

editor's note

Dear Readers,

Allow me to introduce you to the FLEPPC Officers and Board of Directors. Although we're all posted on the masthead of each issue, that doesn't tell you much about the expert group of folks who serve voluntarily as your council representatives. In the next issue, I'll introduce you to the Chairs of the Committees and Work Groups. All of us will be at the 20th Annual FLEPPC Symposium in Key West on May 9-11. Please be there—we'd love to meet you personally.

Karen Brown, Editor

Meet the FLEPPC Officers and Board of Directors

Officers



Jim Burney is the Chairman of the Board. He has a Master's degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Central Florida and is certified as a Professional Wetland Scientist by the Society of Wetland Scientists. He is president of Aquatic Vegetation Control, Inc.



Dianne Owen is the Secretary. She received her PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Lausanne in Switzerland in 1983. She now works as a Research Associate in Biological Sciences at Florida Atlantic University.



Kristina Serbesoff-King is the Treasurer. She has a Master's degree in Environmental Studies from Florida International University, and is the Invasive Species Coordinator for the Florida Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.



Karen Brown, the editor, has a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of South Florida. She is a Coordinator of Educational Media/ Communications at the University of Florida's IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants.



Mike Bodle is the Immediate Past Chair. He is a Senior Environmental Scientist at the South Florida Water Management District where he works in the Vegetation Management Division of the Operations and Maintenance Department. Mike has a Master's Degree in Biology from Notre Dame University.

Board of Directors



Roger Clark works as Land Stewardship Manager for Lee County. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology from North Carolina State University.



Drew Leslie is a Biological Scientist at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Invasive Plant Management. He has a Master of Science degree in Ichthyology from Florida State University. Drew also plays guitar in the rock and roll band, *The Weeds*.



Cressida Silvers earned a Master's degree in Entomology from the University of California, Riverside in 2000. She is the Project Coordinator of TAME Melaleuca for USDA-ARS.



Jim Duquesnel is a Biological Scientist with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. He is a park biologist at John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park and Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park. Jim has a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Science from Richard Stockton College.



Rob Egan is Vice President of Habitat Restoration Resources, Inc. He attended the school of hard knocks and 'specializes in really cool heavy machinery.'



Amy Ferriter received her Master's degree in Geography from Florida Atlantic University in 1993. She is a Senior Environmental Scientist at the South Florida Water Management District where she works in the Vegetation Management Division of the Operations and Maintenance Department.



Matthew King is an Environmental Program Supervisor at Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management. He has a Bachelor's degree in Biological Science from Florida State University. He also is a Certified Arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture.



Chris Lockhart has a Master's degree in Biological Sciences from Florida Atlantic University, with an emphasis in Botany. She is president of Habitat Specialists, Inc., and is the Lygodium Specialist for the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI).