



THE NORTHERN LAKES MANAGER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

I hope everyone has had an excellent year. The 35th annual conference is long past and we are gearing up for our 36th annual conference coming up March 6-9th, 2016. As your Board of Directors we have been working diligently to bring more information, more research and more connections to you, our members.

You may have noticed a larger push to bring students and state agency representatives to our conference. This was a goal of the strategic planning process that we set 3 years ago. We recently revisited the goals we set for ourselves at the fall board meeting and it seems we are on track with what was set for ourselves. We are continuing down the path and doubling down so to speak on that path. Recently we have moved to make all students free to attend our meeting, whether they are presenting or not. We have set a goal to attract more students to our industry in an effort to gain not only membership, but interest in our field of study, and hopefully with that new, relevant research that can be presented.

Also, please watch your inbox for a notification regarding our by-laws. We recently had them reviewed by an attorney as to our knowledge it had not been done since they were drafted almost 36 years ago. We have some changes that will need to be made and these will be sent to the membership at least 30 days before the meeting. It is important that members be at the Annual Business Meeting to vote on this issue.

We hope that you have found, and continue to find the programs to be relevant to what you are doing in the field. If there is something that you would like to hear about, please let us know and we will try to find someone that is working on that issue to present it, or if you have something yourself please submit an abstract! We know many of you travel great distances and we want to THANK YOU for making the effort to attend and making our meetings a great success!

It has been an honor to serve as your President, and I want to again thank all of you for the opportunity. I can assure you that the board is working hard to make this next meeting another great one! I look forward to seeing you in Grand Rapids, MI! Have a safe holiday season!

-Jacob Meganck MAPMS President

36TH ANNUAL MAPMS CONFERENCE : MARCH 6-9, 2016

AMWAY GRAND PLAZA: GRAND RAPIDS, MI

The 36th Annual Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Conference will be held March 6 – March 9, 2016 at the Amway Grand Plaza in Downtown Grand Rapids, MI. This location will be a great fit for the MAPMS annual conference. This will also be the venue for the 2016 APMS. Registration forms for the conference can be found online at WWW.MAPMS.ORG.

SEEKING CONFERENCE PRESENTERS FOR 2016

CALL FOR PAPERS

All oral presentations should be 15 to 20 minutes in duration and should include topics on all aspects of aquatic plant management including ecology or biology of aquatic plants and control of aquatic plants utilizing chemical, mechanical, or biological techniques plus regulator updates related to the industry. Additionally, presentations on subjects related to the aquatic plant management industry are welcomed. Several minutes will be allotted for questions after each presentation.

Relevant student paper presentations are highly encouraged.

Deadline for submittals is **December 18th, 2015**. **Limited spots are available!** The abstract submittal form can be found on the MAPMS.ORG website can be and emailed (or mailed) to Dick Pinagel prior to the deadline. If you have questions or need additional information please contact Dick Pinagel. For information about the Midwest Society and upcoming conference the website.

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CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For years the Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society has relied on the generous donations of our membership. Because of your dedication to our mission and to the aquatic plant management industry as a whole MAPMS, is able to continue our efforts in education and outreach. We have been able to provide excellent programs at the venues adequately suited to support us. Most of all we are able to offer our APM students an opportunity to receive the Robert L. Johnson Memorial Research Grant. Listed below are our current sponsorship recognition levels as well as our generous supporters from the 2015 Annual Conference. Please take some time to review your options and consider sponsoring our upcoming Annual Conference being held in Grand Rapids, MI from March 6th – March 9th, 2016. For more information or to commit to a sponsorship level please contact John Goidosik at jgoidosik@cygnetenterprises.com or (810) 744-0540. Thank you for your consideration and continued support!

A BIG THANKS TO OUR 2015 CONFERENCE SPONSORS!

Diamond (\$2,500+)

Applied Biochemists – A Lonza Business
Aquatic Control
Cygnet Enterprises, Inc.
SePRO Corporation
Syngenta Professional Products
UPI

Platinum (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

Growmark
Keeton Industries

Silver (\$350 - \$749)
Alligare
BioSafe Systems, Inc.
Crop Production Services
NuFarm
PLM Lake & Land Management
Vertex Water Features

Gold (\$750 - \$999)

Aquatic Biologists
Brewer International

Bronze (\$100 - \$349)

Aquatic Management, Inc.
Aquatic Weed Control
Integrated Lakes Management
LakePro, Inc.
Northern Illinois Lake & Pond Management

SPONSORSHIP RECOGNITION LEVELS

Recognition Levels reached by monetary donations only. Silent Auction and Scholarship donations will be recognized separately.
Membership dues do not apply toward Recognition Level.

Sponsor Level	Contribution	Recognition
Diamond	\$2,500.00 or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Website recognition - listing on meeting sponsor page with direct link to sponsor's home page ◆ Program recognition - listing on the meeting sponsor page ◆ Meeting recognition - listing on meeting sponsor sign ◆ Program recognition - prominent page as special event co-sponsor (<i>Banquet, President's Reception, Raffle, Refreshment Breaks</i>) ◆ Meeting recognition - prominent sign as special event co-sponsor (<i>Banquet, President's Reception, Raffle, Refreshment Breaks</i>) ◆ One (1) complimentary single booth (8x10) exhibit space (<i>including 1 conference registration and membership dues</i>) ◆ Recognition Plaque presentation at the Annual Banquet
Platinum	\$1,000.00 to \$2,499.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Website recognition - listing on meeting sponsor page with direct link to sponsor's home page ◆ Program recognition - listing on the meeting sponsor page ◆ Meeting recognition - listing on meeting sponsor sign ◆ Program recognition - prominent page as special event co-sponsor (<i>Banquet, President's Reception, Raffle, Refreshment Breaks</i>) ◆ Meeting recognition - prominent sign as special event co-sponsor (<i>Banquet, President's Reception, Raffle, Refreshment Breaks</i>) ◆ One (1) complimentary single booth (8x10) exhibit space (<i>including 1 conference registration and membership dues</i>) ◆ Certificate of appreciation
Gold	\$750.00 to \$999.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Website recognition - listing on meeting sponsor page with direct link to sponsor's home page ◆ Program recognition - listing on the meeting sponsor page ◆ Meeting recognition - listing on meeting sponsor sign ◆ Certificate of Appreciation
Silver	\$350.00 to \$749.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Website recognition - listing on meeting sponsor page with direct link to sponsor's home page ◆ Program recognition - listing on the meeting sponsor page ◆ Meeting recognition - listing on meeting sponsor sign
Bronze	\$100.00 to \$349.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Website recognition - listing on meeting sponsor page with direct link to sponsor's home page ◆ Program recognition - listing on the meeting sponsor page

2015-16 MAPMS COMMITTEE SUMMARY & DIRECTORY

Below you will find a summary of all the current MAPMS Committees. The work of these committees is vital to the continued function of the society. We encourage all members to join a committee listed below. Please click on the committee chair link to send an e-mail and offer your thoughts and ideas. Thanks to all those who volunteer their time to MAPMS.

Membership

Work with editorial committee, treasurer and the Board to produce and update the membership directory. Investigate ways of increasing membership in MAPMS. Develop of list of those in the aquatics industry to invite to the conference from the host state. Recommend qualified and duly nominated candidates for Honorary Membership as per MAPMS by-laws. Committee members: [Amy Kay- Chair](#), Jim Donahoe, Eddie Heath, Scott Shuler.

Nominating

Recommend potential nominees for board positions. Determine if nominees are qualified per MAPMS by-laws and willing to serve if elected. Committee members: [John Goidosik-Chair](#), Nate Long, David Isaacs, Dick Pinagel.

Editorial

Responsible for all society publications. Prepare timely mailings to the membership regarding events for or promoted by the society. Collect and maintain MAPMS archives. Facilitate operations of technology at conference sessions. Committee members: [Rich DeJonghe-Chair](#), Steve Zulinski, Jacob Meganck.

By-Laws

Consider all resolutions and by-laws changes. Present for consideration all petitions with 10 or more signatures of voting members. Committee members: [David Isaacs – Chair](#), Nate Long, Jake Britton.

Program

Develop the annual meeting program with the assistance of the Vice President. Work with the local arrangements committee in organizing supplemental seminars or workshops. Work with secretary, treasurer and the board to ensure annual meeting expenses are within established budget. Committee members: [Dick Pinagel – Chair](#), the Board of Directors.

Local Arrangements

Provide the board with timely information useful in planning the annual meeting. Plan and coordinate all activities inside and outside the hotel complex, at all official society functions. Inform the program chair of local individual with potential for program speakers. Committee members: [Paul Hausler – Chair](#), Eric Shutman, Jake Britton.

Publicity

Responsible for maintenance of the MAPMS exhibit booth. Place advertisements or announcements concerning society meetings and other activities relating to the aquatics industry. Make recommendations concerning the course of actions in matters involving keeping citizens advised of information related to aquatic plant management. Committee members: [Amy Kay – Chair](#), Zach Haas, Matt Johnson, Rich DeJonghe.

Internal Audit

Audit all books and fiscal documents of the society prior to the annual meeting. Committee members: [Paul Hausler– Chair](#), John Goidosik.

Governmental Affairs

Inform the society about existing, pending or needed legislative / regulatory action of interest to the society. Coordinate re-certification credits for the various states in the MAPMS region at the annual conference and any other society functions that may qualify. Committee members: [Nate Long-Chair](#), Greg Zink, Carlton Layne.

Exhibits

Contact potential exhibitors for participation at the annual conference. Facilitate exhibitor space at each conference site. Coordinate judging and presentation of best-exhibit award at the banquet. Committee Members: [Jake Britton-Chair](#), John Olsen, Garret McClain, Eric Shutman.

Past-Presidents Advisory

Develop and maintain the operating manual. Examine the goals of the society and make recommendations to the board as required. Committee members: [John Goidosik-Chair](#), all MAPMS past-presidents.

Student Affairs

Promote student membership in the society. Facilitate the collection of, judging and awards for student paper contest, poster contest and any MAPMS research grants. Committee members: [Dr. Ryan Thum– Chair](#), Syndell Parks, Jake Britton, West Bishop, Pete Filpansick, Eddie Heath.

Silent Auction and Raffle

Arrange Silent auction and scholarship raffle. Solicit donation of items and obtain raffle tickets. Work with program and local arrangements committees to produce successful event at the banquet. Produce thank you letters to all item donators. Committee members: [Jake Britton – Chair](#), Garrett McClain, Casey Thompson, Amy Kay.

2018 Time and Place

Work with meeting planner to find host site for annual conference based upon the rotation of IN-MI-WI-OH-IL, with other states to be considered as required. Committee members: [Paul Hausler-Chair](#), Sue Cruz, Bill Torres.

Sponsorship

Solicit sponsors for annual conference. Ensure that each sponsor is recognized as per conference guidelines. Committee members: [John Goidosik – Chair](#), Joe Bondra, Tyler Koschnick, Matt Johnson.

Strategic Planning

Implement the strategic plan to ensure the longevity of the society. Research and propose changes to the strategic plan as require. Committee members: [Dick Pinagel-Chair](#), John Goidosik, David Isaacs.

To read a full description of each committee's responsibilities please consult the MAPMS Operating Manual on www.mapms.org

FROM THE EDITOR:

It has been a year of many transitions for me. The new position of Editor for MAPMS. The new position within my organization has kept me quite busy this year coupled with my oldest son graduating high school and starting college has left me with little spare time. The MAPMS Board Members and committee volunteers do all that they do based solely on a volunteer basis. We are all working hard to make certain that MAPMS serves it's members and provides the information and resources to support our industry and your businesses. If at any-time throughout the year you feel that there is something the Society should be doing to assist you please ask. We have a great group of people serving the Society and they do so because they believe in the Society and the support it provides. Along that same line if you are satisfied with how the Society is performing please reach out to these Board Members working behind the scenes to keep everything running. If you would like to participate in the upcoming conference assisting any of the committees listed above, reach out to the committee chair and I'm certain they would greatly appreciate any help you have to offer. Have a great a holiday season and enjoy the time with your families!!!

Rich DeJonghe

MAPMS Editor