



Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society

2015 - 2nd Quarter Newsletter

Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society 39th Annual Conference

October 5 - 8, 2015

**Buena Vista Palace Hotel and Spa
Lake Buena Vista, FL
www.fapms.org**



The Cutoff date for the 2015 FAPMS conference is September 12, 2015 at the Lake Buena Vista Palace. The reservation link is : https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=1147814&hotelID=6579
The guest room rate is \$114.00 and there is an optional Resort Fee of \$7.95. One night deposit is required.

REVIEW OF THE 2ND QUARTER MINUTES

10:04: CALL TO ORDER

Last meeting Minutes read; Motion to accept= Mike Hulan, 2nd= Bryan Finder; All approved

CORRESPONDENCE: 2/18/15 e-mail- APMS Graduate student assistance ship- Jeremy Slade... Will discuss later.
Katie- Plant Camp sponsorship

SECRETARY: Registration for FAPMS when will it be open? It's up to the treasurer... Need to check with Jennifer and Torres to see when we can get it up and running (Ed Harris) At least need to post the meeting dates and location on the website.

EDITORS REPORT: Lyn Getys- Really really really need articles in the next 2 weeks!!
Motion to approve officer's report= Craig Smith, 2nd= Keith Mangus; All approved

AUDITING: Keshav- No news, nothing to audit for the quarter. Move \$ to the scholarship foundation.

AWARDS: Last meeting- Award for the James Gallagher donation/ scholarship.

KESHAV- GALLAGHER DISCUSSION: Talked with Haller and the donation is meant to be used in the FAPMS Scholarship foundation. Need a letter of appreciation sent to the Trust/ family. Scott and Keshav will work with Haller to find someone we can contact for a plaque or some sort of recognition.

BY-LAWS: Stephanie-immediate past president; by-laws for changes-none were received for SOP's. Anything additional or with any changes. Time is pressing if there are any changes that need to occur. But no one had any recommendations. Possibly something to vote on in July.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE: Ed speaking for Jeff: Senate= \$10M reduction House=\$4M Increase; "Dedicated funding is GONE!" There may be a potential law suit filed due to the amendment 1 not purchasing "enough" land acquisition. Ed- has been directed by Tallahassee, he is not allowed to comment at this point on anything involving Amendment 1. Anything (position) from FAPMS needs to be through the BOD. Everyone understood and agreed that having James Boggs as the past president would be sufficient for signing letters on behalf of FAPMS.

Would like to send a letter to necessary Legislatures in support of the House budget. The letter should be concise highlighting membership numbers. Need to get all of the facts and have it move quickly. Mike Hulan is willing to develop this and to have it move quickly.

Mike Hulan- Has already attended meeting in Polk, Osceola & Citrus County Commission meetings. Each has letter... Hulan plans to attend Lake County and Okeechobee County meetings.
**Motion to move forward with correspondence to Legislation= Mike Hulan, 2nd motion= James Boggs; All approved.

List of folks to send this letter too- Support for stabilized funding. Gladding will work with Boggs to make sure we get the target audience. The FAPMS needs to shine with support.

20K signatures going to Crystal River- squeaky wheel syndrome and we need to make sure our voices are heard.
Jeff Schardt- New amendment filed on 4/2/15. E-mail from Ed.

Boggs- General Government request

Legislative Affairs- pay for a lobbyist- UPI/ SePRO- IPMA (Burney)- private side... applicator companies and Join Efforts... will that limit our government affiliations and support? The way we are classified may hinder how we pay for a lobbyist. Appropriations for a lobbyist. AERF?- Federal level focused- may be they can focus a little more on the State if approached. The lobbyists carry the same message. Can we hire a lobbyist? What is the cost? \$60K+ 501C-3.

Need to develop an Ad-Hoc committee to help further these discussions: President Harris appointed- Boggs, Slade, Gladding, Hulan

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS: Torres via...Ed- possible locations for the resource demonstration; big ASS parking lot to the north. Ed, Dharmen and Torres are supposed to have a site visit. 2nd year into this 4 year contract and need to begin thinking about the next few years. 1-2 years to approve the full contract. Need options during the Annual meeting to ask folks for location ideas.

List of restaurants?? Negotiate at the hotel for boxed lunches?
Cheapest and Fastest= Ale House? "Whip you and whip you out"- Stephanie...

REVIEW OF THE 2ND QUARTER MINUTES *Continued*

MAILING LIST: no report

MERCHANDISING:

Monte- Tervis tumbler give away. Utilizes the same vendor. Quotes:

1. Tervis tumbler- our patch with our logo, plastic acetate tape film for our logo. (24 oz).
2. Ringo tumbler (24 oz./ 16 oz.)
3. Tornado tumbler.

Tervis does not include the lid.

Tervis cost- \$4,132.00 plus tax and freight and lids +\$3.00 (\$1,000).

2013- floating key chains

Binders- \$2,761.00

Pocket knives & mag lights- \$

License plates= \$1,500.00

Motion to purchase Tervis tumblers & lids with acetate patch FAPMS logo= James Boggs; 2nd motion= Mike Hulon; All approved. Ed asked Monte to move forward with the purchase of 300 tumblers, everyone was appreciative of his work on this project.

NOMINATING: Boggs- needs to e-mail the Bios to everyone

Mr. Andy Furman- President Elect- All State Resources; BOD with SFAPMS

Joyce Hertel- BOD nominee- District

Scott Jackson- BOD nominee- Syngenta, SE

Bill Kurth- BOD nominee- Lake Masters

Keshav- Folks need to be available to travel to the meetings.

Motion to accept the slate= Bryan Finder; 2nd motion= Jeremy Slade; All approved

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Chance DuBose or Jackie Smith- Need to get going! Ed will get with Jackie.

RESOURCE DEMONSTRATION: Dharmen- not present, no news. Ed will get with him to view the site

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Keshav- Advertising- early in Aquatics, website and newsletter

Difference between the two scholarships. No questions thus far. Paul Myers typically has 5-6 applicants but we will not know more until after school lets out for grades... Netherland is working on transferring funds from FAPMS into the Scholarship fund along with \$5/ member gets transferred over as well.

Gallagher \$ has been ear-marked but we need to request to have Jennifer transfer the funding to the scholarship- \$12K. Need to acknowledge the contribution in some way. Requesting the transfer of the funds... special transfer (\$10-12K) to continue to build funds so it is "self-sufficient". The Scholarship Committee does not support an "aggressive" investment growth fund due to the risk. Total= \$110-\$112K- invested in conservative areas.

Motion to transfer funds from the Gallagher Estate heritage fund into the Scholarship Fun= Mike Hulon; 2nd motion= Gillenwatters; All approved.

VENDOR COMMITTEE REPORT: No report

WEBSITE COMMITTEE: Angie/ Lyn- Facebook likes 290. Historical aspects (photos) gets the most likes.

Items to be sold at conference.

Annual conference needs to be posted- Torres needs to provide her the dates/ venue/ etc and include a link to the hotel. List of restaurants?? Negotiate at the hotel for boxed lunches?

MEMBERSHIP/ PUBLICITY REPORT: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Gallagher trust- done

2. UF- Plant Camp- Katie Walters- FAPMS has already donated \$3K for Plant Camp. Asking for more funding. AERF= \$6K total and \$3K of it will go for this particular project. More Curriculum based and create activity booklets. 4-12th grades... High response rate from the teachers and is used regularly. Donations for specific sponsored projects (20-45%- goes to the school!). But, if we agree on a scope of work, UF would take the funds. If it's just a general donation, then it would be an informal agreement and Katie would keep us updated- informally.

REVIEW OF THE 2ND QUARTER MINUTES *Continued*

Hulon- Would need to be reprinted? One time request or will there be more funding needed in the future? This is a onetime request but there are always projects which require additional funding. Motion to approve an additional \$3,500 for the UF Plant Camp= Craig Smith, 2nd motion= James Boggs; All approved.

Jeremy Slade; e-mail request... \$2K donation contribution for this year and \$2K next year scholarships. Colorado State University. Can we vote on 2 years? Yes- we provide an upfront \$4K for the 2 years. Do we get a final update or project presentation regarding the results of the funding support? Slade- yes, we can receive a copy of the dissertation. What is he working on? Slade will e-mail the BOD with more information.

Motion to provide \$4K to the APMS Scholarship Foundation= James Boggs, 2nd motion= Mike Hulon, All approved.
Keshav- poorly supervised. No weed scientists from Florida research projects. Has not been awarded to Florida students. It's a substantial amount of \$.

Lyn- it's difficult to find graduate students in aquatic invasives in Florida. Enloe is looking for graduate students. There are not many to choose from.

Need to get it into the Florida advertisements for the National scholarships. Slade- work with Angie about getting the application on our website and Facebook page along with the newsletter. Trickle-down benefits??
ACOE-

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Slade- APMS Treasurer for the National Society. Any type of insurance or assesses for FAPMS? There is a "Butt load of Money in there"- we need to protect ourselves with a bond of some type. Commercial liability? Insurance to make sure we are not sued by members.

Requirement by National Accounts.

Commercial Crime policy- Assuredly Bond

Annual premium- \$2K

\$225.00/ commercial

Keshav will review more of this information from Slade and will provide a recommendation with more information for discussion.

2. Harris- The scheduled July BOD meeting is during the APMS meeting. Proposed to move the next BOD meeting to the following week; Tuesday, July 21st. Harris will follow up with an e-mail.

3. Hulon- E-mail to the society membership with an update on Amendment 1. Please understand the seriousness of this issue and we need to generate more e-mails of support. Update in the Aquatics newsletter issue! Need to provide an update.

Effectuated agencies will need to determine how the budget effects them individually once it has settled.

If this doesn't get branded, then we need to seriously consider funding a lobbyist. We will need to find a way to dedicate a controlled funding source. Have an above and beyond funding. Ad-Hoc committee needs to discuss this further.

NRA funds- 1 e-mail with 1-list

Need to find the exact committees which need to be contacted with more grass roots letters.

4. FLEPPC meeting- 2015 new plant listings

5. Old news- Gladding provided 8 books which the FAPMS BOD approved funding the reprint of "Plants of Retention Ponds and Drainage Ditches, The Greater Daytona Beach Area".

Motion to adjourn= James Boggs, 2nd motion= Jeremy Slade; All Approved!
12:05 pm.



May 1, 2015

Dear Potential FAPMS Vendor,

The Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society (FAPMS) 39th Annual Conference to be held October 5 - 8, 2015 at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel and Spa located in Lake Buena Vista, FL!

Vendor support has always been critical to the success of this meeting, and 2015 will be no exception; your generous contributions will be most appreciated!

As always, this meeting will provide an excellent forum for you to exhibit your goods and services, as well as interact with key individuals and organizations involved in aquatic plant management in the state of Florida. A Vendor Registration Form is enclosed, and additional conference information can be found on the FAPMS website: www.fapms.org.

[Please note that if your selected Sponsorship Level includes time for an update, you must submit your talk's Title, Abstract, and Speaker Bio no later than July 31, 2015.]

If you have any questions, call me at 561-402-0682 or e-mail me at scott.jackson@syngenta.com. Please mark your calendar for this great event, and we look forward to seeing you in Lake Buena Vista in October!

All the best,

Scott Jackson
2014 FAPMS Vendor Chair

SLATE BIOS

PRESIDENT ELECT:

Andy Fuhrman

Andy oversees daily field operations of Allstate Resource Management, an environmental science and service organization with primary focus on surface water management. His staff of licensed aquatic applicators manage waterway systems primarily in South Florida. He is currently a board member of the South Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society. He has also served as a Board of Director for the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society. He received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Florida in 1991. He met his wife, Shari in Gainesville and they have two boys Jake and Eli, ages 17 and 15.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Scott Jackson

Prior to joining Syngenta in February 2013 as the Southeast Aquatics Territory Manager, Scott worked for DB Environmental, Inc. since 1998. As part of a company considered a recognized industry leader in wetland biogeochemistry while undertaking “the world’s largest ecosystem restoration” in the Florida Everglades, he led a team of biologists for the previous 9 years as General Manager of South Florida Operations. Scott earned his Masters of Science Degree from the University of Florida in Soil & Water Science and before that his Bachelors of Science Degree from Delaware Valley College.

Scott currently resides in West Palm Beach, Florida and represents Syngenta’s line of aquatic invasive weed management products in the US Southeast in 11 states starting in Florida along the eastern sea board including the mid-Atlantic states and west towards Tennessee and including the Gulf states.

William R. Kurth

53 years old, Mr. Kurth’s aquatic experience dates back to 1983, when he began his career as a technician with Ameraquatic. Among his many duties, he participated in the early Melaleuca control program for the United States Department of Interior in the Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge. He is also responsible for supervising all Branch Managers and for insuring the proper training all new field technicians for Lake Masters. In 1987, Mr. Kurth moved to Fort Myers, FL as a branch manager and salesman for Ameraquatic. He continued in that position until 1995, when Ameraquatic was purchased by Aquagenix. He remained in that position until 1999, when due to the bankruptcy of Aquagenix he joined Lake Masters.

Mr. Kurth moved from Branch Manager of the Fort Myers Branch to Director of Operations for Lake Masters and continues in that position today. In recognition of his invaluable contributions to Lake Masters, Mr. Kurth was made a shareholder in Lake Masters in 2005. He became certified by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as a Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector. Mr Kurth has been a member of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society since 1983. He is also a member of the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation and has provided considerable input into the drafting of the new NPDES regulations by the U.S. EPA. Mr. Kurth is one of the leading authorities on the use of the herbicide Sonar®, which is manufactured by SePRO Corporation.

In 2007, he was honored as the only SePRO Applicator of the Year ever to be so honored from Florida. In 2005, he lectured for SePRO on the use of Sonar® at a seminar in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was also a featured speaker on the control of Melaleuca at the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society’s 1985 annual conference. He has also given a presentation on wetland restoration at the University of Florida’s Aquatic Weed Control Short Course. Mr. Kurth is an expert pioneer in the control of toxic Golden Algae, *prymnesium parvum*. He lectured at the 2011 Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society’s annual conference on, Golden Algae, Identification and Treatment. Other lectures include; SePRO 2013 annual conference on the uses of Captain XTR as well as speaking on the effective use of Chelated Copper at an

SLATE BIOS *Continued*

International Business Meeting. Mr. Kurth was a featured speaker on, "30 years of Aquatic Weed Control in Florida" at the North American Lake Management Society annual meeting 2014. Recognitions include SePRO Sustainable Leadership Award, SePRO Best Management Practices Award, SePRO Preferred Applicator, and Awarded Outstanding Partner through the Bonita Bay Group. Mr. Kurth holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Business Management from Tallahassee Community College.

Joyce Hertel

Joyce has been with Fellsmere Water Control District for 25 years. During those 25 years she has been the Aquatic Applicator for the District, during the spraying season. She started employment as a secretary and bookkeeper. Today, Joyce is the Administrative Assistant of the District as well as the Administrative Secretary to the Board of Supervisors.

Joyce has been a member of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society since 1995. She has attended every conference since then. She participates annually in the photo contest at the convention.

Joyce is also a member of the Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) and has acquired a Certified District Manager Degree from Florida State University, Askew school of Government. She serves on the education committee, membership committee and conference committee for FASD

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William L. Maier Jr. Memorial Scholarship

The Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society Scholarship and Research Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of the William L. Maier Jr. Memorial Scholarship, which provides up to \$2,500 to a deserving graduate student who is:

1. Enrolled in an accredited Florida University or College
2. A US citizen
3. Majoring in a field of study directly related to the management of aquatic vegetation for the ecological benefit of aquatic and wetland habitats (eligible fields of study are listed in the application packet)
4. Submits the required 800 to 1,000 word essay and application, as determined by the FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation's Board of Directors by August 1, 2015

More information and the application packet are available online at www.fapms.org/maier_scholar.html

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The Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society Scholarship and Research Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of the *Paul C. Myers Applicator Dependent Scholarship*, which provides up to \$1,500 to deserving dependents of FAPMS members. The scholarship is based on:

1. The applicant's parent or guardian having been a FAPMS member in good standing for at least three consecutive years
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3. The applicant being a high school senior entering college the next academic year, attending community college, or being a college undergraduate
4. An evaluation of the quality of the application and required essay by the Scholarship Selection Committee, which is composed of three FAPMS members and four FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation members
5. Submission of a completed application by June 1, 2015

More information and the application packet are online at www.fapms.org/myers_scholar.html or contact Keshav Setaram at 407-891-3582



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2015 UPCOMING FAPM MEETINGS

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Jul 12-15
Myrtle Beach, SC

Aquatic Plants 2015: 14th International Symposium on Aquatic Plants.

Sep 14-18
Edinburgh, Scotland

MSAPMS

Sep 14-16
Mobile, AL

FAPMS

Oct 5-8
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Meetings are held the third Thursday in
March, June and September

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Tuesday, July 21st
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