



## ***The Florida Irrigation Society***

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Dear Prospective FIS Member:

Since 1966, the Florida Irrigation Society members have worked to provide the citizens of Florida with the highest quality irrigation industry leadership possible. The mission of the Florida Irrigation Society is to be the recognized leader of Florida's irrigation industry by promoting the professional interests and business successes of its members through sound environmental stewardship, governmental advocacy, continuing education, and professional certifications.

The Society has been working with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Water Management District's on several levels to promote viable irrigation practices to establish sound water conservation practices and insure the vitality of our profession for the future. We have also published and distributed irrigation standards for both turf and agriculture alike, produced public service brochures and television advertising to provide industry professionals, governmental agencies, and the general public with the tools necessary to do our civic duty for the promotion of sustainable environmental practices.

A campaign for stronger governmental advocacy has been an important part of the Society for several years and continues to be a main focus for the Society in the years to come. In the past we have assisted local governments adopt industry licensure to further the cause of irrigation professionalism throughout the State of Florida. Presently, the Society has been working toward statewide licensure which will further assist the profession posture itself for our future in our ever evolving industry. State Legislation was recently enacted to require The Florida Irrigation Society (FIS) along with the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), the Florida Nurserymen, Growers, and Landscape Association (FNGLA) and the five statewide water management districts to assist the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) develop statewide irrigation standards. These irrigation standards will be used to further promote sustainable irrigation products, design, installation, and maintenance that will significantly change the landscape of our industry in the years to come.

The Society has focused on continuing education as the necessary vehicle to provide our members with the vital techniques, skills, and product knowledge for their specific area of expertise. The Society offers a large cross section of courses that are useful to all irrigation professionals, as well as governing agency staff and the general public alike. This affordable expert instruction is offered year round through the local chapters as well as at the annual Summer Meeting.

In summary, your Florida Irrigation Society provides the following services to all of the members it represents...

- ❖ Minimum Standards & Specifications Manual
- ❖ Representation at the State level
- ❖ Local Representation at the Chapter level – (7 chapters statewide)
- ❖ Sales enhancing "Know Your Irrigation Contractor" brochures
- ❖ Informative Quarterly *Pipeline* Magazine
- ❖ Annual Summer & Winter Conference
- ❖ Extensive Educational Opportunities
- ❖ Annual Membership Directory
- ❖ Membership plaques and vehicle decals
- ❖ And much more...

The Society is reliant on membership to continue to perform as the industry leader for the state of Florida however; The Florida Irrigation Society Board of Directors needs continued support and participation from the professionals it represents to best serve our industry professionals. It is the combination of member resources and diverse expertise that gives the Society its ability to perform for our profession as the industry voice for the State of Florida. Please continue to help us build on the firm foundation created 40 years ago by supporting the Florida Irrigation Society and its activities throughout the year. Again, thank you for your consideration to become part of the Florida Irrigation Society.

Best Regards,

Your Florida Irrigation Society