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Dedicated to the Control of Noxious Aquatic Weeds

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PRESIDENT'S DESK: In the 1967 Hyacinth Control Journal we did not list Webster Martin, Inc., as a Sustaining Commercial Member of the society. Fellows, I hope you will accept our apologies for this oversight. We will try to do better in the future.

Our Secretary-Treasurer has sent out the bills for the 1968 dues. I am sure you have noted the increased dues for 1968. This was discussed and voted on at the 1967 meeting. Please pay your dues promptly and save our Secretary the time and our Society the cost of a second billing.

This is the sixth NEWSLETTER of the Society and many of you have made known your opinion of it and what subjects it should include. Recently, a suggestion was made to make it a monthly letter. I believe the NEWSLETTER should be discussed at the 1968 meeting and a decision should be made as to the regularity of its publication and whether it should be made an official publication of the Society. As author of the NEWSLETTER since its inception it can only be successful if the membership contributes to it. Very few of you have contributed to it, yet undoubtedly some of you have information that could be included.

WE GOOFED: You recently received your bill for 1968 dues to the Society. We forgot to add the address of the Secretary-Treasurer on the bill. If you have not already paid your dues, please send them to: Hyacinth Control Society, P. O. Box 8856, Orlando, Florida, 32806. If you have already sent your payment to this office, it has been forwarded to the Treasurer.

PROGRAM FOR 1968: You have received a Call for Papers recently in the mail. WE NEED PAPERS!!! If you plan to present one, or know of someone else who is willing to present a paper, send the title to me right away. We want a good program this year and to obtain it we need your cooperation. The Board of Directors, and your Local Arrangements Committee have been working hard to make this a big year for the Society. Please do your part by helping with the program.

WSSA MEETING: The Weed Science Society of America meeting was held in New Orleans, La. February 6-8. It was an excellent meeting with some 65 papers presented on aquatics. This was by far the largest number of aquatic weed papers that has ever been presented at one meeting. Subjects relating to control, ecology, fish toxicity, residue, physiology, methods of application, etc. were covered by the speakers.

The meeting was attended by several members of this Society. I thought it was an excellent program but it was just too much program and too little time for New Orleans. I believe that even the Program Chairman agreed on this point. The next annual meeting of WSSA is going to be held in Las Vegas. The Chairman on Aquatics for next year has already been advised of the New Orleans problem.

WEEDS, TREES AND TURF: All members of the Society as of June, 1967 are now receiving this magazine. Editor Art Edwards is to be thanked for our receiving the magazine. I am sure you remember Art covered our meeting last year in Fort Myers. Recently he informed me that he hopes to be back this year. I am sure Art would appreciate hearing your comments about the magazine. He is doing an excellent job in covering various phases of aquatic weed control.

SWC AQUATIC TOUR: As a part of the Southern Weed Conference, Aquatic Weed Program, a tour was arranged of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Aquatic Weed Research Station at Fort Lauderdale. Buses provided transportation to and from the laboratory. The tour included a tour of the facilities, a short discussion of research in progress on aquatic weeds, and a display and demonstration of equipment. Before returning to the hotel, everyone on the tour was treated to an old fashioned Catfish and Hushpuppy Feast. Everyone appeared to return to the hotel with a full tummy. The Hyacinth Control Society was well represented on the tour.

FLORIDA ELODEA vs EGERIA vs ELODEA: Plan to be present at the 1968 meeting of the Society to hear the discussion of this subject. We have caused so much confusion on this issue that I plan to present a paper on the subject. We are obtaining information regularly from areas where these plants are growing. Florida elodea (Hydrilla verticillata) has now spread over the entire state and into the Jim Woodruff Reservoir. We can no longer claim it as just a Florida exotic since this reservoir includes Georgia and Alabama in its boundaries. We welcome these states to help solve the rapidly growing problem of Hydrilla.

REGISTRATION FEES: A meeting was held in Winter Park during February with the Local Arrangements Committee and the Langford Hotel to discuss plans for the 1968 meeting. To continue the standards of previous meetings we were forced to increase the 1968 registration fees. At the last Annual Meeting you voted to continue to have a quality meeting and if it was necessary, registration fees could be increased. We lost money at the Fort Myers meeting last year and a Society the size of this one cannot continue to operate if we lose money on the annual meeting. The registration has remained the same for 6 years. I feel that this is a good record. The increased fees were discussed at length by the Committee and we felt that we had no other choice if we were going to continue providing the membership with a high quality meeting. We hope that the increased registration fee from \$15 to \$20, Ladies \$10, will not discourage your plans to attend the 1968 meeting. We have in the past and will continue in the future to try to provide you with your dollar's value.

PRE-REGISTRATION: It was decided at the February meeting to abandon the idea of pre-registration for the 1968 meeting. Be prepared to discuss it at the 1968 Business Meeting.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: You will be receiving information from the Langford Hotel in the near future. Please return the card they have provided directly to the hotel for your reservation. The hotel is giving us an excellent room rate and the rooms are very nice. Please plan to stay at this hotel. All of the program activities, including the barbecue, will be held at the hotel. Equipment displays and demonstrational applications will be made in Lake Virginia, approximately one block from the hotel. You will be able to easily walk from the hotel to all society activities, including the Ladies Program.

LADIES PROGRAM: The program has been planned very carefully this year. Your Local Arrangements Chairman, Jay Blanchard, has made it a MUST for all of the wives to be present. Ladies, tell your husband to Take You Along to Winter Park! If you miss this one you will be sorry!! The hotel will also provide planned recreation for the children during the day.

BABY SITTERS: If you will need baby sitters please contact the hotel and they will arrange for a sitter. You will need to do this before the meeting because they cannot provide a large number of sitters at the last minute.

HOUSE BILL HR 15621: Representative Edward Gurney has introduced into the US House of Representatives a bill for an additional \$5,000,000 for research and development of methods of controlling obnoxious aquatic weeds. We commend Rep. Gurney for his interest in this field. If you support this legislation WHY NOT WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN?

ONE PLUS ONE: Have you contacted someone about joining our Society or coming to the 1968 meeting? Again, I point out that this is Your Society and for it to be successful you must continually try to sell it to someone else. We have lost a lot of the enthusiasm that we had during 1967. Let's all work hard for the next 3 months to make this a big year for the Society.

I'LL BE LOOKING FOR THE TITLES OF YOUR PAPERS IN APRIL

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN WINTER PARK

Bob Blackman

President