission to DEP on or before February 15, 2014. I can provide an update at the next FAPMS Board Meeting. In the meantime, I have attached (below) an excerpt from the latest AERF Newsletter written by Carlton Layne regarding NPDES. Karen Brown circulated this Newsletter, so most may have already seen this note.

NPDES Update - Carlton Layne

NPDES is still with us and yet another effort is underway in the U.S. Congress to rid us of this meddlesome and needless paperwork exercise. The primary concern at this point is that the longer it takes to reverse the permit requirement, the more difficult it will be for many states to let. As you have learned by now, the permit process has become very expensive in many states, and these states will be reluctant to shut off the positive revenue. Various groups in Washington, D.C., including Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE) and the Council of Producers & Distributors of Agrotechnology (CPDA) are joining in an effort to

persuade legislators to retain the provisions of H.R. 935, the "Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2013," in a final legislative package. This measure was introduced in the 113th Congress by Representative Bob Gibbs (R-OH). A nearly identical measure was introduced this year by Sen. Kay Hagan (D-NC) as S. 802 titled the "Sensible Environmental Protection Act of 2013." These bills would exempt EPA-registered pesticides used in accordance with the FIFRA-approved label from the NPDES permitting requirement. As reported previously, the House version of the Farm bill adopted earlier this year includes the provisions of H.R. 935. However, Senator Hagan's effort to attach S. 802 to the Senate passed version of the Farm Bill was derailed by opposition from environmental interests.

A coalition of advocates is working in an effort to persuade conferees to accede to the House language as they deliberate on a final Farm Bill measure. In so doing, CPDA joined with 161 national, regional, and state organizations impacted by the duplicative regulatory requirements in urging conferees to retain the provisions of H.R. 935 in the final Farm Bill. The letter stated, "...All pesticide applications are stringently regulated through FIFRA, including applications to and near water. EPA's FIFRA registration program contains specific protections for water quality, fish and aquatic wildlife. The permits' compliance requirements impose resource and liability burdens on thousands of small businesses, farms, municipalities, counties, and state and federal agencies legally responsible for protecting public health, and expose them to citizen law suits over infractions as minor paperwork violations."

The coalition letter further stated, "...Duplicative regulations strain all levels of government and industry, causing further unfunded mandates on states, local governments, and fragile industries, creating additional red tape, squeezing existing resources, and threatening further legal liabilities. We believe that the permit jeopardizes public health protection, food security and the economy as regulators and businesses expend time and resource to implement and comply with these permits, all for no additional environmental benefits."

**HISTORICAL** - JJohn reviewed past documents have been uploaded and scanned in, and suggested to destroy the paper documents, the board agreed to bring the past documents to the annual meeting for anyone who would like to keep.

**LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS** - No Report Submitted

**MERCHANDISING** - No Report Submitted

**NOMINATING** - Tim reviewed with the board the current slate selection in process and should have a confirmed list by the next board meeting

**PROGRAM** - Chance Dubose will be take the role as Program chair, and asked the board to send in suggestions for speakers.

**MEMBERSHIP & PUBLICITY** - No Report Submitted

**RESOURCE DEMONSTRATION** - No Report Submitted.

**SCHOLARSHIP** - Keshav reviewed with the board the current status, and stated after the new changes are final will be able to announce the scholarships amounts.

**VENDOR** - No Report Submitted

**WEBSITE** - Angie is reviewing the FAPMS website and make changes to further improve, and will look into adding more information for the scholarship foundation

**OLD BUSINESS** - FLEPPC discussion, co-hosting motion to table the discussion to the 1st board meeting, James discussed that the dates for the meetings currently do not line up, and will continue with the October dates. Mike Hulon suggested to offer a breakout session for upland and natural area CEU's Jerry Renney will communicate with FLEPPC

Plant camp sponsorship proposal? Tabled for next meeting

A new program chair director will be appointed soon. Chance Dubose has accepted Resource demo ... James will get with Brett and will have information to be reviewed

**NEW BUSINESS** - Chance suggested for everyone to get involved and support CISMA

Mike Hulon asked to help solicit for Applicator papers

**ADJOURN - 11:22** - Hulon made the moition to Ed seconded

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### **MAPMS**

Mar 2-5 - Lombard, IL

### **WAPMS**

Mar 31-Apr 2 - Reno, NV

### **Aquatic Weed Short Course**

May 5-8 - Coral Springs, FL

### **APMS**

Jul 13-16 - Savannah, GA

### **FAPMS**

Oct 13-16 - Daytona Beach, FL

### **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 BOD Meetings 2014**

Apr 15, 10 a.m. SWFMD St. Cloud Field Station

Jul 8, 10 a.m. SWFMD St. Cloud Field Station

Oct 13, 2 p.m. Hilton

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