

**Weed Science Society of America (APMS) – Report to the WSSA
Board of Directors
2012 Annual Board Meeting – Big Island, HI
February 4-5, 2012**

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The Aquatic Plant Management Society will hold its annual meeting at the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City, UT on July 22-25, 2012.

The APMS held its Winter Board of Director's meeting on January 27 & 28, 2012 in Salt Lake City, UT.

Current APMS Membership:

- Active – 223
- Student – 34
- Honorary – 16
- Sustaining – 16
- Total – 289

There have been 19 new members since the July 2011 annual meeting.

The APMS is still seeking support for the USACE funding for the 2013 and 2014 budget. The USACE was funded at \$3 million for 2012, which is less \$1 million than previous years. As of today the USACE budgets have been zeroed out for the 2013 and 2014 budgets.

The APMS is seeking support for influencing three major delegates: Senator Patrick Leahy (VT), Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (NY), and Senator Charles Schumer (NY). It is hopeful the recent hydrilla infestations found in Cayuga Lake, New York will be an indication of the value the USACE provides with developing invasive aquatic control programs.

The APMS would like the WSSA Public Awareness Committee to consider the following topics for potential WSSA Press Release:

- Cayuga Lake, NY hydrilla infestations and the potential spread into The Great Lakes
- Rising aquatic pests:
 - Crested Floating-heart
 - Starry Stonewort
- USF&W policy on snail kite management in the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, FL

Future APMS Board of Director meetings:

July 22 & 25, 2012 – APMS Annual Board Meeting – Salt Lake City, UT

Future APMS meeting schedule:

- 2012: July 22-25, 2012 – Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2013: July 14-18, 2013 – Westin Riverwalk Hotel – San Antonio, TX
- 2014: July 2014 – Savannah, GA or Nashville, TN