THE AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT SOCIETY, INC.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana

January 8, 1988

The Board of Directors of the Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc., met in the Orleans Room of the Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, for the annual winter meeting on January 8, 1988. Officers and Directors present were:

President Richard Comes
President-Elect Richard Couch
Secretary-Treasurer Bill Rushing
Editor Bill Haller
Director Carole Lembi
Director Randall Stocker
Director Joe Zolczynski

Others present were:

Don Lee, Chair, Local Arrangements and Site Selection Committees
Max McCowen, Past President and Chair, Necrology Committee
Don Riemer, Chair, Student Affairs Committee

President Comes called the meeting to order and instructed the Secretary-Treasurer to call the roll. A quorum was declared and no proxies were necessary or seated.

The minutes of the board and business meetings conducted at the 27th annual meeting in Savannah, Georgia, on July 12, 13, and 15, 1987 were approved on a motion by Rushing; seconded by Haller.

President Comes report consisted of discussions as indicated:

- The Ad Hoc Committee to consider awards, chaired by Vice President Sutton, has met and after considerable thought and input from the members of the committee has decided that the current awards and recognition activities already in place are sufficient for the Society's needs. Since Dr. Sutton was unable to attend this meeting, the President suggested that we defer board action on the awards matter until the 28th Annual Meeting this coming summer.
- The approval of the APMS representative on the board of the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) will be accomplished at their meeting in February 1988. Further on this subject - the APMS Legislative Committee Chair is automatically a member of the WSSA Legislative Committee and he is required to be a paying member of WSSA. If necessary, APMS will pay that person's WSSA membership dues. This requirement will be added to the APMS Operating Manual.

- President Comes asked for input from any officer or other member of the Society for suggestions as to the conduct of our business and thanked those who were hard at work performing their duties. President-Elect Couch asked if APMS should pursue with the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) a cooperative arrangement similar to that established with WSSA. He will discuss this with Dr. Raschke, President of NALMS.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report. Secretary-Treasurer Rushing reported on finances of the 27th Annual Meeting; current expenditures and receipts, and membership statistics. A permanent record of those items is included in the Board Book for this meeting, pp. 17-19. After considerable discussion of the Society's financial status it was decided on a motion by Stocker and seconded by Lembi that a $10.00 per year increase in annual dues would be presented to the Society for approval at the upcoming annual meeting. At present we are barely holding on financially, this must be corrected. A reasonable dues increase will be a giant step forward. The dues increase will apply to active members and subscribers (if approved $35.00 per year). At the 27th Annual Meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer was asked to look into making arrangements to accept credit cards for dues, meeting expenses, etc. On a motion by Rushing, seconded by Stocker, the Society will now accept Visa, Master Card, and American Express Credit Cards for payment of dues and expenses. The cost for this service is minimal (3-5% of the transaction amount) and will be a considerable convenience, especially to foreign members who have a very difficult time with foreign exchange fees, etc. The Secretary-Treasurer's report was accepted and approved on a motion by Rushing and seconded by Lembi.

Committee Reports

NOTE: See Note on page 4 of January 8, 1988 Board Book.

Bylaws and Resolutions - Chair Spencer, absent. After considerable discussion it was decided on a motion by Stocker, seconded by Rushing that the names of Lou V. Guerra and John E. Gallagher be presented to the Society for election to Honorary membership in the Society at the upcoming 28th Annual Meeting.
Also it was decided to instruct the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee to look into the current wording of the Bylaws regarding candidates for honorary membership being "no longer employed". The intent is to have the bylaws read such that the candidate would be retired from his normal and traditional job or position but that being self-employed as a private consultant or in the employ of someone else as a consultant would not disqualify him.

International Contacts Committee. Chair Painter, absent. Director Stocker discussed the involvement of interests in northern Mexico for the 29th Annual Meeting scheduled for Phoenix, Arizona in 1989. He will make some contacts. Some discussion ensued as to the future directions of this committee; maybe some thought should be put into its effectiveness, necessity, and operations activities. President Comes agreed to report his recommendations to the board in July in New Orleans.

Legislative Committee. Chair Bates, absent. President Comes discussed and complimented the efforts of the Federal Aquatic Plant Management Working Group (FAPMWG) in their distribution of a compendium of state regulations relative to aquatic plant management and another document which describes by "item" the research being conducted by all agencies, universities, and groups performing research on any aspect of aquatic plant management. President Comes discussed the possibility of a "model regulation" for aquatic plant management and asked if our Society might be interested in developing and supporting such a concept. On a motion by Haller, seconded by Stocker, the Board agreed to support the FAPMWG in their efforts on the above mentioned items.

Program Committee. President-Elect and Program Chair Couch reported his already accomplished and planned activities for the upcoming 28th Annual Meeting. See program enclosed. A photo contest will be conducted at the Annual Meeting; a poster session will not. Audio-Visual equipment will be obtained from the hotel and/or provided by Don Lee, Chair, Local Arrangements Committee. A plea was made for sending a copy of the draft program to the Local Chapters as soon as possible to promote attendance.

Local Arrangements Committee. Chair, Don Lee, reported his suggestions for the Tuesday evening function and the Ladies Program. He and the Secretary-Treasurer will get together and arrange for these items. See Program. On a motion by Rushing and seconded by Couch it was decided to set fees for the 28th Annual Meeting as follows:
Pre-registration  Registration at Door

Delegate $70.00  $80.00
Spouse/Guest $60.00  $70.00

Local Chapter Committee. Chair, de Kozlowski, absent. Report on permanent record. The objectives of the Committee for the coming year are:

- Encourage exchange of newsletters
- Provide officer/director lists to APMS officers and local chapter officers
- Distribute APMS Operating Manual to chapters
- Include Local Chapter breakfast as part of Annual Meeting
- Make recommendation to APMS board on site selection of Annual Meetings
- Develop application form/method to facilitate joint memberships in APMS and chapters. See enclosed.

Publications Committee. Chair, Haller. Reported on status of Volume 26 (Jan) - should be mailed by mid-Feb 88. The Jul issue of Volume 26 will include author and subject index and new instructions to contributors to the Journal. Editor Haller and others discussed the need to set aside some time at the Annual Meeting for committees to assemble and discuss plans and assign responsibilities. This will be included in the program.

Student Affairs Committee. Chair, Riemer. Submitted complete report which is on record in board book for this meeting. Based on concerns expressed at a previous meeting of the board the following recommendations were made and are summarized here.

- A policy should be established to discourage, limit or prevent students from presenting the same paper more than once. The general consensus of the board is to leave this up to the Committee to ensure compliance with ethical practice, i.e., "Honor Among Professionals".

- Decide whether student papers could be review papers as well as original research. The trend at least should be toward original research papers. Again the committee should have the regulatory responsibility.
- Establish a policy for housing students in complimentary rooms. The general feeling of the board is that providing full rooms is a real plus; it's expensive for the Society and due consideration will be made on a case by case basis as to the number of students housed in each complimentary room. The Secretary-Treasurer in cooperation with the Chair, Student Affairs Committee will handle each situation as fairly and equitably as feasible.

Site Selection Committee. Chair, Don Lee, reported the selection of the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale, Arizona for the 29th meeting; July 16-19, 1989. Member Winn Winkyaw, Salt River Project, Phoenix, will be contacted for assistance and a possible tour for that meeting. On a motion by Zolczynski, seconded by Stocker, it was decided to hold the 30th Annual Meeting in the Mobile, Alabama area in July 1990. Director Zolczynski will act as local arrangements chair and will get property proposals to the Site Selection Committee for consideration. Somewhere in the area covered by the Midwestern Chapter of APMS is being considered for the site of the 1991 meeting and Florida in 1992.

Membership Committee. Chair, Theriot, absent. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that a new application form would be published with space for credit card payment. A "final" new application form will be printed in quantity after the dues increase is approved this summer. A $100 prize will be given at the Annual Meeting to the person sponsoring the greatest number of new members for the year.

Necrology Committee. Chair, McCowen, asked the Board's assistance in just how to handle the duties of this committee, a difficult job at best. Generally, for now, on the death of a member, a notice will be placed in the newsletter and the board will be notified immediately.

Past President's Advisory Committee. Chair, Martin, absent. No report.

Placement Committee. Chair, Rodgers, absent. Five proposals from this committee ranged from providing a job board at the Annual Meeting and contacting local chapters to a very complex system of a "clearing house" for potential employers and employees. The Board agreed to beginning these activities with the first two proposals listed above. The other proposals will be considered further at the Annual Meeting.

Council of Agriculture Science and Technology (CAST). Representative Haller made his final report as the APMS CAST representative. Past Director, Joe Joyce, has been named new
CAST representative and will attend the February 1988 meeting in Washington. Haller suggested for future consideration that the chair of the Society's Legislative Committee should be the CAST representative. It would provide good exposure to what's going on, especially at the Federal level. A round of applause was suggested and given for Dr. Haller's years of dedication and enthusiastic service as the CAST representative.

Other Business. President Comes suggested that some sort of policy be established to limit terms of committee chairs and members. The object would be to keep members "flowing" through the system and provide opportunity for new blood getting involved. No definite suggestion was forthcoming; no doubt President Comes will address this further in July.

Committee Chairs will be asked to assist in the periodic updating of the Operating Manual.

The Secretary-Treasurer was asked to continue the practice of printing and distributing the Board Book to the Board prior to the meetings so that they would have time to evaluate the Society's status and be prepared for the upcoming meeting of the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Haller and seconded by Stocker.

Respectfully Submitted

[Signature]

William N. Rushing
Sec-Treas