

## BYLAWS

### THE AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT SOCIETY, INCORPORATED (A Corporation not for profit)

#### ARTICLE I

The name of this Society shall be THE AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT SOCIETY, INCORPORATED.

#### ARTICLE II

The principal place of business shall be located at such place as the Board of Directors may decide.

#### ARTICLE III

##### OFFICERS

Section A. The officers of the Society shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor.

The Board of Directors of this Society shall consist of not more than thirteen members and shall include the active officers of the Society.

Section B. President. The President shall preside at all business meetings of the Society, annual and special, and at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall maintain and exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Society, subject to the authority of the Board of Directors, and shall discharge such other duties as usually pertain to the office of the President. Upon completion of his term in office he shall become a Director at Large for one year.

Section C. The First Vice President shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, or in case of a vacancy in the office of the President. He shall also perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section D. The Second Vice President shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the First Vice President in the absence or disability of the First Vice President, or in case of a vacancy in the office of the President. He shall also perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section E. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep full and correct minutes of all meetings of this Society and of the Board of Directors. He shall be responsible

for the maintenance of membership records and shall issue notices of meetings and shall conduct such part of the correspondence of the Society as is usually conducted by the Secretary of similar organizations.

Section F. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receipt all dues, assessments and other income. He shall deposit promptly all funds of the Society in such depository as shall be approved and designated by the Board of Directors. Checks in payment of obligations of this Society shall be signed by the Treasurer. He shall, under the direction of the Board of Directors, pay all bills of this Society and make such other disbursements as are necessary and incidental to the operation of the Society. He shall at the annual meeting of the Society, and if directed by the Board of Directors at special meetings, make full and true report of the financial condition of this Society. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office of Treasurer and as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall before assuming office be required to make and execute a good and sufficient surety bond in an amount of not less than Five thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of his office, the expense of said bond to be borne by the Society. The Treasurer shall provide for an annual audit of all books, vouchers and necessary documents of the Society by a Certified Public Accountant prior to each annual meeting of the Society, the cost of said audit to be borne by the Society. The financial statement as prepared during the audit shall be included as a part of the annual proceedings of the Society.

Section G. Editor. The duties of the Editor shall be to publish and distribute the Journal and other publications of this Society.

Section H. The Directors shall assist in administering the affairs of this Society.

ARTICLE IV  
TERM OF OFFICE

All officers shall be elected for one year or until the successors shall be duly elected and qualified. No officers except the Secretary, Treasurer and/or the Editor shall succeed himself. Officers elected at any annual meeting shall begin their duties on the close of the meeting at which they are elected. Nominees for President shall be selected from the Board of Directors. Two (2) new

members of the Board of Directors shall be elected each year for a term of three (3) years or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. The nomination to this first year's Board only shall consist of two (2) members for three (3) years, two (2) members for two (2) years and two (2) members for one (1) year.

ARTICLE V  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section A. The President of the Society shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Section B. The Board of Directors shall meet upon the call of the President or upon the request of five or more members of the Board of Directors directed in writing to the Secretary. At least five days prior notice in writing shall be given by the Secretary to all members of the Board of Directors as to any meetings of the Board of Directors. The time and place of such meetings shall be designated by the President. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. An action of the Board of Directors shall be upon the vote of the majority of its members present. The Board of Directors shall meet no less than three times annually. One meeting shall be held immediately before the annual meeting of the Society; one meeting shall be held immediately after the annual meeting of the Society; and one additional meeting shall be held during the interim between the annual meetings.

Section C. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Society and shall have the power: (1) to fill any vacancies among the officers of the Society including the membership of the Board of Directors; (2) to prescribe the duties of the officers of the Society not otherwise prescribed in the Bylaws of this Society; (3) to provide rules and regulations for the conduct of the affairs of this Society as are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Bylaws; (4) to accept or reject applications for membership in this Society; (5) to increase the amount of the Treasurer's bond if the Board deems Five thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars insufficient; (6) the Board of Directors shall have full power of the Society in all matters demanding action between meetings and shall submit at the next succeed-

ing meeting of the Society a report of all actions taken by them under authority of this section.

## ARTICLE VI

### QUORUM

A quorum of any meeting of the Society shall consist of not less than fifteen voting members, or 50% of the membership, whichever is smaller, at least two of whom shall be officers of the Society.

## ARTICLE VII

### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

All motions and resolutions presented at any annual meeting of the Society involving matters of policy, administration or business shall be referred to the Board of Directors who shall consider the same and report its recommendation back to the Society; provided, however, that should any matter require immediate action by the Society, such matters may be considered immediately by consent of three-fourths of the active members present and voting.

## ARTICLE VIII

### MEETINGS

Section A. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers, the presentation of papers and discussion on noxious aquatic weed control and related subjects and such other business as may be properly brought before it. Such annual meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors may decide. At least sixty days prior notice shall be given in writing to all members as to time and place of the annual meeting.

Section B. Special meetings of the Society may be held whenever the Board of Directors deem such meetings necessary or whenever ten or more active members shall make a written request therefor, presented to the Secretary. Such request shall be placed with the Board of Directors which shall designate a time and place for such special meeting. The Secretary shall give written notice of all special meetings of the Society to all members at least seven days prior to the date of such special meetings.

## ARTICLE IX

### FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Society shall be September 1 through August 31 of each year.

## ARTICLE X

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section A. Officers of the Society shall be elected by majority vote of the voting members present at the annual meeting of the Society and shall serve until the close of the next annual meeting following their election or until the election of their successors.

Section B. No member shall be eligible for office who has not been a voting member of the Society for ~~one~~ three years.

Section C. Vacancies in the office of President between terms shall automatically be filled through succession in the following order: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor. All vacancies, other than that in the office of President, shall be filled through appointment by the Board of Directors.

Section D. The election of officers of the Society shall be held as a part of the business meeting which shall be held prior to noon of the second full day of the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE XI

### DUES

Section A. Membership dues shall be payable in advance, and shall in no case be paid later than the first full day of the annual meeting.

Section B. Annual dues shall be as follows: Active members, \$8.00; Student members, \$5.00; Associate members, \$5.00; Commercial members (a) individual \$25.00, (b) firms \$95.00; Honorary members, none.

## ARTICLE XII

### COMMITTEES

Standing committees shall be appointed as follows:

1. Membership Committee. This committee shall consist of ~~three (3)~~ not less than five (5) active members of the Society one of whom shall be the Secretary, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Student Committee and one of whom shall be the Chairman of the International Committee. This committee shall investigate and promote memberships in the Society.
2. Publicity Committee. This committee shall consist of (3) members. The duties of this committee shall be to generate and distribute newsworthy items of the Society and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
3. Legislative Committee. This committee shall consist of ~~three (3)~~ not less than five (5) voting members whose duties shall be to inform itself as to any legislation pending of interest to the Society and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors on the same.
4. Program Committee. The program committee shall consist of the members of the Board of Directors, chaired by the First Vice President, and its duty shall be to provide programs for each annual meeting.
5. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall consist of ~~three (3)~~ not less than five (5) members, preferably not less than one Past President, who shall recommend to the Society candidates for election to the several offices.
6. Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. This committee shall consist of ~~three (3)~~ not less than five (5) voting members of the Society. All resolutions and bylaw changes to be considered shall be presented to this committee, who in turn shall present them to the Society.
7. Student Affairs Committee. This committee should consist of three (3) members of the Society. The duties of this committee shall be to investigate and promote membership of students into the Society and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as to means of enhancing and encouraging student participation in the Society.
8. Past Presidents Advisory Committee. This committee shall consist of all past presidents of the Society and shall be chaired by the immediate outgoing president of the Society. The duties of this committee shall be to examine the

aims and goals of the Society and make recommendations to the Board of Directors related to achieving these aims and goals.

9 Special Committees. Such other committees as from time to time may be deemed necessary shall be appointed by the President.

### ARTICLE XIII

#### RULES OF ORDER

Business sessions of the Society shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order.

### ARTICLE XIV

#### PUBLICATIONS

All publications of the Society shall be issued under the direction of the Editor and shall become the property of the Society.

### ARTICLE XV

#### HONORARY MEMBERS

Section A. Criteria for honorary membership. Before being considered for honorary membership a person must meet the following criteria:

1. He or she must be retired and no longer employed in the field of hyacinth or noxious aquatic weed control.
2. He or she must have been a voting member of the Society for no less than ten (10) years.
3. He or she must have actively promoted the Society and its affairs during their membership.

Section B. Exemptions for honorary members: Honorary members cannot hold office in the Society and cannot vote, however they may hold committee appointments and participate in other Society functions.

Section C. Selection of Honorary Members. Nominees for honorary membership shall be submitted to the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee in the form of a petition signed by no less than ten (10) active members. Nominees will be evaluated by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee to ascertain that they meet

the criteria for eligibility as an honorary member. Eligible nominees will be presented by the Bylaw and Resolutions Committee to the Board of Directors and upon acceptance of nominees by the Board, a biographical sketch of the nominees will be printed in the Newsletter. The Board of Directors shall, at the next annual meeting, present the nominee to the Society. Honorary members shall be elected by a majority vote of the voting members present at the annual meeting of this Society.

ARTICLE XVI

AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by three-fourths vote of the active members present at any annual meeting, provided the notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing to the Secretary and transmitted by him to active members thirty days before the annual meeting and that notice of the time of said amendment is to be voted on has been announced at least twelve hours in advance.

The above and foregoing Bylaws of THE AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT SOCIETY, INCORPORATED, were adopted on

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President

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Secretary