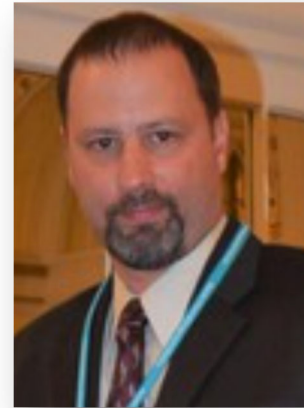


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### **Bio:**

Dr. Richardson's primary appointment focuses on research and extension related to aquatic plant management. Rob has many years of experience in aquatic plant management and advises aquatic managers across the US as well as internationally. He is a Past President of the Aquatic Plant Management Society and Past Editor of the Journal of Aquatic Plant Management. He currently serves as a Board of Directors Member for the Weed Science Society of America and serves as a subject matter expert to US EPA on aquatic plant management.

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