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CONFERENCE RECAP



TENNESSEE AQUARIUM CHATTANOOGA, TN



We hosted our 43rd annual conference at the Tennessee Aquarium in downtown Chattanooga, Tennessee. Thanks to the incredible generosity of the Tennessee Valley Authority, we were able to host our entire event inside the aquarium and our group even had exclusive access to the aquarium for an incredible walking tour of both the freshwater and saltwater aquariums.

We had 81 registrations and attendees. We had 30 presentations, including 9 student presentations, and an interactive panel discussion of industry experts. We had lots of great presentations and lots of great questions. Thank you to all of the presenters and moderators for making this another successful meeting.



**THE MISSION OF THE MIDSOUTH AQUATIC
PLANT MANAGEMENT SOCIETY IS TO
PROVIDE A COMMON FORUM IN WHICH TO
EXCHANGE IDEAS AND INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF
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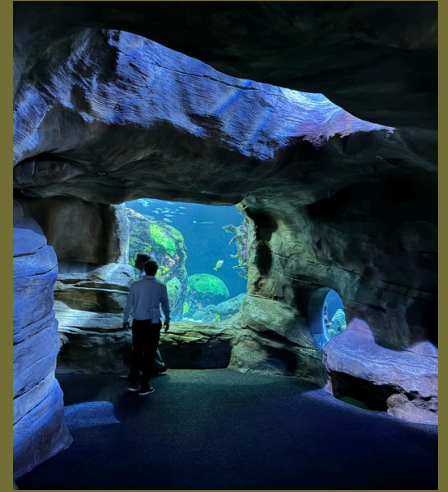
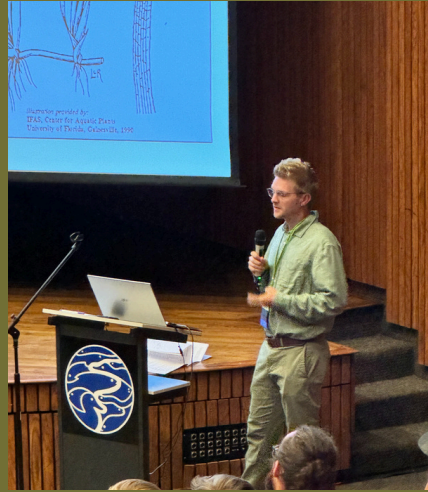


Since 1982

We held our first annual conference in 1982 and we are continuing on our mission by completing our objectives:

- Assist in promoting the management of nuisance aquatic plants
- Provide for the scientific advancement of members of the Society
- Encourage scientific research
- Promote university scholarships and other educational assistance
- Develop and extend public interest in aquatic plant sciences





Many fish were observed, much knowledge was exchanged, and many memories were made.





*Classroom learning,
onsite field learning,
and aquarium fun.*



Board of Directors Update

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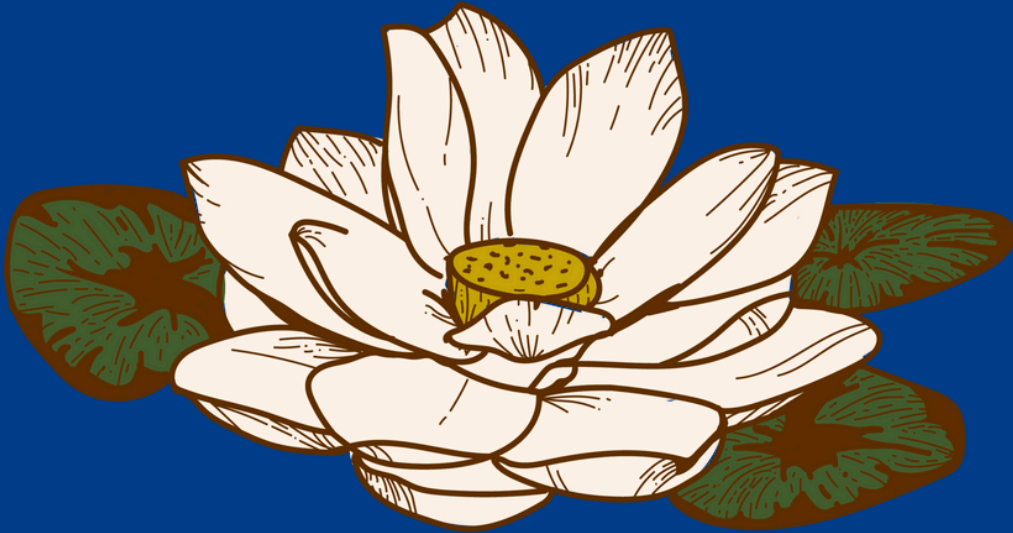
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2024 Conference Awards



Carl Della Torre recognized for his service as past-President of MSAPMS.



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2024 Conference Awards



Stephen Turner recognized for his service as Director.

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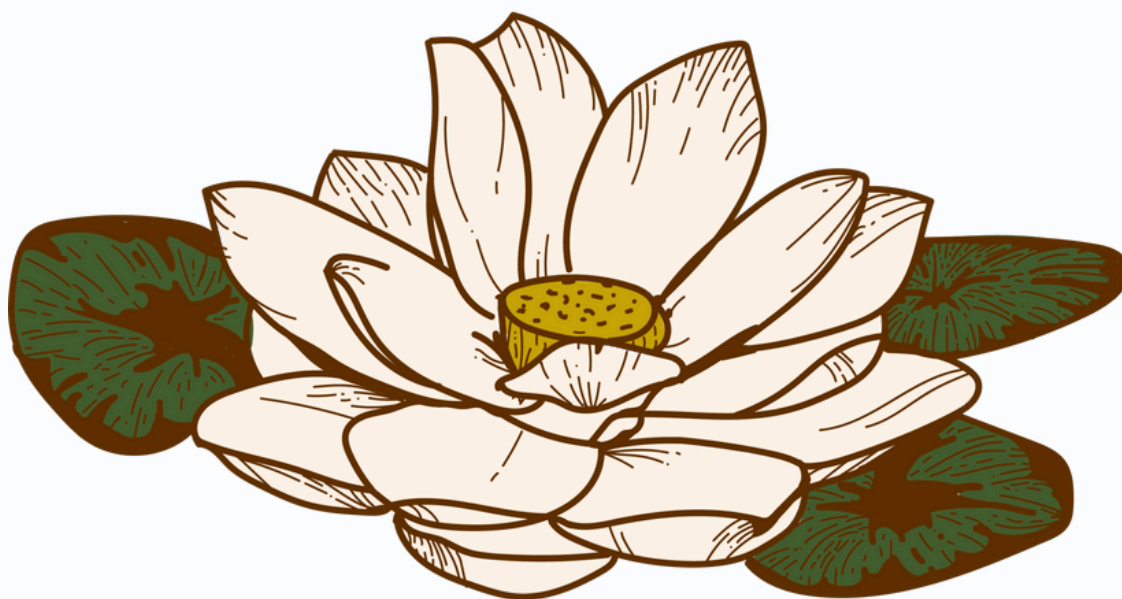
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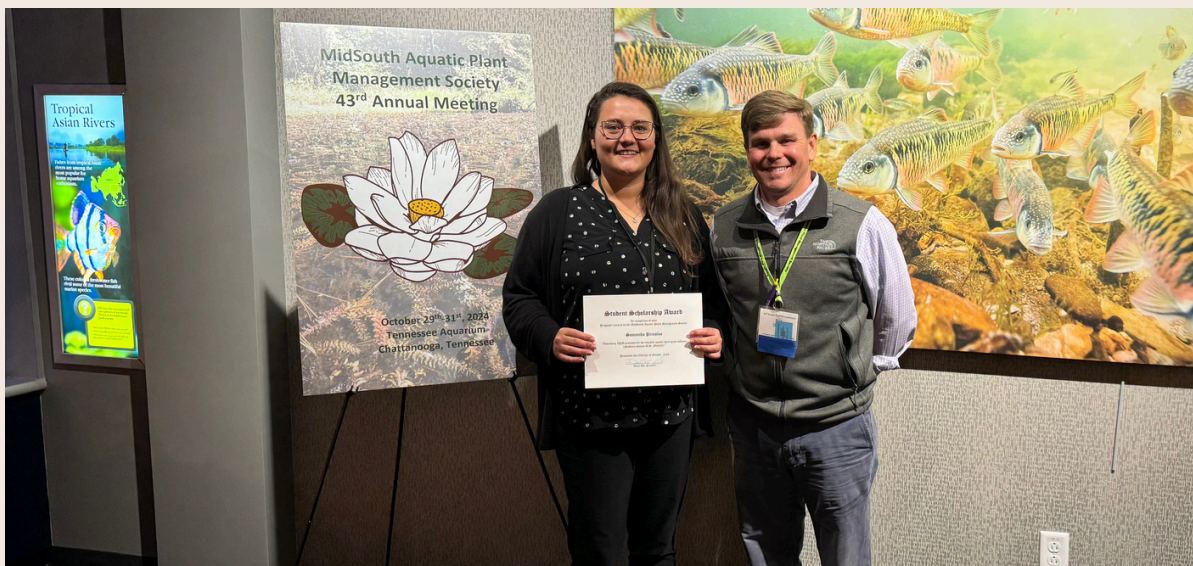
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2024 Conference Awards



Daniel Hill (right) recognized for his service as Outgoing President.



Samantha Prinsloo (left) was awarded the 2024 Student Scholarship award.

2024 Conference Awards



Patrick Green (left) awarded the Young Professional award.



Dr. Gray Turnage (left) awarded the President's Award.

2024 Conference Awards



Bryan Goldsby (center) awarded the Honorary Member award.



Samantha Prinsloo (third from right) awarded the 2024 student scholarship award. Other student presenters included: Patrick Belk (second from left), Maxwell Gebhart (third from left), Delaney Davenport (fourth from left), Anna Riner (fifth from left), Corrina Vuillequez (sixth from left), Amber Riner (fifth from right), Swarup Bhattarai (fourth from right), Samantha Prinsloo (third from right), and Samuel Schmid (second from right)

2024 Conference Awards



The family of Dr. David H. Webb accepts the inaugural Dr. David H. Webb Lifetime Achievement Award presented by Dr. Brett Hartis (right).

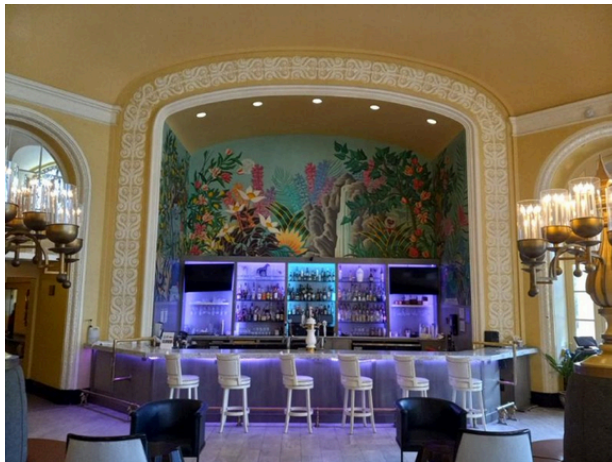
Dr. David H. Webb Lifetime Achievement Award



The Lifetime Achievement Award, henceforth known as the “Dr. David H. Webb Lifetime Achievement Award” is presented to an individual whose career has been dedicated to the management and conservation of aquatic resources with an emphasis on the management of aquatic plants and/or algae. The award is a special recognition of those who have made significant contributions to the science, aquatic resources, and/or the industry of aquatic plant management.

Furthermore, this award is presented to those who like Dr. David Webb, seek to provide knowledge and motivation to the next generation of professionals in the aquatic plant management field. Dr. Webb was an inspiration to many in the field and one who throughout his career supported, promoted and advanced the Society. Thus, this recognition is for those who embody what it means to be a mentor and advocate for aquatic plant science and management.

44th Annual Mid-South Aquatic Plant Management Conference



November 3-6, 2025

Kicks off Monday evening with a President's reception

Sessions begin at 8 AM CT on Tuesday Nov. 4th

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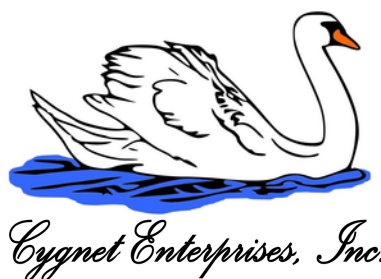


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