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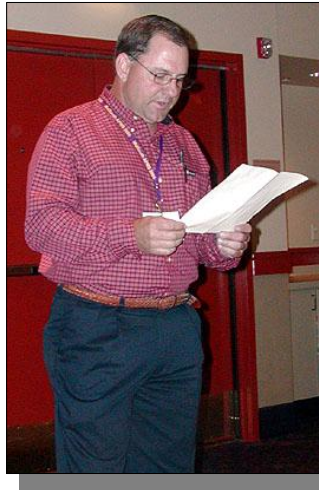
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Message from the President

Craig Aguillard



When thinking back to the 23rd Annual Meeting in Mobile and the fact that we were interrupted by a hurricane, then having the meeting facility destroyed in Biloxi for the 24th Annual Meeting, maybe it was a sign that we move these meetings further inland. After many hours of planning and a couple of visits to the Grand Casino in Biloxi, we had a great meeting sight set up and ready to go. This was all taken away from us overnight. The Grand Casino in Tunica, Mississippi, bent over backwards to help me get the meeting set up in a short period of time. If you attended, you can say that everything went off very smoothly, other than a few minor details that I was able to fix.

I want to thank everyone who attended the 24th Annual Meeting in Tunica for your participation. As Program Chairman for this meeting, I want to thank the Board of Directors for their help and support, with special thanks to Bob Gunkel, Janet Scallions, and Sherry Whitaker for their help in planning this meeting. If you were there and enjoyed the great food and fellowship, you knew very quickly that it took the help of many to put together one of the best meetings of the MSAPMS. I was really happy to hear so many good comments about our entertainment. For those of you who missed it, Troy Goldsby played and sang, and one of the Louisiana All-Star Cajun Comics, Jonathan Perry from Kaplan, Louisiana, entertained us. Both of these gentlemen were fantastic and made the meeting a huge success.

We owe a lot of thanks to our President, Joe Jernigan, for his work and dedication given to the Society. Joe, like myself, had a rough time setting up his meeting after fighting with hurricanes in 2004 but, as always, pulled off a very successful convention. I would like to ask any of our members that have the time and would like to volunteer your services to please feel free to contact any of the Board members to help.

One of the goals of the MSAPMS is to be the voice for aquatic plant management and water resource management in the midsouth. With the many members in the Society, we have the knowledge and expertise available to make a difference. With this said, we must become more vocal and let our thoughts be known and heard. You have a Board that is committed to water resource management in the south and willing to be the voice for our group. Many of us deal with the national Aquatic Plant Management Society and can voice our concerns when necessary. Another goal of mine is to increase membership in our Regional Chapter. We need to

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include all aspects of our business like local lake homeowner groups, golf course superintendents, lake managers, applicators, university researchers, distributors, chemical and fertilizer manufacturers and dealers, and equipment manufacturers. Most of us are in contact with these people on a regular basis and need to ask them to join our Society, and be a part of the group that can strengthen their knowledge and keep them up-to-date on the latest developments.

As we move into a new year, we will all be challenged, as the force of the two most devastating hurricanes to ever hit will make our everyday life a little more difficult. As we go through our own everyday lives, please keep in your prayers the many thousands of families who lost everything. They have to try to make a new start in life, and that should make our problems a little easier to bear.

MSAPMS Scholarship Application Procedure

The Scholarship Committee should receive the following information on or before March 15 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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25th Annual Meeting and First Call for Papers

The 25th Annual Meeting of the MidSouth Aquatic Plant Management Society will be held in October 2006. Site selection and planning for this meeting are in progress. A specific date and site will be announced in the next newsletter.

You are invited to submit a title for an oral presentation at this meeting. Please submit presentation title, your full name, organization, address, e-mail address, phone number, and fax number to Bob Gunkel, U.S. Army Engineer R&D Center, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199, e-mail: gunkelr@wes.army.mil, fax: 601-634-2430, voice: 601-634-3722. For each additional author, submit his or her full name, organization, and address.

Presentations on all aspects of aquatic plant management, biology, and ecology will be considered. Oral presentations are allotted a total of 15 minutes. An LCD projector, personal computer, screen, and laser pointer will be available for oral presentations. Only PC-based, PowerPoint presentations will be accepted. You will not be allowed to set up a personal computer to run your presentation. Final PowerPoint presentations will be requested to be submitted approximately 1 week before the meeting.

Impacts of Aquathol K Applications on Largemouth Bass Spawning Behavior and Production of Young Fish

Mike Maceina, Department of Fisheries, Auburn University, Alabama

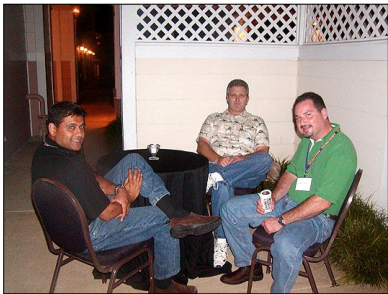
The first year of a two year project that examined the effects of direct spraying of Aquathol K on nesting largemouth bass in small ponds was completed. Aquathol K was applied at the approved rate of 3 ppm in three 0.1 hectare ponds in March 2005 as largemouth bass initiated spawning. Water was applied in a similar fashion to three other 0.1 hectare ponds. Aquathol K did not impact largemouth bass nesting activity; spawning behavior and activity was similar to ponds treated with water. Production and growth of young largemouth bass measured after spawning ended was similar between ponds treated with Aquathol K and control ponds.



**MSAPMS 2005 Annual Meeting
Tunica, Mississippi
October 11-13, 2005**

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 24th Annual Meeting. Through the generosity of their contributions, we were able to conduct an extremely informative and successful meeting.



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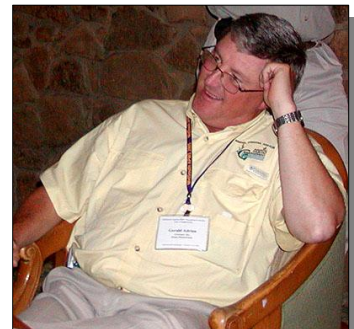
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Minutes of the Business Meeting

The MSAPMS Annual Business Meeting was held in Grand Casino & Resort; Tunica, Mississippi, on October 12, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by President Joe Jernigan.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the 2005 Initial Board Meeting were summarized by David Brewster. Hard copies will be provided to members upon request to the secretary. A motion was made to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded, and the minutes were accepted unanimously by voice vote.

Membership Report: There are 240 past and present members on the membership list. Of these, 79 are currently active members. The past/present membership list was purged to include both active and past members since 2001 to present; this brings the list to 92 past/present members.

Financial Report: Greg Wall presented the financial statement as of October 5, 2004. MSAPMS Operational account \$15,560.08
MSAPMS Scholarship account \$33,659.21
Alabama Power Scholarship account \$10,905.99
Compass Bank account \$14,066.90

Renee Beam and Tom Broadwell audited the books and found everything to be in good working order. A motion was made to accept the financial report as read. The motion was seconded and accepted by voice vote.

Newsletter/Editors Report: Bob Gunkel reported that this is his last year as editor for the Society. During 2005, three newsletters (January, May, and September) were distributed electronically. If anyone is not receiving the newsletter electronically, please contact the secretary to get the correct email destination or mailing address. The members were reminded to be thinking of items to publish in our upcoming newsletters and to submit them to the editor.

Scholarship Report: There were two applicants for the 2005 scholarship. The Scholarship Committee presented a letter to the Board of Directors stating that both applicants met all of the requirements outlined in our "Operating Procedures". It was a unanimous decision of the Committee that both applicants were qualified and worthy of the scholarship.

The Board presented a recommendation to the general membership to changing the scholarship application due dates from October 31 to March 15, and to change the review board time from November 15 to June 1. A motion was made to make the recommended date changes for both scholarship and review board, and the motion was seconded and accepted unanimously by voice vote.

Nominating Committee Report: Eric Barkemeyer recognized Renee Beam and Don Morgan for their outstanding contribution and dedication to the Society during 2004.

This years slate of nominees include President Craig Aguillard, President Elect Bob Gunkel, Secretary David Brewster, Treasurer Greg Wall, Editor Sherry Whitaker, and Directors Bryan Goldsby, Do Morgan, John Madsen, and Greg Reynolds.

The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were no additional nominations from the floor. A motion was made to accept the slate of nominations; and the motion was seconded and accepted unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business: No old Business

New Business: No new Business

Awards: Craig Aguillard presented out-going President Joe Jernigan with a plaque recognizing his dedication and outstanding commitment to the Society.

The MSAPMS award this year's scholarships to Shannon S. Allen, Auburn University and Jeremy G. Slade, Mississippi State University.

Board of Directors Winter Meeting

The Board of Directors Winter Meeting is being scheduled for February 22, 2006 at the GeoResources Institute at Mississippi State University. If you have any items for the Board of Directors to address, please send them to Craig Aguillard by February 17, 2006 at craig.aguillard@cerexagri.com.

9th Circuit Court of Appeals Rules on Pesticide Application

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, covering CA, OR, WA, NV, ID AK and HI, recently overturned its previous decision to require NPDES permits under the Clean Water Act when applying pesticides to aquatic areas. In a new suit, the court relied on the EPA's recent statement that a properly and intentionally applied pesticide cannot be considered a "pollutant" and therefore does not require a special permit under the CWA. Compliance with FIFRA labeling requirements will be sufficient for aquatic applications in the 9th Circuit.

The most relevant portion of the opinion states:

"Pesticides that are applied to water for a beneficial purpose and in compliance with FIFRA, and that produce no residue or unintended effects, are not 'chemical wastes,' and thus are not 'pollutants' regulated by the CWA. Because intentionally applied and properly performing pesticides are not 'pollutants,' a potential discharger is not required to secure a NPDES permit for such pesticides before discharge."

For further information on the implications of this decision, contact Jim Bean (beanj@basf.com) or Jennifer Vollmer (vollmej@basf.com).

Visit the MSAPMS Website: www.msapms.org

May Newsletter Deadline April 15, 2006

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7th Annual National Invasive Weed Awareness Week

The 7th Annual National Invasive Weed Awareness Week (NIWAW VII) will be held in Washington, DC, February 26 - March 3, 2006 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 VII events are designed to focus on the important roles the Federal government must play to help the United States deal with invasive weed problems. NIWAW VII 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. For up-to-date information on this important meeting, please visit the following website:
http://www.nawma.org/niwaw/niwaw_index.htm.

Aquatic Plant Management Society 46th Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for July 16-19, 2006, for the 46th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society. The Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel in Portland, Oregon, will be the site for our annual meeting. Located on the bank of the Willamette River, with Mt. Hood as a backdrop, the Marriott offers spectacular views and easy access to a variety of downtown restaurants, shops, attractions, and brewpubs.

The Program Committee promises a diverse and interesting program with excellent oral and poster presentations on aquatic plant research and management. In addition, useful information on available aquatic plant management products and professional services will be provided in the exhibits room throughout the meeting. The Meeting Planning Committee is planning exciting and entertaining events for relaxing and visiting with friends and colleagues.

This will be an extraordinary meeting! So mark your calendar to attend the meeting and get a look at Portland's natural beauty and active local scene.

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

Calendar of Events

February 13-17, 2006
Weed Science Society of America
New York, New York
www.wssa.net

February 26–March 3, 2006
National Invasive Weed Awareness Week
Washington, DC
www.nawma.org

March 8-10, 2006
15th Annual Southeastern Lake and Watershed Management
Conference
Columbus, Georgia
www.nalms.org

March 27-29, 2006
25th Annual Western Aquatic Plant Management Society
Meeting
Sand Diego, California
www.wapms.org

May 14-19, 2006
14th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species
Key Biscayne, Florida
www.icaais.org

July 16-19, 2006
46th Annual Aquatic Plant Management Society Meeting
Portland, Oregon
www.apms.org

August, 2006
South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Society Meeting
Springmaid Beach, SC
www.scapms.org

September, 2006
Texas Aquatic Plant Management Society Meeting
www.tapms.org

October, 2006
MidSouth Aquatic Plant Management Society Meeting
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October 30–November 2, 2006
Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society Meeting
St. Petersburg, Florida
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