

**Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS) – Report to the WSSA Board of Directors
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2008 Annual Meeting: The 48th Annual Meeting of the APMS will be held in Charleston, SC, at the Mills House Hotel, July 13-16, 2008. This will be a joint meeting with the South Carolina Chapter of the APMS. Meeting information can be found on the APMS website; the abstract submission deadline is April 18, 2008. Carlton Layne is the 2008 Program Chair.

As in previous years, the APMS will hold a graduate student paper and poster contest at the annual meeting. All students that participate in the contest receive complementary meeting registration, lodging (based on double occupancy), and a text book (student's choice). Cash awards are presented to contest winners. For the first time this year, a special post-meeting field tour of the Santee Cooper lake system will be organized for all students attending the annual meeting. The tour will give students the opportunity to learn about aquatic weed problems and issues in South Carolina. Tyler Koschnick (see above contact info) is Chair of the Student Affairs Committee and will organize the student paper/poster contest and field tour.

Adding a student representative to the Board of Directors was initiated in 2006; the student representative attends and participates in Board meetings and functions. The student representative is currently a non-voting member of the Board; however, a proposed change to the Bylaws in July 2008 will most likely change this to a voting position for 2009. The current student representative (July 2007-July 2008) is Wilfredo Robles, Mississippi State University.

Future APMS Meetings: The 49th Annual APMS Meeting will be held in Milwaukee, WI, and

the 50th Annual Meeting will be in Florida (site to be determined).

NIWAW: As requested by the NIWAW Committee, the APMS contributed \$2500 to the Ninth Annual National Invasive Weed Awareness Week. Several APMS members will be in attendance at NIWAW this year and a Society display will be set up at the NIWAW hotel.

Education and Outreach Projects: The APMS is currently sponsoring two Education and Outreach projects: 1) Developing a white paper to define “control” from an aquatic plant manager’s point of view; and, 2) Revising the Best Management Practices (BMP) Manual for aquatic plant management. The initial BMP manual was published in 2005 by the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation (AERF). The revised edition will include a section on herbicide resistance (to be written by Dr.’s Bill Haller and Greg MacDonald) and will be published jointly by the APMS and AERF. To view or download a copy of the 2005 BMP manual go to the AERF website (www.aquatics.org/bmp.htm).

Executive Director: The APMS is once again, considering the hire of an Executive Director. The Society currently does not have paid staff employees and operates entirely by volunteer service of its Board of Directors. Board members have been tasked with defining the role of an Executive Director and identifying the costs associated with such a position. These items will be further discussed at the July 2008 Board Meeting.

WSSA-APMS Memorandum of Agreement: At the 2007 Summer WSSA Board Meeting, Ralph Whitesides raised the following questions: When did the APMS join WSSA? Was there an official MOA/MOU between the APMS and the WSSA? In an attempt to answer these questions, I reviewed the APMS Bylaws and Operating Manual, reviewed Minutes from past APMS Board Meetings, and contacted past APMS Board members (Bill Haller, Ken Langeland, Don Doggett, Alison Fox, and Lars Anderson) for input. The following summarizes my findings:

- 1) There is no official MOU or MOA between the WSSA and the APMS. There was no mention of an MOU/MOA in the APMS Bylaws or Operating Manual and none of the past APMS Board members recall an official document.
- 2) The earliest record I could find of a report filed by a WSSA-APMS Representative was in the Minutes of the Mid-winter APMS Board Meeting held in February, 1992. Lars Anderson and Don Doggett believe the decision to begin a relationship between the two Societies was actually made in 1991. Unfortunately, the Minutes from the 1991 APMS Board meetings were missing from the Archive.
- 3) APMS members that have served as the WSSA-APMS Representative include: Lars Anderson (1992-1994); Ken Langeland (1994-1998); Alison Fox (1998-2002); Greg MacDonald (2002-2007); Linda Nelson (2007-present).