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## Letter from the outgoing President

Just One!....the plea continues.

You are wondering what this is all about, but a little over a year ago, as President of FLMS, I had a goal of doubling our membership of around 300 and well, we got about 35 new members or about a 10% increase in membership. This reminds me of what a graduate professor of mine once said..."10% of the people will always do the right things, regardless, 80% will do the right things, but you have to remind them every now and then and they will do it, and then there is the 10% that you just cannot influence" Of course he was talking about educating the people on keeping the environment clean, but this rule also relates to a lot of things in life in

general. We are all busy, but somewhere in the 365 days or 8,760 hours or 525,600 minutes in a year, we can surely find five to ten minutes to call up a client or engineer or consultant or vendor or contractor or our home owners association or a friend we work with to describe the mission of FLMS and have them join (\$25) or contribute through sponsoring (\$250). Thanks to those who took the time to call up and encourage people to join. The 35 new members added about \$5,000 in revenue with the registration cost of the conference included!

Our strength is in our membership. So now that the 10% have done their job, how about the 80%? We have done great things in Florida, we have sponsors annually funding the "Love Your Lake Program," offered a weekend workshop for

Volunteers who monitor lakes, continue to offer technical workshops and our annual conference provides a great forum for information exchange. So once again, now as a Past President and still determined to increase our membership, I urge you to continue the effort of recruiting new members. I have an idea, how about making it your New Year Resolution?! That weight-loss thing never works because it takes too long, plus you have to read a lot to figure out what you have to eat and then there is the money factor.

That's it, I have just saved you time and money and for the first time ever, you will accomplish a New Year Resolution...recruit someone, anyone to be a FLMS member or sponsor and it will only take five to ten minutes and there you are... done! Go ahead, I dare you! After you are done reading this and laughing, go ahead call someone to join FLMS and the best part, if you call from your work place it won't even cost you a penny! Just mark it as Professional Development and tell your boss it was the Company's contribution to a professional organization, they'll love that! Even your boss may join, tell him or her it is a tax write-off and this may

get you a promotion!! Just imagine a simple ten minute call would do so much for you. Seriously, thank you for your continued support and join us for another great year.

My appreciation for your support and best wishes in the New Year!

Respectfully,

Shailesh K. Patel  
FLMS Past President (Go ahead, call a friend to join!)

### Letter from the incoming President

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Florida Lake Management Society (FLMS) president. Like my recent predecessors, Shalish Patel, Rick Baird and Mike Coveney, I am fortunate to be working with an energetic and talented board of directors and officers. At the August board meeting we decided to enhance the FLMS home page. Thanks to our web master Erich Marzolf we now have a new look so check it out. This will be a dynamic page, be ready, you may be asked to submit your favorite lake, river and/or wetland pictures so we can feature them on the web.

Our annual conference is one of FLMS primary activities. The conference provides nearly 400 members including water resource professionals from state, federal and local governments, consultants, lake front home owners and others the opportunity share information that will lead to the sound management our aquatic resources. In June, we experienced another very successful meeting at the Saddlebrooke Resort thanks to the efforts of Jim Griffin and others. This year we are fortunate to be returning to Hawks Cay Resort in the Florida Keys for our 16<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. I'm proud to announce that for the first time we plan to offer an environmental workshop for children. This will provide our kids an exciting and fun way to participate in FLMS while learning more about environmental stewardship. I hope you will make plans to join us in Hawks Cay next June. Stay tuned, Harvey Harper will send out a call for papers soon.

Part of the FLMS mission is to promote the enhancement, protection and restoration of our aquatic resources. During the past four years FLMS has actively supported schools, museums, lake front

home owner associations, the Florida Aquarium and others by providing \$60,000 in matching Love Your Lake grant money to enhance and restore a number of lakes and ponds. FLMS will continue to offer the Love Your Lake grant program and award up to \$20,000 for new restoration projects later this year. Please help spread the word and encourage your community schools, homeowner associations, local governments and others to apply for a grant. The grant application is available on line along with other important information.

In addition to our traditional tasks, I want to present our organization with several new challenges. First, I would like some of our new membership to include science educators from middle and high schools around the state. I believe FLMS has much to offer and if we can help educate our children's teachers we all will benefit. Second, we need to attract additional sponsors that will help fund our Love Your Lake grant program and other FLMS activities. Please contact me or one of the board members if you know of an organization that is interested in supporting FLMS.

I look forward to serving as your president and I hope to see you at the conference next June. Please work with me during the year to accomplish the FLMS mission. In addition to Charlie, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne, I hope you will remember this as the year you become more actively involved with FLMS.

Cheers

Chuck Hanlon  
President

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The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual FLMS Conference will be held in South Florida at the [Hawk's Cay Resort](#) on Duck Key June 6 - 9, 2005.

Mark your calendar now for the 2005 Florida Lake Management Conference. To be held at the Hawk's Cay Resort on Duck Key between June 6 - 9, 2005. You won't want to miss this conference.

The call for papers and the conference itinerary will soon be posted to the FLMS website, [www.flms.net](http://www.flms.net).

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### Student Awards

The Florida Lake Management Society will be awarding cash prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100

to student presenters for oral or poster presentations which most contribute to the science of lake management. Student presenters must be currently enrolled at an institution of higher learning and have completed the topic research under the direction of a faculty advisor. If you wish to compete for these awards, please indicate such with your abstract submittal.

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### FLMS 2005

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## Board of Directors' Meetings

The FLMS Board of Directors meetings are open to all FLMS members. Any FLMS member is invited to attend to view the Society in action or provide input on current issues. Meetings are held at the Reedy Creek Improvement District office at Disney and begin at 11 am. For specific directions and meeting dates contact any Board member.

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## Individuals Award Recipients at 2004 Conference

For more information on this years individual award recipients go the [FLMS website](#). If you would like to nominate someone, contact any Board member.

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## Calendar of Events

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- **Spring/Summer, 2005**  
FLMS 16<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Conference, Duck Key,  
FL
  - **Fall 2005**  
NALMS 2005: 25th  
International  
Symposium of the North  
American Lake  
Management Society  
November 9 - 11, 2005
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## Chapter News

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### Central Florida Chapter

The Central Florida Chapter was designed to be a forum in which citizens and professionals can meet to identify, educate, and help correct the problems concerning our lakes.

The Chapter conducted a public meeting on May 6, 2004, titled "Successful Lake Restoration Projects". The speakers included two homeowners who both eloquently explained lake restoration projects that their respective lake associations from Lake Anderson and Lake Holden undertook with local governments. Both homeowners were full of energy and determination to improve the quality of their lakes. We hope this spirit will catch on to other homeowners!

The Central FL Chapter will be hosting another public meeting December 2, 2004, that will highlight the effects the 2004 hurricane season had on Central FL lakes. "The Effects of Hurricanes on Central Florida Lakes" Thursday, December 2, 2004 at 7:00 pm Orange County Commission Chambers, 201 S. Rosalind Ave., Downtown Orlando

The Central Florida Chapter is always looking for volunteers to serve on the board or help organize events. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Shannon Carter at 407-858-6100.

### Southwest Florida Chapter

The SW chapter hosted a very successful weekend retreat on the topic of lake and pond management. The retreat was held at Starkey Preserve in Pasco County, FL offering easy access to wetland and aquatic resources, a wet laboratory and other amenities.

The attendance exceeded expectations with just over 40 attendees from all regions of Florida as well as south Georgia. The classroom sessions were informal and well supported by experienced Instructors, audio visuals

and specially prepared workshop notebooks.

Kelli Hammer Levy,  
[klevy@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:klevy@co.pinellas.fl.us).

Jennifer Brunty then of Highlands County led a plant identification session where attendees received hands-on experience with over 50 native and exotic aquatic plants at the SW weekend retreat/workshop.



John Brenneman, University of Florida IFAS, was the overall classroom instructor and he was assisted by many qualified specialized instructors. Workshop topics included limnology, reptiles and amphibians, aquatic plant management, birds and mammals, and lake and pond management and restoration.

An application has been submitted for a SWFWMD grant to conduct two similar workshops in the summer of 2005. The locations will be at the education centers at the Weedon Island and Brooker Creek Preserves in Pinellas County. Pond and lake topics will be discussed within the framework of the local watersheds. The SW chapter looks forward to hosting these events. For more information contact

### **Northwest Florida Chapter**

The North West Chapter of the Florida Lake Management Society will hold its first annual Love Your Lake Festival in April 2005. Awards will be given to exemplary lakes and homeowners associations for their accomplishments in the past year. This festival will celebrate the lakes of North-West Florida. We encourage speakers to submit papers and exhibitors to display their services.

The North West Chapter sponsored a candidates debate hosted by the Big Bend Environmental Forum on Environmental Issues. Candidates for the state senate and house races attended along with local candidates. The candidates answered

questions on environmental issues supplied by FLMS members and others. Attendance was about 400 people.

The North West Chapter is pleased to announce that it has secured a position on the Joint Stormwater Advisory Committee of Tallahassee/ Leon County. Local politicians see our organization as a valuable resource and our looking to us for Lake Management Advice. The FLMS Board of directors will choose our representative, so if you want to help submit your application.

The North West Chapter is participating in a 319 Grant called 'Save Our Waters'. Our slogan 'Every drop you loose nature finds' meshes well with our logo, Tapp (Think About Personal Pollution). Our goal is to reduce the pollutant loading in our watersheds which will give us cleaner lakes by helping citizens be more aware of actions they can take to individually reduce pollutant loadings.

For more information contact please contact, Sean McGlynn, Chapter President at [mcglynnlabs@cs.com](mailto:mcglynnlabs@cs.com)

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**Areas of Shareable Knowledge** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Annual Dues (Includes Newsletter)**

Individual	\$25
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Business/Corporate	\$65
Contributor	\$100
Sponsor	\$250

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