
AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION
Saturday, March 1, 2003

CALL TO ORDER:

President David Brown called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. The President called for a brief moment of reflection for loved ones and colleagues who passed away during the past year

ROLL CALL:

President Brown ordered the roll to be called. Sondra Scully, Bookkeeper, called the roll with the following members being present David Brown, President; Dr. Fred W. Knapp, President Elect; Dr. Roger S. Nasci, Vice President; Dr. Sammie L. Dickson, Past President 2001; Dr. David Dame, Past President 2000; Allan Inman, Treasurer. Regional Directors present included Dr. Humberto Quiroz-Martinez, Latin American (arrived 3:00 p.m.); Joseph F. Sanzone, North Central; Douglas Carlson, South Atlantic; Dr. Major S. Dhillon, South Pacific; Peter H. Connelly, Industry; Dr. William H. Meredith, Mid-Atlantic; Ronald J. Montgomery, North Pacific; and Gary L. Hatch, West Central. Others present included Martin S. Chomsky, Business Manager, Joseph Conlon, Technical Advisor, William Opp, Henry Rupp, Dr. James Brown, Robert Bonnett, Jack Hazelrigg, Michael Shaw, Minoo Madon, Dr. Henry Lewandowski and Jeff Heusel. Sarah Gazi and Sondra Scully of the Central Office were also present.

Mr. Chomsky announced that Director Hansen would not be present due to an illness in her family. Director Parsons is attending his son's wedding today and will arrive at the meeting tomorrow.

WELCOME AND STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT:

President Brown welcomed the Board of Directors to the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN:

President Brown appointed Dr. Dickson as Parliamentarian for the meeting. The issues will be discussed to their full extent but without formal time extensions.

ADOPTION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

President Brown asked for a review of the agenda.

Mr. Sanzone moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, that the order of business be adopted as presented with the exception of the discussion of accreditation of mosquito control agencies, which will be discussed tomorrow. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The following corrections were made to the Interim Board meeting minutes.

Page six – change “John L. Clark” to “John L. Clark, Jr.”

Page five – change “local host agency is given 20 free registrations which they distribute as they see fit” to “host agency given 20 free registrations for volunteer workers”.

Page nine – Kentucky also waived the \$10,000.00 gift from the AMCA if the 2007 annual meeting is held in that state. It was determined that this issue was decided after the IBM therefore the minutes will not be changed on this point.

Page 2 – change “National Wildlife Refuse” to “National Wildlife Refuge”

Dr. Dame moved, seconded by Mr. Carlson, that the minutes of the October 12, 2002, Interim Board Meeting be accepted with the above noted changes. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

REPORTS

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Dickson reported on the funding and guidelines for the various memorial funds. The Giglioli, Graham, Craig and Special funds will be grouped together under the Student Competition Fund. The Belkin and Boyd funds will continue to stand alone. The Craig Fund is a foundation separate from the AMCA. Dr. Novak sits on this foundation. The Boyd Fund and the Grassroots Fund will not be combined.

The monies from the funds have been listed separately on paper but are actually combined with the general funds. For many years accrued interest has not been credited to the funds. The funds will now be put in separate bank accounts ensuring posting of the interest. Guidelines for the use of the funds are included in the committee report.

The funding and guidelines for the Grassroots award were discussed. Mr. Ariaz started the award in 1996 and has found funding for it. According to Dr. Dickson’s notes from the 2000 annual meeting a motion was made to make the Grassroots award an AMCA award. The actual minutes read, “we recognize that Dan supports the Grassroots award”; therefore it is not an official AMCA award. At this time the award consists of \$200.00 for the winner and AMCA paying the winner’s registration fee. The winner is expected to work 20 hours as a volunteer at the meeting. Mr. Inman reviewed the revenue and expenditure stream for the award since 2000. There is \$16,008.33 in revenue. These funds are co-mingled with the general funds. Mr. Ariaz would like all the funds from the Grassroots award to be available for use rather than just the interest from the fund as with the other AMCA funds.

It was suggested that awards not be established by individuals but be presented to the Awards Committee.

Mr. Sanzone moved, seconded by Mr. Hatch, that the recommendations included in the Ad Hoc Committee report, items #1 through #7, be accepted with item # 5 being tabled until Thursday or the IBM. The recommendations are summarized below.

1. Remove all restricted funds from the AMCA savings account.
2. Combine the funds from the Giglioli, Graham, Craig and Special funds into the student competition fund. Only the interest would be used from this fund. The awards would be increased to \$1,000.00 for first place and \$500.00 for second place.
3. The John N. Belkin Fund will be put into an individual account and the recommended changes to the guidelines be approved.
4. The Dan F. Boyd Fund will be put in an individual account and changes to the guidelines be approved.
5. Grassroots award to be tabled.

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6. The George B. Craig, Jr., guidelines be approved.
 7. That half of the proceeds from the silent auction is to go to the host organization and half go to the student competition fund.

The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

President Brown charged the Awards Committee to address the issue of the Grassroots award so that it may be discussed again at the Thursday Board of Directors meeting or at the IBM.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR:

Mr. Conlon reported that committee reports continue to be received late. A meeting will be held with Dr. Knapp and the committee chairs to help resolve the problem. The committee liaisons were encouraged to attend the meeting also.

The National Wildlife Refuge Survey has been completed. One hundred eighty four districts responded to the survey. It was determined that the Corp of Engineers and the Bureau of Land Management will allow larviciding and/or adulticiding. The National Wildlife Refuge will allow larviciding but not adulticiding. Military bases usually do their own mosquito control. Mr. Conlon provided supplemental testimony regarding the cost of mosquito control for storm water management retention ponds with regard to West Nile virus (WNV).

The EPA has taken notice of the AMCA rulemaking petition. The position papers for Legislative Day have been revised, particularly the "Action" section. They now specify exactly what action the AMCA wants legislators to take. The Board will have to review the changes. Mr. Conlon worked on many other papers and presentations including being asked to write the on-line Audubon Society WNV information. Dr. Nasci commended Mr. Conlon's presentation on funding for mosquito control given to a symposium sponsored by CDC after the WNV conference in New Orleans.

CENTRAL OFFICE:

Mr. Chomsky reported the Central Office has relocated from Rutgers University to Monmouth County, New Jersey. The County of Monmouth has agreed to provide rent-free facilities to the AMCA for five years.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Hatch visited the current AMCA facility. After visiting the "White House" at Rutgers, they determined that it was not a suitable location for the AMCA. Monmouth County will be acquiring property adjacent to the Monmouth County Mosquito Commission facility to house the AMCA. Possession of the property will take place on June 19, 2003. AMCA will not be charged rent for the building but will be responsible for utilities and maintenance services. Monmouth County has also constructed a large sign for outside of the building. Monmouth County will be extending the county telephone and internet services to the new facility.

The NJMCA will be providing an annual stipend of \$2,000.00 to the AMCA to offset the utility and janitorial cost at the new building. Mr. Chomsky will look into having an AMCA sign posted on a major highway. A contract will be prepared between Monmouth County and the AMCA for the use of the building.

Mr. Sanzone moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, that a resolution be prepared by the By-Laws and Resolutions Committee to recognize Monmouth County, New Jersey, and the NJMCA for their support of the AMCA. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Mr. Inman reported one budget adjustment for the 2002/2003 fiscal year. The Legislative Advocacy expenses line item was increased by \$50,000.00. He reviewed the 2003/2004 budget. The issue of employee health benefits and retirement payments were briefly discussed. The budget shows approximately a \$36,000.00 deficit. The budget will be revised to reflect the suggested changes and presented at the business meeting.

Dr. Quiroz-Martinez arrived at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

ONLINE JOURNAL PUBLICATION:

Dr. Nasci reported that in order to have the JAMCA published online the AMCA would go through the standard review and publication process. A fee would be paid to Highwire or a similar vendor to carry access to the AMCA publications. Institutions, universities, etc. would contract through Highwire and negotiate an enterprise subscription rate with the AMCA. This would bring revenue to the AMCA beyond the hard copy subscription rate. The cost to the AMCA would be setting up the relationship with the online vendor. This would give a broader exposure to the AMCA publications. It was suggested that the Publication Committee investigate this issue and report back to the Board at the IBM. This process would be for new publications only.

The accreditation of mosquito control agencies will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting.

AMCA PROCEDURES MANUAL:

Dr. Dame presented a draft copy of the procedures manual. This is to be a living document, subject to change. When adopted, the manual would be on the web site. A flow chart for the Board will be included in the final version of the document. There was concern that the procedures manual would be in conflict with the AMCA by-laws. It was suggested that the document be adopted as guidelines and sent to the Executive Committee for review.

Dr. Nasci moved, seconded by Dr. Dhillon that the By-Laws Committee review of the Procedures Guideline to insure they are in line with the by-laws, the Board will then adopt the guidelines which will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for maintenance and distribution to the Board of Director for use. Final action will be taken at the IBM. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A short break was taken at this time.

WEBSITE REDESIGN:

Mr. Chomsky received one proposal for the redesign of the website from GreyBeard Design Group for approximately \$8,000.00. They were paid \$800.00 for a mock up of their design. They made an in-depth proposal including redesign of the website including a members' only page and registration on

line, but it did not include the installation of the data base or interfacing with the bookkeeping system. A second program has been found called Net Ledger, which uses Oracle Small Business Suite. This program allows all bookkeeping, database activity, meeting registration and membership to be done online. There is an annual fee of \$1,200.00 plus a start up fee of \$1,600.00 for the services described above.

E-Waken and Webcoast Design are two firms now competing to redesign the website. The Webcoast design was favored the Board. The price is approximately \$2,300.00. Mr. Chomsky estimates that the combined cost of both the Net Ledger and WebCoast programs will cost approximately \$4,000.00. Net Ledger will start their installation on March 18th.

The “members only” section of the website will include JAMCA, Wingbeats, the Newsletter, a membership directory and some legislative issues. The Cyberspace committee will review what should be included in the members only section of the website and what should be on the non-member section of the website.

President Brown reviewed his charges to the committees as reported previously in the minutes.

The following items from tomorrow’s agenda were discussed.

AWARDS COMMITTEE:

The Awards Committee report was reviewed by the Board. The issue will not be discussed again tomorrow.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

All items on the Nominating Committee report had been discussed at previous meetings and the issue will not be discussed again tomorrow. It was pointed out that next year, when Dr. Duhrkopf joins the Board, the Nominating Committee would have an academic representative.

LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY

President Brown announced that Mr. George Wichterman has resigned as Chair and member of the Committee. The President commended him for the fine job he has done on behalf of the AMCA. President Brown also thanked Lee County for their financial support of Mr. Wichterman.

The major legislative issues continue to be FIFRA, Headwaters v. Talent, and the ability of mosquito control agencies to perform mosquito control using pesticides without falling under the purview of the Clean Water Act. The AMCA has filed a petition with EPA and, thanks to Mr. Inman, was able to have Congressman Pombo (R) and Congressman Cardoza (D) write to the USEPA in support of the AMCA petition.

President Brown has started a dialog with Mr. Ruckert of McDermott, Will & Emery concerning changes to the regulatory outreach program. Mr. Ruckert will provide a scope of work, and more information will be made available to the Board members. Mr. Ruckert’s firm will continue to identify issues pertinent to the AMCA and will work “within the framework of the AMCA”, meaning the \$2,700.00 per month budgeted for these activities. Current issues being followed are the school bill and the Endangered Species Act. Having a representative of the AMCA in Washington four times a

year should be adequate. Mr. Wichterman still sits on some committees representing Lee County and will continue to do so.

A replacement chairman for the Legislative and Regulatory Committee is being sought.

Ms. Hansen has contacted Congressman Holt's office concerning the school bill. It is important for regional directors to identify people in their region who are comfortable working on legislative issues.

President Brown reported that his district has received an NPDES permit based on the Headwaters v. Talent ruling. The cost of the permit ranges from \$400.00 to \$1,000.00, depending on when the district signed on. The reports required under the permit are duplicates of what is turned into the Agricultural Commissioner. This permit protects the agency from civil law suits. Monitoring can be very costly. Liability insurance may be difficult to get in the future.

Mr. Lechel reported that the Region 3, National Wildlife Refuge policy had been suspended in his area. In February the suspension was lifted, stopping his operations. Mr. Lechel is asking that the Region 3 policy be suspended until the national policy is completed. President Brown reported that he had met with Dr. Mike Higgins and area regional directors on the west coast. The national wildlife representatives do not want any adulticiding unless there is a public health threat. Dr. Higgins was supportive of the mosquito community point of view during the workshop. A quantitative number for treatment cannot be the same for all regions. The National Wildlife Service seems to be aware of this.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hatch moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, that the meeting be adjourned. The time was 4:56 p.m.