



**Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society**

# **2016 - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Newsletter**

## **Message From The President**

FAPMS recently completed a very successful annual conference in Daytona Beach October 17-20. Hurricane Matthew did his best to stop this from occurring and closed our original venue. However, thanks to the tireless work of President Angie Huebner and Local Arrangements Chairman Bill Torres, we were able to relocate to another venue and the conference went off without a hitch.

This year we celebrated 40 years of this amazing organization. In addition to the regular program, FAPMS honored its charter members, past presidents and reminisced about the past four decades. Keynote speaker Joe Joyce took us for a stroll down memory lane and reminded us where this organization came from. We were also able to hand out over \$8,000 in scholarships to help the next generation achieve their educational goals. It was great looking back at the last 40 years and we are excited at what lies ahead for the next 40.

If this industry is to survive the next 40 years, we are going to need an infusion of new blood in our industry. It is imperative that you reach out to friends who may be looking for a new profession. We are short of applicators at the present time, but there is plenty of work to be done.

I look forward to the next year as president of YOUR society and welcome any feedback you may have.

FAPMS President

*Andy Fuhrman*



## REVIEW OF THE 3RD QUARTER MINUTES

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 3:01

Secretary Walters took roll and a quorum was declared

Review of 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. minutes

Asked for any changes, omissions or deletions, no changes noted. Joyce Hertel made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. minutes, Kelli Gladding seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Angie,

Thanks for calling me back to discuss FAPMS conference dates. As we discussed, FWC is finding it more and more difficult to manage aquatic plants and meet stakeholder desires. One of the more difficult and vocal stakeholder groups are the duck hunters. Many duck hunters have expressed their displeasure when aquatic plants are treated during the hunting season. There is an early duck season that lasts about a week around the end of September then it closes until mid-November. During the period when the season is closed we are trying to get some Hydrilla treatments completed and get floating plants under excellent control in hopes that we won't have to do much treating during the season which runs until the end of January. The FAPMS annual conference falls in October every year during this critical time when we need contractors out on the lakes. I would greatly appreciate it if the FAPMS Board of Directors (BOD) would have a discussion about possibly changing the dates of the annual conference. From the resource managers perspective it seems like January might be a good time. It would be after the holidays and usually this is the colder period of the year when invasive plant growth is at its lowest.

Thank you for your consideration and please extend my appreciation to the BOD for considering this request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Bill Torres-Local arrangements

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jennifer Myers reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. treasurers report

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

**EDITOR'S REPORT:** Lyn Getys announced the following —

“Karen Brown has agreed to be Editor along with Ian Pfingsten (for a year). Karen will probably have more information for us at the BOD meeting regarding Ian's situation. She met with him and his supervisor to discuss yesterday.”

Ed Harris made a motion to approve the officer's report, Andy Fuhrman seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

**AUDITING:** Keshav reviewed the annual report and reported all is in order

Motion made to approve an additional \$1000 to Bill Torres for the additional work provided to move the conference after the hurricane

Bill Kurth seconded motion passed

**AWARDS:** Honorary lifetime member-Joe Joyce. Motion passes

Ed Harris made the motion to approve \$3500.00 for awards. Keith Mangus seconded the motion the motion passed unanimously.

**BY-LAWS:** Stephanie reviewed the upcoming By Law and SOP changes that will be voted on at the annual conference

**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS:** Matt Phillips discussed the SFWMD aquatic labor shortage. FAPMS president will send an email, Jeremy Slade will send the white paper draft to Matt Phillips, Matt will review and provide feedback which will be presented to the board.

**HISTORICAL:** Andy reported all historical documents are in order

**LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Future meetings sites - The timing of the annual conference has been suggested to possibly be moved to January/ February, the board will discuss with Bill Torres. St Pete, Tampa, Daytona The suggestions will be presented to membership at the annual conference. Ballots will be handed out to the members to poll the vote.

Bill reviewed shuttle services.

**MAILING LIST:** no report

## REVIEW OF THE 3RD QUARTER MINUTES *Continued*

**MERCHANDISING:** Steve Montgomery presented to the board the giveaway. Angie approved the overage amount \$194.00.

**NOMINATING:** no report submitted

**PROGRAM:** Kris reviewed the program, as well as the technical information.

**MEMBERSHIP & PUBLICITY:** Andy reviewed with the board to be more involved in gaining potential new members and ways to reach out to new members via mass mail out.

**RESOURCE DEMONSTRATION:** on schedule

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Keshav reviewed the Scholarship awards, there were 5 applicants. Keshav thanked the board for their support.

**VENDOR:** Scott reported there are currently 26 paid vendors

**WEBSITE:** Angie reported that Dave is currently getting information updated for the conference changes. The board discussed the possibility of linking the FAPMS website and creating a Twitter account.

**EDUCATION & OUTREACH:** Karen Brown and Dehlia Albrecht from UF/IFAS CAIP on the agenda for a brief report and proposal for continued funding to support PLANT CAMP. A sponsorship request letter and a proposal are attached to this email.

Ed Harris made a motion to sponsor Plant camp in the amount of \$3000; Mike Hulon seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The board discussed establishing an Education and Outreach Committee that could develop/implement a way to support and assist other organizations with items such as workshops throughout the year. Mike Hulon suggested doing an exotic plant workshop in Tallahassee to bring awareness to invasive aquatic weeds. This topic was tabled for later discussion and coordination by the outreach committee. Off the table handled by white paper article.
- The board suggested talking to Dr. Netherland and Dr. Haller for suggestions regarding a person to chair the Education and Outreach Committee.
- The APMS national meeting will be held in Daytona 2017, the board discussed FAPMS being a possible co-host for the meeting. The topic was tabled for future discussion. Jeremy Slade on Behalf of APMS suggested FAPMS board members to attend the strategic planning meeting

Angie reviewed with the board the program changes for topics approved for the training conference. The board discussed adding guidelines for future program talks, Scott Jackson, Kelli Gladding, and Jeremy Slade will put together a draft guideline.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Lyn Getys suggested we have an official meeting reporter to keep up with the events of the annual training conference. Kris program committee chair will head that for this meeting.

Lyn presented to the board having a reduced student registration fee and or a waived fee for student talks. The topic will be tabled for January meeting.

Bill Torres presented future meeting sites, the board agreed to two sites and Bill will have the information to the Board shortly.

**SITE AND TIME SELECTION FOR NEXT MEETING:** Tentative January 17<sup>th</sup> SFWMD field station 10:00 am

**ADJOURN MEETING:** Lyn Getys made a motion to adjourn, Andy Fuhrman seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously

## FAPMS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

### FAPMS Annual Business Meeting Daytona Beach, Florida

**MEETING BEGAN AT 3:50 PM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016**

1. President Angie Huebner led the meeting.
2. Treasurers Report presented by Jennifer Myers – Total Assets = \$224K
3. Editor's Report – Lyn Gettys passing Aquatics Magazine reins to Karen Brown (UF/IFAS) and Ian Pfingsten (USGS).
4. Auditing – Keshav Setaram – Books are in good order.
5. Scholarship Foundation – Keshav Setaram – Awarded \$8,500 to five students. Abigail Farr, Steven Olson, Jeremiah Lovestrang, Austin Edwards, Roberto Navarro. Over \$100K has been given out to applicator dependents over the lifetime of the foundation.
6. Secretarys Report – None.

Dan Thayer motioned to accept officers' reports; seconded by Joyce Hertel. Unanimous approval.

**LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Bill Torres – requested rates from different locations on both coasts and in central FL. Board prefers coastal locations. Bill will work on proposals from different venues.

**NOMINATIONS:** Angie reviewed nominees for President-elect, new board members, Editor. Andy Fuhrman/Kelli Gladding motioned/seconded to accept the slate of nominees. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOURCE DEMONSTRATION:** Dharmen Setaram, 1/2 CEU, 2 prizes will be given away.

**VENDOR:** Thanks to vendors. Attendees asked to please thank vendors for their participation.

**WEBSITE:** Angie Huebner – WEBSITE and FACEBOOK are in place; TWITTER coming soon.

**MEMBERSHIP & PUBLICITY:** Andy Fuhrman – everyone should be a member. Recruit coworkers. We need new applicators. There is a dire need of applicators now. Gettys/Hulon motioned, seconded to adjourn the annual business meeting. Unanimous approval.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:15 PM.**

*(Notes taken by Karen Brown)*

# CONGRATULATIONS

## *Photo Contest Winners!*

### **AQUATIC SCENES**

1. Jerry Merritt
2. John Chapman
3. Steve Nutter

### **AQUATIC OPERATIONS**

1. Steve Nutter
2. Joyce Hertel
3. Leonard Malecki

### **BEST APPLICATOR PAPER**

Matthew Cole

### **PRESIDENTIAL AWARD**

Lynn Gettys  
Kat Ethridge  
Bill Torres  
Dan Thayer

### **APPLICATOR OF THE YEAR**

Alex Holmes

### **DUCK RACES**

#### **Tech Duck**

1. Dan Dorosheff - GoPro
2. Paul Sands - Fitness Watch
3. Joseph Liberatore - Bluetooth speaker

#### **Outdoor Ducks**

1. Dan Dorosheff - shotgun
2. Joyce Hertel - Yeti cooler
3. Mike Vaughn - Yeti cups

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## **THANK YOU OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS!**

Bryan Finder  
Keith Mangus  
Mike Hulon

## **WELCOME INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS!**

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## **FAPMS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

### **Paul C. Meyers Applicator Dependent Scholarship Awards 2016**

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**Steven Olson**  
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## **UPCOMING MEETING**

### **2017 Aquatic Weed Control Short Course**

May 8-11  
Coral Springs Marriott

### **FAPMS BOD Meetings 2017**

Jan 10  
SFWMD St. Cloud Field Station  
10:00 A.M.

**Apr 18**

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**Jul 18**

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