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THE HYACINTH CONTROL SOCIETY, Incorporated

Dedicated to the Control of Noxious Aquatic Weeds

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1973 Meeting: We are rapidly approaching the date of the 1973 meeting. The program is complete and the local arrangements committee is ready for you in New Orleans. One very important part of the 1973 meeting must be arranged by each member. This important part is your attendance and only you can make the arrangements. If you have not done so you should do it, immediately. The hotel will not hold the rooms for our meeting after July 1.

Preregistration: I hope you have taken advantage of this opportunity. No preregistration forms will be processed after July 1. The savings in time and money will justify your need for preregistration. You will receive a receipt for preregistration at the meeting.

Name Change: The committee on selecting a new name for the Hyacinth Control Society held its final meeting of this Society year on May 30 here at the Agricultural Research Center. The committee agreed unanimously to mail the following resolution to the membership: "The official name of the Hyacinth Control Society, Inc., will become the Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc., in January, 1976." This resolution must be voted on at the annual business meeting in New Orleans. The committee considered a number of proposed names and this was the one that seemed to be the most appropriate for our Society. I personally want to thank the committee members for working with me. I hope the work of this committee will show the entire membership that we can solve many of our problems by working together. Many of you left the 1972 meeting in Miami feeling that the Society was divided into two groups. The division and the delay in the name change may prove to be beneficial to the Society. The Committee feels that it has done its job and it is now up to the membership to be present and express it's desire

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Program: The Program Committee has done an excellent job. A total of 69 papers are to be presented in New Orleans. The Committee also has 6 papers that have been submitted to be presented if there are some cancellations of scheduled papers. I believe you will see after reading the program that it was necessary to have sessions running concurrently. We congratulate this committee. A job well done, fellows.

Interim Tolerance: An interim tolerance of 0.2 ppm is established for residue of the herbicide endothall in potable water from use of its potassium, sodium, di-N, N-dimethylalkylamine, and mono-N, N-dimethylalkylamine salts as algicides or herbicides to control aquatic plants in canals, lakes, ponds, and other potential sources of potable water. This order became effective on April 30, 1973. This appeared in the Federal Register, Vol. 38, No. 82:10638.

In Memoriam: Dr. H. S. Swingle, World Renowned Professor of Fisheries, died suddenly on May 20, 1973. Dr. Swingle is known throughout the world for his research in fisheries management. It was through his efforts that the fisheries program at Auburn University became the largest pondculture fisheries program in the world. He worked very hard to promote Aquaculture in the United States. It was Dr. Swingle that encouraged this laboratory to evaluate the white amur (Ctenopharyngodon idella) as a biological control agent for aquatic vegetation. The world has lost a great scientist as well as a wonderful gentleman.

Herbicides: We in aquatic plant management must often use chemicals in our programs. The use of pesticides has brought forth many opinions from both the informed and uninformed. Press releases presenting both sides of the story have been few because it was not the popular approach. Though both sides of the story may have merit, the benefits of herbicides are not presented. As a result the news space has been devoted to anti-herbicide statements. Perhaps the reason for this can be related to the average citizen feeling that we have too much of everything. If there is a question about a herbicide or any of our management practices, the average individual feels we should do away with it. We hope that this feeling is beginning to weaken, and the true facts will now be presented to the average citizen. Mark Twain expressed it this way: "The trouble with the world is not that people know too little, but that they know so many things that ain't so".

Hope to see you in New Orleans. Candy has already packed her bag.

  
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