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AWRA Florida Section September 22, 2000 Meeting in Vero Beach



The Vero Beach AWRA Meeting will take place on September 22, 2000. Much has happened in Florida Aquaculture and in Florida shrimp farming, in particular, in the last year. Get an update from a panel of experts during the technical session at the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, then come enjoy the reception and dinner at the Disney Resort in Vero Beach. Call for tours of the Environmental Learning Center and/or the Indian River Lagoon for Saturday morning. Fishing in the Indian River Lagoon, golf, and activities for the kids are available, as well as activities on the beach! Call the Disney Resort at 561-234-2184 to make your reservations now, or call the brand new Key West Inn in Sebastian, right across the street from Cap Hiram's at 800-833-0555.

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September 22-23, 2000

SEPTEMBER AWRA AGENDA

- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM AWRA Board Meeting at Harbor Branch (Dave Vaughan’s office).
- 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Aquaculture Seminar (Sonny Williamson, Jim Harvey, David Vaughan, Bill MacGrath, Mike Ednoff to participate) at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute – tour of the Aquaculture Development Park included.
- 5:30 PM Reception at Disney Resort.
- 7:00 PM Keynote Speech by Ken Pruitt (invited).
- 7:15 PM Dinner at Disney Resort.

SATURDAY MORNING – Tours of the Environmental Learning Center.
Look for the AWRA plank in the boardwalk. (Call 561-589-5050 for reservations.)
Fishing in the Indian River Lagoon (Call 561-234-2026 for reservations).

RESERVATIONS:

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 Organization: _____ e-mail: _____
 Guest Names: _____ fax: _____

Registration includes Friday Night Aquaculture Dinner at Disney Resort

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Summary of Board of Directors Meeting July 27, 2000



The July board meeting was held at the Casa Marina in Key West, Florida. Provided below are highlights of some of the items discussed at the meeting

- The Board was pleased to acknowledge the wonderful job done by Kaffie Cummins on the website by awarding her an AWRA Certificate of Recognition and a \$25 gift certificate to the Outback Steakhouse. Sarah Crockett will receive an AWRA Certificate of Recognition and an honorary state section membership for her outstanding efforts on the 2000 directory. In addition, Dave Watt and Patrick Victor will each receive an AWRA Certificate of Recognition for their hard work done on the 2000 directory. *We thank you all for the great help in accomplishing these tasks.*
- Nominations were made and approved for Dave Watt to become a new board member and Mike Mesiano to become an officer next year. *Congratulations!!!!!!* Voting ballots to the general membership will be mailed soon.
- The Board agreed to sponsor a 'Welcome Table' at or near the Registration Table at the national meeting to be held in Miami in November. A souvenir 'AWRA-Florida can of water' will be available at the Welcome Table. *We are looking for volunteers to help with the Welcome Table on Sunday evening and all day Monday. If you can help with this, please contact Bob Moresi or Mike Cullum.* Rosanne Clementi will be coordinating a hospitality room for students participating in the meeting and for other possible functions.
- The JB Butler funds were awarded to science teachers for five projects that included items such as water quality testing, sea grass bed study, and river modeling.
- It was agreed to start giving annual 'Corporate Sponsor Award' plaques to a private business and a public agency. A committee was formed and they will make recommendations based on things such as in-kind services, financial sponsorship, and membership.

- An effort in the future will be made to identify how the general membership can get more involved in the Florida Section activities. This may include soliciting help for upcoming meetings in the Newsletter and/or Website.

The 2001 meeting locations and chair persons were agreed upon as follows: *January – Gainesville*, Allan Biddlecomb; *March – Wakulla Springs*, Rand Edelstein; *May – Tampa*, Rick Stebnisky and Rosanne Clementi; *July - Key West*, John Wehle; *September – Jupiter*, Gail Murray; and *November - Ft. Myers*, Ron Hamel. *If you would like to help with any of these meetings (any and all help is greatly appreciated), please contact the meeting chair as soon as possible.*

Key West Meeting - Technical Program Summary, July 27 & 28, 2000

John Wehle again orchestrated a very successful Key West meeting including an interesting and diverse Technical Program. The talks were well attended, and speakers all made very good presentations. Special thanks are due to Marji Hightower for once again doing a great job and also thanks to Don McEwen for being the stand-in assistant with audio-visual setup.

Thursday's presentations featured status reports on Keys marine resources, Lake Okeechobee (Florida's Rubik's Cube), Water Privatization in Florida and water rights issues in the state of Nevada. Also presented was a development report on a new mechanical approach to aquatic plant management and a comedic, yet informative, skit related to "Down Home Solutions for Combining Alternative Water Supplies."

Friday's session was highlighted by a panel discussion entitled "Now and What's Next" and featured Kirby Green-Deputy Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Steve Seibert-Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs, Dr. Allan Egvert-Executive Director of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Smith.

The panel discussion was followed by a presentation by the project manager of Celebration, Florida a "New Town" located on Disney property in Osceola County.

Finally, following a status report on the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, nearly 100 attendees participated in a fantastic excursion to Looe Key Reef departing out of Big Pine Key. Two boatloads of AWRA members and guests snorkeled and dove the reef, part of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. For those members that could not attend this year's meeting - the great news is that John Wehle has managed to lock in the discount room and conference rates for at least two more years.



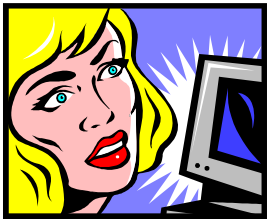


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