

TXAPMS UPDATE

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- 2021 Membership
 - Regular: 100
 - Sustaining: 16
 - Student: 2
 - Honorary: 0
- 2020 Membership
 - Regular: 191
 - Sustaining: 29
 - Student: 4
 - Honorary: 1
- 2019 Membership
 - Regular members: 207
 - Sustaining members: 24
 - Student members: 8
 - Honorary members: 1
- Canceled the in-person conference for 2021 (Grand Rapids, MI)
 - Held a virtual business meeting for 2021
 - The board worked with the Grand Rapids venue (Amway Grand) to change our contract from 2021 to 2023
 - No loss to the society, covered operating costs with generous support from our membership through the virtual business meeting
- 2022 Conference is planned to be held in Lake Geneva, WI
 - Grand Geneva Resort and Spa Lake Geneva, WI
 - 2/27/22 – 3/3/22
 - We intend it to be a business as usual conference
- Robert L. Johnson Memorial Research Grant
 - Split the \$10,000 award between two students
 - Amber White, University of Wisconsin
 - Michael Verhoeven, University of Minnesota
 - Working towards a more sustainable/farther reach student grant program
 - In process of obtaining 501 (c)(3) status
 - COVID delays

- Optimistic that it will be approved before the end of 2021
 - Looking into ways of improving the grant program going into the future
- Honorary member award Joe Bondra (Cygnet Enterprises, Inc.)
- Aquatic management regulations getting stricter in some Midwest states
 - Michigan
 - Copper restrictions
 - Dye ban lifted
 - WI
 - APM rule revision
 - Dye restriction put in place
 - The governmental affairs committee has submitted public comments on behalf of the society (where appropriate) to urge that regulation decisions to be based on science.
- Looking into education and outreach opportunities for the society
 - The society likes what University of Florida and TVA has done with their Plant Camps and is interested in getting something similar established in the Midwest
 - Found an opportunity to support a plant camp program being developed by Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (with support from other groups) in August
 - A sponsorship of \$2,000 was approved by the board to support the 3-day event