

2021 APMS Officer and Committee Reports – Condensed for Business Meeting*

*These reports have been summarized and condensed from the Annual Board of Directors Meeting in July 2021. Due to the time constraints associated with the online Annual Business Meeting being held concurrently with the MSAPMS Business Meeting, members are asked to read and review this summary prior to the Annual Business Meeting to be held on July 29, 2021, at 11 am EASTERN via Zoom.

President's Report – Dr. Ryan Wersal

- 2020-2021 has been an active year of offering support for legislation regarding the management of invasive species, and APMS has been a proud partner with NAISMA and other organizations in this effort.

Treasurer's Report – Dr. Justin Nawrocki

- Will be shared LIVE via Zoom during Annual Business Meeting

Secretary's Report – Amy Giannotti

- Minutes will be posted to the website at the close of this 2021 Annual Meeting
- The May newsletter is available on the APMS website under "Newsletters"
- We are still working with libraries and subscribers to share electronic access to the *Journal of Aquatic Plant Management*

Editor's & Publications Report – Dr. Jason Ferrell

- JAPM 59:2 issue (July 2021) is delayed slightly due to COVID complications with research, etc.; planning for a publication date of Fall 2021.
- The Delta Region Areawide Aquatic Weed Project will be issued in Fall 2021 as well.
- JAPM has transitioned to fully online, and we are working to shift content over to the new website redesign in coming months.
- We are looking forward to welcoming Dr. Ramon Leon as the new JAPM editor!

Committee Reports

- Education, Outreach & Website – Website has been meeting almost weekly working on new design platform with APEX → coming soon!; Sonja Wixom has joined our Committee; Social media efforts have been excellent and are elevating APMS mission. (Dr. Brett Hartis, Chair)
- Exhibits & Sponsors – APMS Annual Meeting was challenging this year for sponsors & exhibitors, but we made it work; next newsletter will recognize those providing support for Annual Meeting (Dean Jones, Chair)
- Finance – still working on getting a 501 designation and researching best options for doing so; initial concern about loss of funds during pandemic but they rebounded: Total in investment accounts as of July 15t, 2021 is \$463,850.97; Aquatic Plant Account- \$280,099.68, an increase of \$7,344.30 (2.69%). It should be noted \$10,000 was moved from

this account to checking account to cover society expenses; Aquatic Endowment Account- \$183,751.29, an increase of \$12,741.24 (7.45%); Total increase in accounts from January 1 is \$20,085.54 (\$30,085.54 with the \$10,000 deducted) (Andy Fuhrman, Chair)

- Legislative – Reminder to be mindful of changes that may be coming to WOTUS under new administration; following attempts to introduce antiFIFRA legislation (Dr. Rob Richardson, Chair)
- Nominating – Slate of candidates and bios submitted to APMS in May newsletter for vote at the 2021 Annual Business Meeting (Dr. Mark Heilman, Chair)
- Program – The Annual Meeting Program was prepared, printed, and distributed at the 2021 Annual Meeting in New Orleans; committee recommends moving this to an online platform that reduces costs of printing and allows for editing in real-time. (Dr. Ryan Thum, Chair)
- Proposal Review – APMS is working to diversify relationships with conservationists, anglers, etc. and receive proposals to review for technical merit associated with revegetation, conservation, HABs, education/outreach, etc. (Dr. Mark Heilman, Chair)
- Regional Chapters – We have been working to encourage each regional chapter to support the Michael D. Netherland student research grant, and we are working to encourage students from each region to apply for this scholarship. (Dr. Gray Turnage, Chair)
- No reports from: Awards, Bylaws, Membership, Past-Presidents, Scholastic Endowment, and Student Affairs.