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NEWSLETTER NO. 26
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1975: We have terminated another year and it brings to mind that we each should check out our resolutions made on January 1, 1975. It is hoped that your resolutions have been satisfied. For the Society it has been a year of concern and success. Membership concern about the Society and success in the 1975 meeting. This is typical of any Society that has reached the crossroads that now faces this one. We can carry forth the desires of those few charter members that organized the Hyacinth Control Society at Useppa Island, Florida on July 19, 1961 or we can watch it break into small groups. We must remember that this Society was formed because other Societies were not filling the need of the aquatic applicator. The guts of this Society was the operational programs and the needs for this group is as strong now as it was in 1961. As the Society closes the 1975 year it is hoped that its worldwide membership remembers he or she joined with the understanding that the charter members had visions of the Society being the leader in the aquatic plant management field. With this we close the books of the Hyacinth Control Society, Inc.. It is sad to see this happen but time marches on and with it usually comes progress. We hope this is true with our Society.

1976: Welcome to the Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc.. At 12:01 AM, January 1, the above name became official. We have made the turn at a long awaited crossroad. Many members have felt that the name has limited our membership and effectiveness. Should this be true we can look for a rapid growth in membership. Increased membership should mean a stronger Society and a better representation of the aquatic field.

San Antonio Meeting: Those attending the 1975 meeting were very pleased with the site and program. Many of those attending previous meetings were not able to attend this one because of budget restrictions. We compliment Lou Guerra for the fine job that he did

PLAN TO PARTICIPATE! Annual Meeting, Bahia Mar Hotel, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, July 11 - 14, 1976

with the programs and local arrangements. It was my understanding that the reduced attendance was compensated for by the enthusiasm of those in attendance. Congratulations Lou on a job well done.

Fort Lauderdale Meeting: The 1976 meeting will be held at the Bahia Mar Motel Inn on July 11-14. The facilities are new and they are located directly across from the beach. A walkway provides direct access to the famous Fort Lauderdale Beach from the motel. I believe you will be pleased with the location, quality of facilities and the room rates. The success of the meeting will be determined by attendance and program. These cannot be determined by the local arrangement committee. It will require the efforts of the entire membership. Your paper and/or your attendance will be needed to make this a successful meeting.

Operations versus Research: The leaders of our Society, in the future, must keep the ratio of emphasis on operations and research in proper perspective. We must be able to represent both groups and remember that both are necessary in aquatic plant management. Lack of emphasis in the operations area by other societies was the reason the Hyacinth Control Society was organized. Research must keep abreast with the needs of the operational programs. This Society can give the researcher a chance to inform operational personnel what they can expect in the future through research efforts and the operational man a chance to emphasize his needs to the researcher. This is what our Society is all about. Don't let it pass without expressing your opinion.

Demonstration: For several years the field demonstration was a part of our annual program and then it was dropped. Many operational people feel this is a part of our Society and have expressed a desire to have it returned to the program. Plans are now underway to have a field demonstration at Fort Lauderdale. If you wish to participate, contact Mr. Les Bitting, Old Plantation Water Control District, 8800 N. New River Canal Road, Plantation, Florida 33324.

Aquatic Permits: The Florida Membership has been very concerned about the recent problems that developed on issuance of permits to carry out aquatic plant management operations. This problem developed because of recently passed state legislation and a ruling of the Florida Attorney General. The passing of the authority from the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission and the Florida Department of Natural Resources to the newly created Florida Department of Environmental Regulations created mass confusion. The meaning or authority given the aquatic applicator when a permit was issued also became involved in the decision. The Society president and the legislative committee became very concerned with the solution to this problem. The Newsletter editor has been informed that the problem has been resolved and permits are now being issued. Permit applications should continue to be made to your regional botanist of the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission. Regional botanists will work with the applicant to make the issuance of the permit as simple as possible and accomplish the intent of the law. We are very pleased that this problem has been resolved. The Society appreciates the cooperation of the various state agencies in trying to keep the president informed on their progress.

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President Spirnock (Continued): It has been apparent in the last few years that the various committees have not functioned to their intent. I am certain that all of the committee members will do an outstanding job to support and benefit the Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc. and for a successful meeting in July.

I would like to encourage all of the membership to support the committees that have been appointed to serve the Society and for the membership to communicate with the officers of the Society in order that the needs of the Society may be served to its fullest.

I send a note of thanks to those who have assisted me thus far and to everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Get Involved: President Spirnock is asking you to get involved in the operation of your Society. Many of you express opinions on where and how this Society should operate but when asked to participate you are too busy. Is it possible that this Society is operated by a small minority because you, as a member, failed to get involved???? If this is true, then we can only blame ourselves. The membership has the opportunity to run the Society through its elected officers. The officers are now asking you to express your desires.

Dr. Ennis: I'm sure many of our members know and appreciate the leadership that Dr. W. B. Ennis has given the field of weed science. Dr. Ennis recently retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to start a second career assignment as Director of the University of Florida Agricultural Research Center at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In his new position he'll be involved in the direction of the aquatic plant research program at the research facility. If you have not already done so, please stop by and say hello to Dr. Ennis. It would be an excellent opportunity to express your ideas on research needs in aquatic plant management. I hope someone has presented Dr. Ennis with a membership application form.

White Amur: Many members are interested in the present status of this biological control agent. We have tried to collect the various fragments of information that is available on the subject: (1) Florida has placed a temporary moratorium on further stocking of the fish in state waters (2) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and several Florida state and county agencies have initiated a long term study in Lake Conway, Orlando, Florida. (3) The cooperative study between Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission and Department of Natural Resources did not resolve the issue of the effect of the white amur on the native fish populations (4) Several lakes in the state of Florida that have weed problems were stocked with white amur before the stocking moratorium was agreed upon. These lakes are being monitored by various agencies. Weed control results appears too variable in these lakes.

Newsletter Editor: I'm sure you have guessed that Bob Blackburn is serving as the Newsletter Editor this year. I agreed to assist the president in

this capacity for the year. Many of you probably wonder where I've been for the past year. Candy and I have been directing all our efforts to operation of the company. With the expansion of the company and moving to central Florida it has been a busy year but we have enjoyed the challenge. We invite the membership to stop by the office when in the area. We usually have the coffee pot on and welcome our many friends concerned with aquatic plant management.

Help: I need help in giving the desired information in the Newsletter. If you have the type of information that would be of interest to the membership please send it to me. I'll certainly give you credit for the information. As stated earlier it is your organization. Information on meetings, membership, legislation, equipment, control methods, research or general comments would be greatly appreciated.

- Meetings:
- (1) January 27-29, 1976
Southern Weed Science Society
Dallas, Texas
 - (2) February 2-5, 1976
Weed Science Society of America
Denver, Colorado
 - (3) July 11-14, 1976
Aquatic Plant Management Society
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

IAAVPB: The International Association of Aquatic Vascular Plant Biologists was organized on July 10, 1975 in Leningrad. The purpose of the Association is to promote communications and research among scientists studying any aspect of submersed, floating, or emergent vascular plants and their communities in marine and fresh waters. If interested, contact the Society International Committee.

NEW Publications: A new identification book has just been published. Water Plants of the World by Christopher D. K. Cook, Bernardo J. Gut, E. Martyx, Jakob Schneller and Marta Seitz. Published by W. Junk B.V.-Publishers-13, Von Stolckweg-The Hague-Netherlands. Price 120 Dutch Glds. (approx \$44.00)

Future: The future of the Newsletter, the success of our Society, state divisions of A.P.M.S. applicator certification and regulations on aquatic weed control operations are all issues that may be resolved in 1976. Will you play a role in the solutions?? Strength in our membership will certainly help but it must begin at the individual level.

Membership: When is the last time you encouraged someone to join the Society??? You now have the opportunity to tell everyone about the new Society. Every applicator, industry representative, drainage district, researcher, political representative, environmentalist and individual citizen interested in aquatic plant management should hear about this great new Aquatic Plant Management Society (A.P.M.S.). Spread the news and sign up new members. Membership is the name of this game. Be considerate and share your Society with someone new.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE !!!