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A Message from the President

Joe Jernigan

You're getting sleepy, very sleepy....

It has been a few months since our last gathering in Mobile at the Radisson. Many thanks to everyone who helped put on a great meeting. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves, had plenty of good food, listened to some excellent presentations, and for those who were able to stay, saw a very entertaining hypnotist (many thanks to those who allowed themselves to be part of the show).



For those of you who do not know me, my background is in fisheries management, not plants or as the anglers say, weeds. Therefore, the learning curve for me has been very steep but extremely fulfilling. I hope other fisheries biologists use our group to pursue aquatic vegetation management, because in my opinion, fish habitat management and aquatic vegetation are synonymous. The best way to learn more is to get involved. We have a great group of individuals with very diverse backgrounds. You owe it to yourselves to see what our group is all about.

I would also encourage all of our membership to consider joining the Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS). I know, like we all need another organization to be a part of, or meeting to attend. Make the time. This group is not just a group of "nozzleheads" who want to kill every plant they see, nor is it just a glorified cheerleader for the chemical industry. This is a superb group of conscientious individuals from government, industry, research, management, conservationist groups, and environmental organizations. They are the true leaders in issues related to aquatic plant management worldwide and are a fantastic source of knowledge that our members should utilize in order to perform our jobs better for our customers and/or constituents.

Well, let me get down off my soapbox and get back to work. I look forward to seeing all of you during the course of the year, at the APMS meeting in San Antonio, or, of course, at our annual meeting.

Board of Directors Winter Meeting

The MSAPMS Board of Directors Winter Meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at the Alabama Power Facility in Alabaster, Alabama. If you have any items for the Board of Directors to address, please send them to Joe Jernigan by January 31, 2005 at jjernigan@dcnr.state.al.us.

**MSAPMS 2004 Annual Meeting
Mobile, Alabama
October 4-6, 2004**



Thank You, Meeting Sponsors!

The Board of Directors and the general membership of the MSAPMS wish to thank the following sponsors for their support of the 23rd Annual Meeting. Through the generosity of their contributions, we were able to conduct an extremely informative and successful meeting.



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Minutes of the Business Meeting

The MSAPMS Annual Business Meeting was held in Mobile, Alabama on October 6, 2004. President Eric Barkemeyer called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Membership Report. There are 215 individuals on the member list. Of these, 55 are currently active members. Attending the meeting were 13 corporate sponsors, 1 vendor, 38 pre-registration delegates, 13 on-site registration delegates, and 4 students.

Financial Report. Renee Beam presented the financial statement as of October 1, 2004. MSAPMS has accounts at two different banks, one with Compass Bank and one with Peoples Bank. The reason there are two accounts is that the Peoples Bank account pays a high interest rate, but only allows four checks per year. So an account was kept at Compass Bank, which pays a lower rate but allows unlimited checks. To conduct the annual meeting several checks are needed to cover expenses. After the meeting checks clear, the remaining balance in the Compass Bank account will be transferred to the Peoples Bank account to take advantage of the higher interest rate. The balance in the Compass Bank account was \$6,072.80 prior to the meeting. The operational account balance at Peoples Bank was \$6,497.06, this account earned \$74.69 in interest as of February 14, 2004. The Alabama Power Scholarship fund earned \$123.37 as of February 14, 2004 bringing this year's balance to \$10,620.68. The MSAPMS Scholarship account had earned \$414.57 interest as of February 14, 2004 bringing this year's balance to \$32,062.32. As of October 1, 2004 last year's scholarship recipient check had not cleared the bank. The scholarship recipient was contacted and indicated that she had not received the check. It was either lost in the mail or due to her relocation the Post Office was unable to locate her. A check has been reissued. Currently the interest earned from both the scholarship funds is able to cover roughly half of the \$1,500.00 annual scholarship awarded by the MSAPMS. This brings the MSAPMS total assets to \$55,252.86. During the annual meeting a total of 621 raffle tickets were sold.

Newsletter/Editor Report. Bob Gunkel reported that three newsletters are published annually. The newsletter is distributed via e-mail and is available on the MSAPMS Website. If you are not receiving the newsletter via e-mail, please contact the MSAPMS Secretary with your correct e-mail address.

Scholarship Committee Report. There was only one application for the scholarship this past year.

Discussion was opened to the floor. There was no discussion and the membership recommended the board accept the nomination and make the award. If anyone knows of a candidate for the upcoming year, please contact Dr. David Bayne.

Website Discussion. Eric Barkemeyer stated that David Cline was unable to stay and give his report. Before his departure David agreed to continue to fill the roll of webmaster for the society. Eric asked the Website Committee to be more aggressive in helping David design the website for better content.

Nomination Committee Report. Tom Broadwell headed up this year's Nomination Committee and wanted to thank the Board of Directors that volunteered to continue to serve on next year's Board of Directors.

This year's slate included: President Elect Craig Aguillard, Secretary David Brewster, Treasurer Greg Wall, Editor Bob Gunkel, and Directors Bryan Goldsby and Don Morgan.

The floor was opened for additional nominations or discussion. There were no additional nominations from the floor. A motion was made to accept the slate of nominations, the motion was seconded, and passed by voice vote.

Old Business. There was no old business to discuss.

New Business. During the meeting, the Treasurer's files were reviewed by Tom Broadwell and David Brewster and found to be in good order. A motion was made to accept the financial statement, the motion was seconded, and accepted by voice vote.

Awards. During the awards luncheon, Joe Jernigan presented Directors Greg Wall and Mike Maceina with certificates of appreciation. Out-going President Eric Barkemeyer was presented with a plaque and Eric was thanked for his dedication.

Visit the MSAPMS Website: www.msapms.org

MSAPMS Scholarship Application Procedure

The Scholarship Committee should receive the following information on or before October 31 of the current year.

1. Official transcripts of undergraduate and any graduate work completed to date.
2. A letter from the student's major professor recommending the student for the scholarship, indicating that the student is currently enrolled and in good standing, and has had his/her research proposal approved by his/her graduate advisory committee.
3. A copy of the research proposal.
4. Two letters of recommendation (other than the major professor).

Send this information to:

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Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures
Auburn University, AL 36849

Graduate Assistantship Announcement

A graduate assistantship in the area of aquatic plant management and ecology is being offered by the Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS) and the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation (AERF). Co-sponsors of this academic award include six regional APMS chapters: Florida, Midsouth, Midwest, South Carolina, Texas, and Western.

Objective. To provide a stipend for a full-time graduate student to conduct research in the areas involving the various aquatic plant management techniques (used alone or integrated with other management approaches) or in aquatic ecology related to the management of regionally or nationally recognized nuisance vegetation.

Applicants. Solicitation for proposals is open to any full-time faculty member and/or graduate student of an accredited United States academic institution. A faculty sponsor must be identified if the application is submitted by a graduate student.

Amount and Duration. \$60,000, Two years

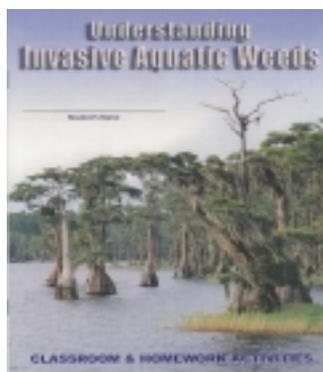
Proposal Deadline. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2005.

Guidelines for Proposals. Proposals should contain a concise statement of the project, including its purpose and justification, as well as sections that discuss study objectives, methodologies, schedule, budget, and planned publication of results. The APMS will not pay overhead/indirect costs on approved projects. Resume of faculty applicant and graduate student (if known), not to exceed two (2) pages each. Proposals should not exceed 10 pages, and must be signed by the applicant (principal investigator) and appropriate university official. An original and 10 copies should be submitted to: Mr. Donald W. Doggett, Lee County Hyacinth Control District, P.O. Box 60005, Fort Myers, FL 33906.

Award. Notification of award will be provided to the faculty member by July 2005, with initiation of the stipend scheduled for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Inquiries. Mr. Donald W. Doggett, 239-694-2174, Fax 239-690-2785, doggett@lchcd.org and Mr. Carlton Layne, 3272 Sherman Ridge Dr., Marietta, GA 30064, 678-773-1364, Fax 770-499-0158, clayne@aquatics.org.

Understanding Invasive Aquatic Weeds



This 16-page book contains information and activities about aquatic ecology and the major weeds affecting North American aquatic ecosystems. This book provides homework and classroom activities suitable for students in grades 4 through 7.

Copies of the book may be ordered or downloaded from the Internet. Printed copies of the book may be obtained by contacting scott.aquarium@usm.edu. The book is free, but a small postage fee will be charged. Or you can download a PDF copy of the book from the Aquatic Plant Management Society's Website at <http://www.apms.org/book/activity.htm>.

45th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society

The 45th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS) will be held at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio on the Riverwalk at Paseo del Alamo, July 10-13, 2005. The Program Committee promises a very interesting and diverse program with excellent presentations on research, management, and much more. The Meeting Planning Committee is hard at work arranging entertaining events for relaxing and visiting with colleagues. Some of the exciting social activities being planned include the President's Reception, Spouse Tour, Poster Reception, and Banquet.

This will be an extraordinary meeting, so plan to attend and bring your family. San Antonio offers many things to see and do including historic sites, family fun, sporting events, outdoor activities, culture, plenty of shopping spots, great restaurants, and exciting nightlife. So mark your calendar and join all your APMS friends for a good time, Texas style.

Meeting information and a first call for papers are available on the APMS Website at www.apms.org.

6th Annual National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week

The 6th Annual National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week (NIWAW VI) will be held in Washington, DC, February 27 - March 4, 2005 to bring people and groups together from across the country to focus national attention on the severe problems created by invasive weeds. Individuals and organizations interested in this issue are invited to participate in this event and help build on the success of NIWAW activities in previous years. NIWAW VI events are designed to focus on the important roles the Federal government must play to help the United States deal with invasive weed problems. Group briefings have been scheduled for all participants with the leaders of key federal agencies involved in invasive plant management and research. In addition, the schedule provides ample time for attendees to meet with their Congressional offices, individual Federal agencies, and each other.

NIWAW VI is sponsored by the Invasive Weed Awareness Coalition, a Washington, DC-based coalition dedicated to increasing awareness of invasive weed problems and the associated research and management needs. Although some events during the week are open to the public, access to the full array of activities will require payment of a modest registration fee. As they become available, further details will be posted at http://www.nawma.org/niwaw/niwaw_index.htm.

APMS Journal Sets For Sale

The Journal of Aquatic Plant Management (JAPM) is a publication of the Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS). Complete sets of the JAPM are still available for sale (four issues are available as photocopies only). Representing 40 years of research, the first JAPM was published in August 1962, with the most recent issue being Volume 42, January 2004.

Sets are priced at \$250.00 + postage. The average cost of shipping to a U.S. address is \$20 (parcel post rate) and \$35-40 (economy rate) to an international address. The APMS Treasurer can accept check or credit card as payment.

To place an order or for more details, contact Linda Nelson at: (601) 634-2656 or E-mail: Linda.S.Nelson@erdc.usace.army.mil

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2005 Calendar of Events

Feb 7-10

Weed Science Society of America, Honolulu, HI

www.wssa.net

Feb 27 - Mar 4

National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week, Washington, DC

www.nawma.org

Mar 5-7

Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society, Indianapolis, IN

www.mapms.org

Mar 10-11

Western Aquatic Plant Management Society, Denver, CO

www.wapms.org

Apr 13-15

Southeastern Lakes Management Conference, Asheville, NC

www.nalms.org

Jun 3-4

New England Chapter of the North American Lake Management Society,

Plymouth, NH

www.nalms.org/necnalms

Jul 10-13

Aquatic Plant Management Society, San Antonio, TX

www.apms.org

Jul 10-13

Texas Aquatic Plant Management Society, San Antonio, TX

www.tapms.org

Aug 17-19

South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Society,
Springmaid Beach, SC

www.scapms.org

Oct TBA

MidSouth Aquatic Plant Management Society

www.msapms.org

Nov 8-10

Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society, St. Petersburg,
FL

www.fapms.org

Nov 9-11

North American Lake Management Society: International
Symposium, Madison, WI

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