

## A Message from the President

It was our 1977 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis when I first had the opportunity to attend an APMS meeting. I was a student at Michigan State University and the interactions with people I met at that event helped me focus on what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. Our organization is made up of a collection of incredible people who have something to offer to each other. It has been a joy being part of this group ever since. Sometimes it hard to believe that I will be the president this year. Thank you all for your support Although I have attended every meeting since that time, I have always taken somewhat for granted that our meeting would be an enjoyable learning experience. After going through the process of putting the last meeting in Bellevue on, I have a much better appreciation for the job that those who have gone before me have done.

This is the first time APMS has been in the Pacific Northwest since 1985 and it came at a critical time for our region. Hydrilla had recently been discovered for the first time in Washington State and our environmental agencies were gearing up to develop strategies to deal with it. Many of our members from around the country pitched in and worked with our local people to give them a better understanding of the different aspects of controlling this biological pollution in our waters. I think I speak for all in this region when I offer our gratitude for the advise and support our members poured forth during the trip here. It was also nice to stay home in July for a change. We hope to have the opportunity to host the annual meeting in this area again in the future.

I have a number of goals that the Board will be working toward between now and the mid winter board meeting. All of you know about the funding problems that our federal operations and research people faced this year. Our Society pulled together and many of you wrote letters to our congressional representatives to try and save these valuable programs. At this point, the Corps of Engineers Operational and Research Programs have been cut from the 1996 federal budget. The Senate has put some funding back into this program, but it has to survive the conference committee hearings where the Senate and the House reconcile their differences. The next few weeks are critical and I would urge you to again write all three of your congressional representatives and support this nationwide program.

A second goal will be to develop some methods within our organization so that we don't get caught like this again. We need to utilize our membership to support the programs that are critical to the success of our endeavors. As funding gets tight, this fight will be harder and harder. I have asked Joe Zolczynski to look into the options we would have to place our membership into a Geographic Information System Database that we could sort by Congressional District. We will be discussing that at the mid winter board meeting. The idea would be to know where our membership is and be able to find members in the districts of key committees in congress when we need to mount letter campaigns to support our causes. This could be a powerful tool to do that. GIS would also give the Board a good understanding of the geography of our membership and that should help with locating annual meetings. We are also putting together an ad hoc committee to research funding a lobbyist to watch out for our interests. This may not be affordable to a group as small as ours, but we are going to investigate our options.

We need to keep working with BASS. I will be getting together with their new environmental coordinator and working to meet the objective in our MOU. I think this is critical, it took a lot of I am looking forward to hosting our next annual meeting in Burlington, Vermont this coming summer. The venue is excellent and there is a considerable amount of interest in that region. It should be an excellent experience for all of us, and I would urge you to do what you can to get there.

Thanks for your trust in me, I'm looking forward to serving you this coming year.



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#### Members on the Move

Aquest Corporation announced recently that Dr. Craig S. Smith joined the Aquest Lake Management Team this past spring. Dr. Smith's research career has included investigations of biological, chemical, and physical controls of a variety of aquatic plant species. He received his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin, where he worked on the biology and management of Eurasian Watermilfoil.

Dr. Smith joined Aquest as a senior scientist and will be involved in all aspects of the company. He can be reached at (810) 736-5251.

Randall K. Stocker has recently relocated from the Imperial Irrigation District in California to become the Director of the Center for Aquatic Plants, University of Plants. Dr. Stocker's arrival was anxiously awaited by those at the Center, except for a few unnamed tennis partners. He can be reached at (904) 392-9613.

#### SCAMPS Annual Meeting **Hurricane Delayed**

Hurricane Felix proved to be a real party pooper for the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Society Annual Meeting scheduled for August 16-18, 1995. Due to the potentially very bad weather the meeting was postponed. However, postponed is not canceled so please make plans to attend the rescheduled meeting. The meeting and all the peripheral activities have been scheduled for October 4-6, at the Springmaid Beach Conference Center in Myrtle Beach, SC. If you need more information about the meeting please contact Larry McCord at (803)761-8000 ext. 5735. Reservations for accommodations at Springmaid Beach (P.O. Box 423, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578) can be made only by card or letter and should be made prior to September 22, 1995.



Steven de Kozlowski and Helen Sevier sign the APMS/BASS Memorandum of Understanding, marking a commitment to greater cooperation between the two organizations.

#### WSSA ENCOURAGES SUBMISSION OF USDA COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR AQUATIC WEED RESEARCH

One of the important topics discussed at the Weed Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting, July 16-17, 1995 was the need for increased submission of weed science proposals for funding by USDA competitive grants. WSSA advocated for several years that a weed science review panel, separate from plant pathology, was needed. The 1994-95 cycle was the second year since a separate weed science panel was established. However, the 44 competitive grants that were submitted is marginal for the number that USDA likes to have to maintain the separate weed science panel. Therefore, WSSA is encouraging weed scientists in aquatics to submit proposals to help increase the number and ensure maintaining a separate weed science panel, which allows for fair appraisal of weed science proposals.

#### Other WSSA Announcements

The general session speaker for the 1996 Annual meeting will be John Stossel from the ABC television program 20/20. The meeting will be held February 2-6, 1996 at the Marriot and Omni Hotels in Norfolk, Virginia. The 1997 meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida at the Clarion Hotel, February 2-6, 1997. APMS members in the vicinity are encouraged to get involved with the program. An 8-minute video, "A Kid's Journey to Understanding Weeds," is scheduled for filming in 1996. A 15-minute video entitled "Impact of Weeds in the United States" is available now for \$15 from Bob Schmidt, WSSA, 1508 W. University Ave., Champaign, IL 61821-3133. The 7th Edition of the Herbicide Handbook is available for \$35 from the same address, and the 8th edition should be available in June, 1997.

For additional information contact WSSA directly or Ken Langeland, APMS/WSSA Liaison, (904) 392-9614.



#### Putting the Scholastic Endowment to Good Use

APMS was pleased to welcome to the 35th Annual Meeting, seven individuals who could help them spend money from the Scholastic Endowment. Gathering from all over the country (Oregon to Florida, via Mississippi and North Carolina) and, indeed, from all over the world (Canada to New Zealand), this deserving group had to earn their share of the Endowment by presenting papers during the meeting. However, judging by their excellent performances, they proved that this was not an unreasonable demand, and all expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to participate in our meeting.

Thus, for the first time, all student activities at the APMS Annual Meeting, including registration, accommodation, and cash prizes were supported by the Scholastic Endowment. In recognition of this important event, each student was presented with a copy of "Aquatic Weeds- the ecology and management of nuisance aquatic vegetation", edited by Pieterse and Murphy, a textbook that is particularly relevant to the goals of this Society. There is no doubt that all the students, enjoyed the APMS-Seattle experience, and based on the many supportive comments from APMS members, it is evident that the funds from the Scholastic Endowment were well spent.

> Cash Prizes for the Student Paper Contest: 1st - Emily Deaver 2nd - Angela Poovey 3rd - Vicki Prindle 4th - Mike Mumma

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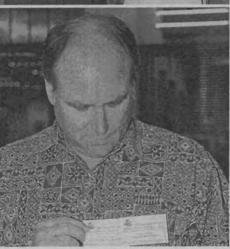
William Dryden, 90, died August 26, 1995. Mr. Dryden was a founding member of the Hyacinth Control Society (now APMS). He served as the second President of the Society in 1962-63 and has been a longtime Honorary member. He was very active in both the fledgling HCS and the Florida Anti-mosquito Association. Mr. Dryden also served as a Commissioner on both the Lee County Mosquito Control District and Hyacinth Control District Boards for 19 and 16 years respectively. He was a farmer who produced a variety of crops, from poultry to swine to orchids.

Mr. Dryden is survived by his wife Evelyn, his daughter, grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



















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#### Perennial Plea for Newsletter Articles!!

The newsletter is one of the primary tools of communication of the Society. In order for this to be a useful tool it needs input from the membership. There are generally three issues annually. They are timed to occur in September, March and May/June. Articles, book reviews, editorials or informational items should be sent to the Secretary four to six weeks prior to the publication of the next newsletter. Come on you all, this newsletter will be pretty boring if you don't contribute.

# COMING THIS FALL

This Fall the Society will publish its first annual Membership Directory. We need your help to insure it is accurate and complete. In addition to the traditional name and address the directory will include phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and eventually a section listing members by congressional district.

Should you believe your address is incorrect or wish to have your phone number and e-mail address included, please respond to:

> Wendy Andrew, APMS Secretary Post Office Box 121086 Clermont, Florida 34712-1086 Fax or Voice Message (904) 429-4119

prior to October 1, 1995.

(Members not wishing to be included should also respond by the above date.)

### THE AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT SOCIETY, INC.

The Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc. is an international organization of scientists, educators, students, commercial pesticide applicators, administrators and concerned individuals interested in the management and study of aquatic plants. The membership reflects a diversity of federal, state, and local agencies; universities and colleges around the world; corporations; and small businesses.

Originally the Hyacinth Control Society, Inc. when founded in 1961, The Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc. is a respected source of expertise in the field of biological, mechanical and chemical aquatic plant management and aquatic plant sciences. The Society has grown to include several regional and state chapters. Through these affiliates, annual meetings, newsletters, and the *Journal of Aquatic Plant Management*, members keep abreast of the latest developments in the field.

The objectives of the society are to assist in promoting the management of nuisance aquatic plants, to provide for the scientific advancement of members of the society, to encourage scientific research, to promote university scholarship, and to extend and develop public interest in the aquatic plant science discipline.

#### **Application for Membership**

NAME OF APPLICANT	SPOUSE'S NAME
HOME ADDRESS	ZIP CODE
CURRENT TITLE, BUSINESS OR INSTITUTION NAME, & ADDRESS	
	ZIP CODE

There are three regular classes of membership available to applicants, according to the Charter of the APMS which was adopted in 1961. These classes are:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP. COMMERCIAL SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP	\$	35 5
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#### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_

Please check the following to indicate desired membership class and for additional information!

Membership Class:

Active

Student
 Commercial Sustaining

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