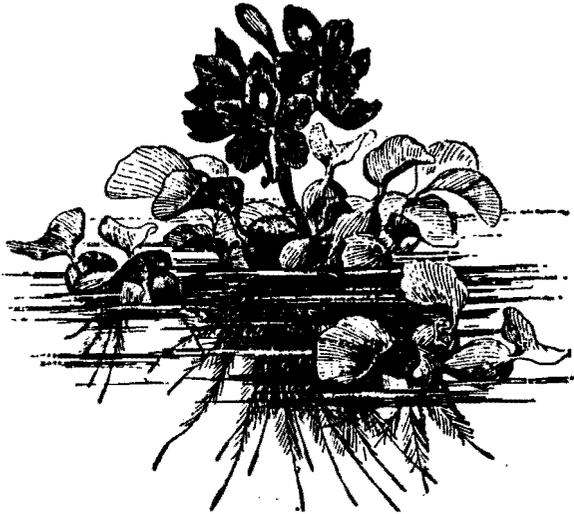


Hyacinth Control Society, Inc.

Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc.  
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**Founding Fathers**

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**THE FOUNDING FATHERS:  
Subscribers to the Incorporation papers of the  
Hyacinth Control Society, Inc.  
July 19, 1961  
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*T. W. Miller, Jr.* of Ft. Myers, Florida. Wayne was the Director of the Lee County Hyacinth Control District from the mid 1950's until 1994. Originally only a mosquito control district, Lee County took on the responsibility of aquatic weed control in the early 1960's. Wayne is a native Floridian, his family many years ago ran a steamboat line on the Kissimmee River between Kissimmee and Okeechobee. When Wayne was 16 he served as a page for a U.S. Congressman in Washington, DC and then graduated from Georgia Tech. Wayne served as President of the Hyacinth Control Society in 1961-1962 followed by many years as Secretary. T. Wayne retired in 1994 and was elected Honorary APMS Member in 1995.

*A.S. Chipley.* Mr. Chipley initially did a bit of farming, had a degree in mechanical engineering, and when working in Ft. Myers, became a member of the Board of the Lee County Mosquito Control District. Most recently, he served as head of the *Aedes aegypti* eradication program for the federal government in Alabama and is now retired and living in Montgomery. Mr. Chipley was the Chairman of the first meeting of the Hyacinth Control Society.

*Herbert J. Friedman.* A long-time resident of Tampa, Mr. Friedman was born in Mt. Vernon, New York, the son of a wheat broker who worked in New York City. His roots go back to Illinois where his grandfather was a farmer. Herb attended the University of Illinois where he studied accounting. He also attended New York University and the University of Grenoble in France. In 1950, Mr. Friedman founded the Southern Mill Creek Products Company in Tampa, selling agricultural supplies and equipment and also serving the mosquito and hyacinth control programs in the State. Southern Mill Creek was sold in 1977, but Herb continues a very active retirement in Tampa. Mr. Friedman served in many capacities in the Society, and was elected Honorary Member in 1986.

*William Dryden.* Mr. Dryden was also a Board Member of the Lee County Mosquito Control District along with Mr. Chipley. He was formerly the Dean of the Graduate School at Auburn University. He took an early retirement from Auburn and moved to Ft. Myers where he raised everything from poultry to orchids. Will served as President of the Society in 1962-63. Deceased.

*Thomas O. Fultz.* Oscar was truly from a mosquito control family. His father-in-law was Alex MacWilliams who served as President of the Florida Anti-Mosquito Association in 1932. Mr. Fultz was Mosquito Control Director in Polk County when the Hyacinth Control Society was first formed. He was formerly Assistant Director of Mosquito Control for Indian River County in his home town, Vero Beach. An Entomology graduate of the University of Florida, Oscar is currently Director of Mosquito Control in Chatham County, Georgia (Savannah).

*Edwin L. Seabrook.* Ed was born and raised in the Martin/Palm Beach County area of Florida. His grandfather was the lighthouse keeper at Jupiter Inlet for many years. Mr. Seabrook is a graduate of the University of Florida and was a long-time Director of the Palm Beach County Mosquito Control District. He served as President of the Florida Anti-Mosquito Association in 1950. Deceased.

*D. E. Seaman.* Don was a scientist employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He worked at the old Peter's Farm Lab located on Peter's Road in Ft. Lauderdale. This lab was the forerunner to the current USDA/UF lab now located in Davie. Dr. Seaman's research was primarily concerned with biology and control of aquatic plants and he did a lot of research on endothall. After being a signatory to the Certificate of Incorporation, he served as Director of the Hyacinth Society in 1961-62. Shortly thereafter, Don was transferred to Davis, California where he conducted research for USDA, and later the University of California at the Rice Research Station in Biggs, California. Later, Don worked for Stauffer Chemical Company, but is now retired, living in Chico, CA.

## THE PRESIDENTS

*T.W. Miller, Jr.* See Founding Fathers

*William Dryden.* See Founding Fathers

*Herbert J. Friedman.* See Founding Fathers

*John W. Woods.* Bill worked for the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (Tallahassee) for many years, working his way up to Director of the Division of Fisheries. He retired from the Commission in the late 70's and lives near Fort Walton Beach.

*Zeb Grant.* Zeb worked for the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District (West Palm Beach) and ultimately served many years as Director of the Department of Field Services for the South Florida Water Management District. As Director, he was responsible for aquatic weed control for the District until his untimely death in the late 1970's.

*James D. Gorman.* Dan received his degree in Engineering from Georgia Tech in September 1956, and immediately after joined the Hillsborough County Health Department as Assistant Sanitary Engineer. With Dan appointed as its Director, Hillsborough County created a separate Mosquito Control Department in 1958. Under Dan's leadership, the Mosquito Control Department took on the related task of controlling nuisance aquatic vegetation. Dan continued to serve as Director of the Hillsborough County Mosquito Control District throughout his career and has been active in the Aquatic Plant Management Society since its establishment in 1961 as the Hyacinth Control Society. Having initiated his service on the Board of Directors in 1962-1963, Dan served as Secretary-Treasurer from 1963-1966, as President in 1966-1967, and as Vice-President in 1967-1968. Through his dedicated service, Dan helped focus the attention of our Society on promoting research for the advancement of aquatic weed control technologies and education and training programs for aquatic plant control applicators. Dan officially retired from the Hillsborough County Mosquito and Aquatic Weed Control District on June 30, 1994 after 38 years of dedicated service and was elected to Honorary Membership in 1995.

*Robert D. Blackburn.* Bob was a scientist working for ARS/USDA at Ft. Lauderdale while he served as President in 1967-68. Bob, Lyle Weldon, Don Seaman and local cooperators laid the early groundwork for the aquatic plant management industry during the 1955-75 time frame. Currently he is a consultant and operates a business in aquascaping and aquatic management based in the Palatka, Florida area.

*Frank L. Wilson.* Frank has been associated with Mosquito Control and Polk County for many years. He was President of the Hyacinth Control Society in 1968-69 and President of the Florida Anti-Mosquito Association in 1972. Frank retired as Director of Polk County Environmental Services located in Bartow, and is now spending a year in the Cayman Islands working on mosquito control projects.

*Paul R. Cohee.* Paul presided over the first Society meeting outside of Florida in Huntsville, Alabama in 1970. He worked out of Orlando as a District Representative of the Hercules Powder Company and worked on developing invert treatments for aquatic weed control, and later did some pioneering work with polymers. Paul is retired and lives in Alabama.

*Stanley C. Abramson.* Stan was in charge of grounds maintenance at a military installation when he signed on with Southern Mill Creek Products Company. He was involved in sales and development for Southern Mill Creek, retired in the late 70's and did consulting based out of the Tampa area. Stan passed away in 1990.

*Robert J. Gates.* Bob received his formal education at the Chicago Institute of Technology majoring in engineering with a minor in biology. He moved to Florida in the early 1960's and began his career with Swiftmud, the S.W. Florida Water Management District. For 14 years Bob was director of Aquatic Plant Management activities. He joined the Hyacinth Control Society in 1966, served on the Board of Directors (1969-70), as Secretary-Treasurer 1970-71 and President in 1971-72. Bob retired in 1983 and remained in the Central Florida area. He received the Aquatic Plant Management Society Honorary Membership in 1984 at Richmond, VA. Mr. Gates passed away in the early 1990's.

*Brandt G. Watson.* Brandt served as President of the Society in 1972-73 and followed this service with several years as Treasurer of the Society. In 1975, he was also President of the Florida Anti-Mosquito Association. An entomologist, Brandt (now retired) was the long-time Director of the Collier County Mosquito Control Program based in Naples, Florida.

*Alva P. Burkhalter.* Al was Chief of the Bureau of Aquatic Plant Research and Control with the Florida Department of Natural Resources and most of DNR's programs that are on line today owe their existence to Dr. Burkhalter's leadership. Around 1980, Al took an opportunity and went to work with Monsanto at corporate headquarters in St. Louis where he coordinated research programs on non-cropland use of glyphosate. He is currently based out of Marietta, Georgia where he continues to work on industrial, turf and aquatic species.

*Luciano Val "Lou" Guerra.* Lou spent 30 years working various aspects of aquatic plant management in the State of Texas. Lou received his Bachelor's and Master's from the University of Texas. His training was in aquatic biology, fishery science, and ecology. He worked as a research biologist (4 years) and an extension biologist (13 years) prior to becoming Director of the Noxious Vegetation Program for the State of Texas Department of Game and Wildlife. During his career Lou has written more than 50 articles dealing with various aspects of farm pond management and aquatic weed control in journals, popular magazines, and trade publications. Lou was active in community affairs, being recognized as a "Hildago of San Antonio" for his community service. Lou became the Society's 5th Honorary member at the New Orleans meetings in 1988. Although in failing health, Lou attended our San Antonio meetings in 1994 but died a few months later.

*Ray A. Spirnock.* Ray worked for the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District (later re-named South Florida Water Management District) for some 15 years. He was Chief of the Miami Field Station for several years and moved to West Palm (headquarters) to become Deputy Department Director. In the mid-70's Ray worked for DNR and the Department of Agriculture in Tallahassee for a short time, finally going into private business where he remains today working out of the Plant City area.

*Robert W. Geiger.* A Ph.D chemist, Bob worked for the agriculture division of 3M Company and later in the product development section. He helped develop the Mariner Brand line of endothall formulations. He transferred to Ohio, then on to corporate headquarters in St. Paul, Minnesota and finally to Indianapolis, IN. His career with 3M included research on "nextel," heat resistant fibers used in space shuttles. He is currently retired and living in Indianapolis.

*Donald V. Lee.* Don was President in 1977-78 and served on the site-selection committee for the Society for many years. Don has devoted his career to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in Baton Rouge. He is currently Assistant Chief of Fisheries for the Department and as such directs the activities of the Department in aquatic weed control.

*Julian J. Raynes.* Julian spent his career working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. His interests in aquatic plant management was a result of being based at the South Atlantic Division of the Corps where he was involved in the initial planning and subsequent operational programs of the Corps in the Southeast. Julian retired in the early 80's and lives in the Atlanta area.

*William N. Rushing.* Bill served as President of the Society in 1979-80 and as Secretary-Treasurer for another decade. Bill has worked for many years for the Corps of Engineers. His experience includes conducting research in Puerto Rico and he was Assistant Program Manager for the Corps' Waterways Experiment Station Aquatic Plant Control Program in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Finally transferring to the office of the Chief of Engineers in Washington, DC, he retired in 1995 and currently lives in Washington, DC.

*Nelson Virden.* Nelson served as President of the Society in 1980-81. He is President of his own pest control company and continues his aquatic activities with the Mid-South Chapter. Nelson lives near Jackson, Mississippi.

*Roy L. Clark.* Roy was raised in South Texas and worked in the Pesticide Registration Division of the USDA prior to becoming Director of the Office of Pesticides and Toxic Substances for the U.S. EPA out of

Atlanta. Roy was very active in the society and took a keen interest in aquatics. In 1985 he transferred to Florida to work in mosquito control programs, specifically with Frank Wilson in Polk County. Roy was living near Cypress Gardens at the time of this death in early 1987.

*Emory E. McKeithen.* Emory served as President of the Society in 1982-83 and presided over the Disney World Meetings. Emory is active in the Mid-South Chapter and has served the aquatic plant management industry first with Amchem, which was bought by Union Carbide, which is now owned by Rhone-Poulenc. Emory was District Sales Manager for Rhone-Poulenc based in Jackson, Mississippi, and is now retired.

*A. Leon Bates.* Leon has worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority devoting his time to aquatic weed control and some mosquito control projects during his tenure at Muscle Shoals, Alabama. Leon has spent time helping on aquatic weed problems overseas (Turkey) and was recently involved in grass carp research for TVA. Leon retired from TVA in 1995.

*Max C. McCowen.* Max received his BS degree in zoology and MS degree in biology from Indiana State University in 1937 and 1938, respectively. From 1942-1946 he was in the Navy and worked in the area of tropical diseases. Max joined Eli Lilly as a research associate in 194 and served as Senior Parasitologist and Department Head from 1947 to 1965. From 1965-1971 he was head of Parasitology and Chemotherapy for Eli Lilly International in England. From 1971 until 1983 he was Research Scientist in Plant Sciences for Eli Lilly in at their extensive plant science facility at Greenfield, Indiana. During this time he was responsible for aquatic herbicide screening and was responsible for determining the aquatic herbicidal activity of fluridone. From 1983 until his retirement in 1985 he was a Research Scientist in Environmental Biology at Greenfield. Max has been an active member of the Aquatic Plant Management Society since 1971 and has served on various committees. He served on the Board of Directors and as President in 1985. He became an Honorary Member at our 29th annual meeting held in Scottsdale, AZ in 1989. Lou Guerra, John Gallagher, and Max were "Los Tres Amigos" and their contributions to the Aquatic Plant Management Society were numerous. Max attended all

our following meetings and within a week after our 1994 meeting in San Antonio, died unexpectedly while on vacation in Minnesota.

*Lars W.J. Anderson.* Lars is currently Research Leader for the USDA/ARS Aquatic Weed Research Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, California. Originally from Southern California, Lars completed his Ph.D at the University of California Santa Barbara majoring in plant physiology and aquatic biology. Upon graduation he moved east to work for the Office of Pesticide Programs in EPA, Washington, DC. In 1974 he took the USDA/ARS research position at Denver, working in cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation. In 1976 he moved to his current position in California.

*Dean F. Martin.* Dean is a Distinguished Service Professor and the Director of the Institute of Environmental Studies at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Dean has been a professor and taught chemistry at USF for approximately 20 years. He has conducted research on several aspects of aquatic plant growth and directed the research of several graduate students who have participated in the APMS.

*Richard D. Comes.* Richard spent his career working for USDA/ARS at the Irrigated Agriculture Research and Education Center in Prosser, Washington. His research included control of submersed weeds in canals as well as projects on ditchbank brush and grasses. Richard conducted some of the early research on glyphosate, reed canary grass and rope wick applicators. He is now retired, living in the Yakima Valley, and spends as much time as possible salmon fishing.

*Richard W. Couch.* Dr. Couch is currently a professor in the Biology Department at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, OK. Richard worked with the Corps of Engineers in the early 1970's evaluating the use of lasers to control aquatic weeds. In the mid 1970's he assumed a faculty position at Oral Roberts university and continued aquatics work doing research on taxonomy of milfoils and other projects. He served as Associate Editor of the Journal for several years and was President in 1989.

*David L. Sutton.* David was raised in Central Virginia and earned his Ph.D at Virginia Tech working on parrotsfeather. In 1968 he moved to Ft. Lauderdale to work with University of Florida - USDA/ARS as a U.S. Public Health Post-Doc. In 1970 he joined the staff of the University of Florida and has conducted research on all facets of aquatic plant control and biology. David served as Editor for the society for many years and his students have also been active in the APMS.

*Joseph C. Joyce.* Joe received his undergraduate and Masters degrees at the University of Alabama, then, while working at the Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, completed his Ph.D at the University of Florida. Following a few more years gaining experience with the Corps, Joe became the director of the University of Florida Center for Aquatic Plants in 1983 and is currently the Associate Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Florida.

*Randall K. Stocker.* Randall was born in California and completed his Ph.D at Washington State University. He worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg, MS for three years conducting some of the early research on *Melaleuca* in South Florida. He then took responsibility for the aquatic weed control program for the Imperial Irrigation district in California and left that project in 1995 for the University of Florida where he is currently Director of the Center for Aquatic Plants.

*J. Clarke Hudson.* Clarke was raised in Mississippi and completed his undergraduate and Masters Degree in Biology at the University of Southern Mississippi. He also took additional graduate work at Florida State prior to going to work with the Florida Department of Natural Resources in 1972. He left the Bureau of Aquatic Plants (DNR) in 1976 to become sales manager for Chevron, which later became Valent, Inc. Clarke resides in Orlando and remains active in aquatic and mosquito control organizations.

*S. Joseph Zolczynski.* Joe Z. is an Alabama native in every respect, but more specifically an Auburn Tiger. Joe Z. graduated from Auburn with a Masters Degree in fisheries and has been Director of the aquatic weed program in Alabama, based in Mobile, since 1980. Prior to his current assignment, he was regional fisheries biologist (1975-80) for Alabama Game and Fish in Enterprise, AL.

*Steven J. DeKozlowski.* Steve received his M.S. in Ecology from the University of Tennessee in 1979. In 1980, he joined the South Carolina Water Resources Commission where he assisted in developing plans and legislation for the statewide coordination of noxious aquatic plant control in public waters. Steve is currently employed by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources where he manages the State's Aquatic Plant Management Program and serves as Chairman of the S.C. Aquatic Plant Management Council.

*Terence M. McNabb.* Terry was originally from Michigan and attended college at Michigan State University earning a degree in biology. Upon graduation Terry worked for Applied Biochemists for several years and then formed his own consulting company with his brother, Tom. Terry later formed an aquatic consulting and application business in the state of Washington where he is currently President of Resource Management, Inc.

*Kurt D. Getsinger.* Kurt obtained his education in the Carolinas from elementary school through his Doctorate in Plant Physiology/Botany, which he earned at Clemson University. Kurt worked on the biology and control of *Egeria* (Brazilian elodea) in the Santee-Cooper Lakes and frequently sampled waterfowl from the abandoned rice fields of the South Carolina Coast. In 1982 he moved to Vicksburg, MS where he joined the APCRP Chemical Control Technology team for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In 1989 he became team leader and remains in that capacity today.

## Honorary Members

*William E. Wunderlich,* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District. Chief of the Aquatic Growth Control Section, 1934-late 1960's. Mr. Wunderlich was presented the first Hyacinth Control Society honorary lifetime membership during the 1967 meeting. The son of a New Orleans physician, he was born in 1897. He studied mechanical engineering at Tulane University, served in the Army in World War I, and finally joined the U.S. Corps of Engineers in 1929. From 1934 until his retirement he directed the aquatic weed control efforts of the New Orleans District. Initially utilizing much sodium arsenate, he developed many mechanical devices including the large crusher and saw boats and finally pioneered the use of 2,4-D for hyacinth control in the late 1940's and early 50's. Honorary member in 1967, deceased in late 1980's.

*F. Leonard Timmons,* U.S. Department of Agriculture, Laramie, Wyoming. Everyone I have ever heard speak about "Tim" had nothing but great things to say about him. He was National Program Leader (1956) in weed science for the Agricultural Research Service, and had a special interest in aquatics. He surveyed the canals and irrigation projects in 17 Western states, tallied up the miles of canals and did lots of research with acrolein and xylene for submersed weed control. Timmons was later recognized by the Weed Science Society of America as a "Pioneer of Weed Science," a relatively new discipline by the 1950's. He became an honorary member sometime between 1968 and 1970, lived in Phoenix, Arizona during retirement and passed away in 1993.

*Walter A. Dun,* Director, North St. Lucie Drainage District, Fort Pierce, FL. I can find no written records of Walt's nomination or actual biography in minutes or proceedings, but recall him being

awarded an honorary membership by President Spirnock, Ft. Lauderdale, in 1976. Ray recalled that Mr. Dun was “as nice a gentlemen as you will ever meet.” He brokered citrus and was a long time director of the water control district. Mr. Dun was an original member of Aquatic Plant Management Society, his name appears on the earliest membership list (1966). Mr. Dun died in the Fall of 1976 soon after the Ft. Lauderdale meeting.

*Robert J. Gates*, See Presidents

*Herbert J. Friedman*, see Founding Fathers.

*Luciano Val “Lou” Guerra*, See Presidents

*John E. Gallagher*, Amchem, Union Carbide, Rhone-Poulenc worked in product development primarily turf, industrial and aquatics.. John’s career has included a variety of weed science related topics. He holds a B.S. degree in agronomy from Pennsylvania State University. During the early years of his career John worked for Amchem as their turfgrass weed control specialist and later his interest turned to aquatic weed control when he became Product Development Manager for aquatic weed control products for the Union Carbide Agricultural Products Company. John has played an important role in the development of weed science serving as President of the North East Weed Science Society (1968) and the Southern Weed Science Society (1982). He has served on the Board of Directors of the Aquatic Plant Management Society (1965-66) and on numerous committees. Although retired in 1987, he and Nancy regularly attend aquatic plant management society annual meetings. John has written some 20 articles dealing with various aspects of weed science, and recently finished a major historical review of aquatic weed control. He has been a consultant on international aquatic weed control problems as well. In recognition of his service and contributions, John has received the Southern Weed Science Society

Distinguished Service Award and has been elected a fellow of the Weed Science Society of America. John’s outside interests include gardening, and a love of traditional Irish music, and an occasional glass of quality Scotch. Many young people in aquatic plant management today fondly remember the “philosophical” dinners and great advice and help that John has provided. John received the Aquatic Plant Management Society Honorary Award coincident with Lou Guerra at the 1988 New Orleans meetings and he and Nancy currently reside in Raleigh, N.C.

*Max McCowen*, See Presidents

*T. Wayne Miller, Jr.*, See Founding Fathers

*James D. Gorman*, See Presidents

## President's Award

*T.O. "Dale" Robson*, retired long time director of the United Kingdom's Weed Research Organization "WRO" at Begbroke Hill, England. Aquatic plant research was the primary function at this location, and Robson was a national and international leader in aquatic plant research. He was the chairman of the EWRS (European Weed Research Society) Symposia on Aquatic Weeds, coordinating meetings in Oldenburg, Germany, 1967; Oxford, UK 1971; Vienna, Austria 1974; Amsterdam, Neth., 1978; and Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, 1982. When the British government decided to close the Begbroke Hill research center in the early 1980's, and sell it, Dale retired and has been doing consultant work for the past twenty years. In recognition of his outstanding and dedicated service to international aquatic plant research, the APMS bestowed upon Dale the first "President's Award" at the Richmond, VA meetings in 1984. Dale and wife Hillary live in Chesterfield, England.

*Gloria F. Rushing*, the second recipient of the "President's Award" of the Aquatic Plant Management Society was delivered a video award and appropriately inscribed plaque at her home in Washington DC on December 7, 1991. Gloria was very actively involved in the APMS, particularly since her husband was elected as Secretary-Treasurer in 1982. Gloria was a friend to all, had answers to almost all our questions and "ran" the registration desk at all our meetings. Her dedication and contributions to our society were many. Gloria died on January 10, 1992.

## Max C. McCowen Friendship Award

Approved by the membership in July 1995, the Max C. McCowen Award is presented as appropriate to an individual who exemplifies Max's enthusiastic, positive and friendly attitude, his hearty handshake, genuine smile and sincere concern for others. The first award recipient was Judy McCowen at Seattle, Washington, July 11, 1995.

## MEETING DATES, PLACES, AND PAST PRESIDENTS

July 1961 (1st)	Boca Grande, Florida Useppa Island Club	T.W. Miller, Jr.
July 1962 (2nd)	Fort Lauderdale, Florida Governor's Club Hotel	T.W. Miller, Jr.
July 1963 (3rd)	Tampa, Florida The Foridian	William Dryden
July 1964 (4th)	Tallahassee, Florida Holiday Inn	Herbert J. Friedman
June 1965 (5th)	Palm Beach, Florida Holiday Inn	John W. Woods
June 1966 (6th)	Lakeland, Florida Ramada Inn	Zeb Grant
June 1967 (7th)	Fort Myers, Florida Holiday Inn	James D. Gorman
June 1968 (8th)	Winter Park, Florida The Langford Hotel	Robert D. Blackburn
June 1969 (9th)	West Palm Beach Holiday Inn on the Beach	Frank L. Wilson
July 1970 (10th)	Huntsville, Alabama Sheraton Motor Inn	Paul R. Cohee
July 1971 (11th)	Tampa, Florida Manager Motor Inn	Stanley C. Abramson
July 1972 (12th)	Miami Springs, Florida Miami Springs Villas and Kings Inn	Robert J. Gates

July 1973 (13th)	New Orleans, Louisiana The Monteleone	Brandt G. Watson	July 1986 (26th)	Sarasota, Florida Hyatt Sarasota Hotel	Lars W. J. Anderson
July 1974 (14th)	Winter Park, Florida The Langford	Alva P. Burkhalter	July 1987 (27th)	Savannah, Georgia Savannah Hilton	Dean F. Martin
July 1975 (15th)	San Antonio, Texas Palacio del Rio	Lou V. Guerra	July 1988 (28th)	New Orleans, Louisiana Fairmont Hotel	Richard D. Comes
July 1976 (16th)	Fort Lauderdale, Florida The Bahia Mar	Ray A. Spirnock	July 1989 (29th)	Scottsdale, Arizona Hyatt Regency Scottsdale	Richard Couch
July 1977 (17th)	Minneapolis, Minnesota Le Soffitel	Robert W. Geiger	July 1990 (30th)	Mobile, Alabama Radisson Admiral Semmes Hotel	David L. Sutton
July 1978 (18th)	Jacksonville, Florida Jacksonville Hilton	Donald V. Lee	July 1991 (31st)	Dearborn, Michigan Hyatt Regency Dearborn	Joseph C. Joyce
July 1979 (19th)	Chattanooga, Tennessee Chattanooga Choo-Choo	Julian J. Raynes	July 1992 (32nd)	Daytona Beach, Florida Marriott Hotel (International Symposium on the Biology and Management of Aquatic Plants)	Randall K. Stocker
July 1980 (20th)	Sarasota, Florida Sarasota Hyatt House	William W. Rushing	July 1993 (33rd)	Charleston, South Carolina Omni Hotel	Clarke Hudson
July 1981 (21st)	Jackson, Mississippi Coliseum Rancho Inn	Nelson Virden	July 1994 (34th)	San Antonio, Texas Hilton Palacio del Rio	Joe Zolczynski
July 1982 (22nd)	Las Vegas, Nevada Caesar's Palace	Roy P. Clark	July 1995 (35th)	Bellevue, Washington Hyatt Regency Bellevue	Steven J. De Kozlowski
July 1983 (23rd)	Lake Buena Vista, Florida American Dutch Resort Hotel	Emory E. McKeithen	July 1996 (36th)	Burlington, Vermont Radisson	Terence M. McNabb
July 1984 (24th)	Richmond, Virginia Hyatt Richmond Hotel	A. Leon Bates	July 1997 (37th)	Fort Myers, Florida Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa	Kurt Getsinger
July 1985 (25th)	Vancouver, British Columbia Hotel Vancouver	Max C. McCowen			