

**AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION**  
**Sunday, March 2, 2003**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President David Brown called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

**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. The Regional Directors present included Dr. Humberto Quiroz-Martinez, Latin American/Caribbean; Joseph F. Sanzone, North Central; Douglas Carlson, South Atlantic; Dr. Major S. Dhillon, South Pacific; Peter H. Connelly, Industry; William H. Meredith, Mid-Atlantic; Ronald J. Montgomery, North Pacific; Dr. Ray Parsons, South Central and Gary L. Hatch, West Central. Others present included Martin S. Chomsky, Business Manager; Joseph Conlon, Technical Advisor; William Opp, Jeff Heusel, Roxanne Rutledge, Shelly Redovan, Jack Hazelrigg, Randy Leonard, Dr. Henry Lewandowski, Dr. George F. O'Meara, Dr. Tom Floore, Clark Wood, Dan Ariaz, Dr. Eugene Gerberg, Dr. Rick Duhrkopf, Dr. Bruce Eldridge, L.A. Williams, Jr., Dr. Robert Novak, Sarah Gazi and Sondra Scully.

**ACCREDITATION OF MOSQUITO CONTROL AGENCIES:**

Dr. Dame reported that the Florida Mosquito Control Association had approached him again concerning an accreditation program for mosquito control districts. Linking the accreditation to the PESP program that includes guidelines for suitable mosquito control practices was suggested. A document may exist concerning this issue. Mr. Chomsky suggested that this may be a new revenue stream for the AMCA and that a committee should be assigned to investigate the issue and report back at the IBM. As with Fish, Game and Wildlife standards it may be difficult to have nation-wide standards for accreditation. The program should include small mosquito control operations as well as large districts and commissions. A site visit, paid for by the affected mosquito control agency, may be part of the accreditation process. All states have a certification process for individual pesticide application personnel, a different issue than that being discussed here. Mr. Carlson, as Director of the South Atlantic region, was asked to work with the Florida association on this issue and report back to the Board at the IBM. It is important to establish that agencies may be qualified to do mosquito control work even though they may not be certified under the proposed program.

**ANNUAL MEETING:**

Mr. Sanzone reported that the arrangements for the meeting have been well organized and that there are a sufficient number of volunteers. A daily newsletter will be available for the meeting. Press interest in the meeting is very high. There are 150 sessions planned and 50 posters. A list of the committee meetings was being made available to participants. Some Latin American participants had last minute difficulties getting visas and were not able to attend. It is anticipated that there will be a large number of single-day attendees at both the WNV and media seminars. President Brown commended Mr. Sanzone for his hard work in preparation of the meeting.

Dr. Nasci reported that all papers were submitted electronically via the web site.

Next year's annual meeting will be held in Savannah, Georgia, at the International Trade Center, located across the river from the Hyatt-Regency hotel where most guests will be staying. The meeting will be held February 21-27, 2004. Mr. Chomsky recommended that the IBM also be held in Savannah.

Dr. Henry Lewandowski, chair of the Local Arrangements Committee in Georgia, reviewed details for the Savannah meeting. Discounts will be available for the water taxis to the meeting site. Buses will also be available. There are 43,000 square feet of exhibitor space at the trade center. It was suggested that field day be held at the local mosquito district.

#### **ARCHIVES:**

Ms. Hansen was not present due to illness in her family. The Board reviewed the Archives Committee report. Dr. Dhillon moved, seconded by Mr. Sanzone that the Archives Committee Report be accepted and that the Executive Committee review and sign the "Deed of Gift" between the AMCA and Rutgers University Libraries and to establish guidelines for Board approval of materials to be submitted for archiving. A budget of \$400.00 will be established for postage and costs incurred in transferring material to the library. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Historical documents and photographs will be included in the AMCA permanent display.

#### **BYLAWS & RESOLUTIONS:**

The Bylaws Committee felt that it is not necessary to change the bylaws in order to make changes to the committees. The circulation of the guidelines manual, when approved, will clarify the committee changes. Other Board members suggested that Section 4, Article IX of the bylaws states that the listed committees can be changed if not mentioned elsewhere in the bylaws. President Brown suggested that, "that does not require action by the full membership", be added to the line, "subject to future Board action" to clarify the statement. It was noted that at the IBM of September, 2000, changes to the committees were made. A vote by the membership on these changes was mentioned in the minutes but never done. The Board did approve the changes. Removing the word "standing" from "standing committees" was also suggested. President Brown charged the Bylaws Committee to work with President Elect Knapp to review the bylaws.

Five resolutions were proposed for approval at the business meeting by the committee as follows:

1. Resolution for deceased members.
2. Resolution of appreciation for the service of the hotel management and staff.
3. Resolution for retiring directors and other leaders.
4. Resolution for life members, emeritus members and honorary members.
5. Resolution of appreciation for CDC and their focus on WNV issues.

Mr. Chomsky suggested individual resolutions be sent to retiring members. A blanket resolution may be used for resolutions one and three. A list of names will be appended to resolution four. Resolution five will be expanded to include the western hemisphere.

Mr. Hatch moved, seconded by Dr. Dame, that the resolutions be accepted with the suggested changes. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Dan Ariaz arrived at this time.

**CENTRAL OFFICE:**

In the absence of Dr. Clark, Mr. Chomsky gave the report. With the continued training of Ms. Gazi, Assistant Business Manager, Mr. Chomsky is certain that continuity of office procedures would be possible in the event of his retirement or if he left his current position. Further cross training is taking place in order to have two Central Office employees familiar with each office function. Ms. Gazi is also being trained in meeting planning and bookkeeping.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Based upon current financial conditions there will again be a deficit budget for 2003/2004. There is approximately \$300,000.00 in reserve.

**INDUSTRY COMMITTEE:**

Peter Connelly reported in lieu of Robin Slatter, who resigned as committee chair, that a format for a database to collect information by industry chemical technical personnel has been agreed on. No extra funding will be needed for the project. The committee will look into products going through pre-registration and possibly which products will be supported by industry.

The regulatory and registration sections of EPA are interested in annual day trips to mosquito control districts sponsored by AMCA, with expenses paid by EPA. This would give EPA a glimpse of "real" mosquito control.

Respiratory problems in birds, is an upcoming issue with groups trying to consistently stop mosquito control programs.

President Brown requested a complete database of USEPA registered professional products for mosquito control. This would be a helpful reference tool for organized mosquito control efforts. The committee should be able to get such a list directly from EPA. This database could be included on the "members only" section of the AMCA web site.

Industry representatives will be meeting with representatives of the Hyatt Vancouver (annual meeting 2005) to discuss customs regulations. Mendelsohn and Company, the customs brokers, will also be at the meeting.

**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:**

Dr. Gerberg, who was not present, requested, through his committee report, \$500.00 be budgeted to send copies of the "World Directory of Arthropod Vector Research & Control Specialists" out to potential advertisers. These funds are already in the budget. This is an AMCA publication.

Dr. Eugene Gerberg and Dr. Rick Duhrkopf arrived at this time.

Dr. Gerberg reported that the directory is ready to go to press at this time. Once the document is published, it should be possible to make it available electronically. It may also be available on the "members only" section of the AMCA web site. Affiliation of the directory with the World Health Organization was attempted several years ago but was not successful.

The directory will be listed under “Special Publications” on the AMCA website.

**LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY:**

President Brown reported that most issues were discussed at yesterday’s meeting.

**SPRING CONFERENCE – WASHINGTON DAY:**

Dr. Meredith thanked Mr. Chomsky for his help in arranging the conference. The meeting runs from May 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> at the Crystal City Hilton. Six of the draft position papers to be handed out to legislators are available at this meeting. These papers will be updated as needed. A session is being held at this annual meeting to give an overview of the legislative issues to the membership. It is hoped that this will increase the participation at Washington Day.

Dr. Meredith will begin lining up speakers for the conference. It is hoped that new speakers can be recruited. Dr. Meredith will also be soliciting the advice of the Board for speakers.

Dr. Knapp suggested that impact statements be made available to the legislators pointing out what has been accomplished and what costs are involved. Mr. Conlon has revised the action section of the position papers to help with this issue.

Anyone attending Washington Day can have an expert accompany them when they visit their legislators. Dr. Meredith will provide information on legislative committees and sub-committees relevant to mosquito control at the plenary session. It is important that the membership keeps itself informed on legislative issues. Industry is encouraged to share their knowledge on interacting with legislators.

Mr. Chomsky suggested that the fees for Washington Day stay the same as last year at \$175.00 for members and \$200.00 for non-members. The Board accepted the rates. Mr. Chomsky will contact the vendor to obtain copies of the 108<sup>th</sup> Congressional Directory.

**PESP:**

Mr. Carlson gave the PESP committee report in Mr. DeChant’s absence. Our EPA liaison is Kevin Sweeney. There are currently six official partners in PESP under AMCA auspices. The Northeastern Mosquito Control Association is applying for partnership at this time. Regional directors are asked to encourage their local associations to become partners. The required annual report has been submitted to PESP. It is no longer necessary to be a partner to apply for PESP grants; therefore AMCA does not have to be a sponsor for grants. EPA does not allow use of the PESP logo. Discussions are being held to get permission for AMCA to use the logo. This is not likely. The AMCA letterhead states, “Partner in PESP”, which is allowable.

The question was raised as to why regional and state associations are encouraged to become PESP partners but not districts. A charge was given to the committee to investigate this issue. The committee will also discuss label language improvement and report at the IBM as to what has been accomplished.

Mr. Sanzone moved, seconded by Dr. Dhillon, that the Northeastern Mosquito Control Association be accepted as a PESP partner. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

HR 342:

The bill is designed to provide matching funds to areas throughout the country that currently do not have mosquito control. The bill will provide \$100,000,000.00 to states to identify the need for mosquito control in their state and matching funds or in-kind at the state level. According to the bill CDC will have the responsibility of dispensing the funds. Currently they do not have the staffing to accomplish this task.

Dr. Nasci, as a CDC staff member, reported that CDC supports the intent of the bill, which is to enhance public health mosquito management programs nationwide. Staffing is a concern. There is also concern that the available funds, a one-time \$100,000.00 grant per agency, are not sufficient to ensure sustainability of a mosquito control program. At a meeting held after the WNV meeting in New Orleans, a number of stakeholders met to discuss “making the bill work” given its current structure. From AMCA’s perspective, Dr. Nasci reported that there is a lot to gain as an association and an industry from this kind of recognition on a federal level. It is hoped that changes can be made on the Senate version of the bill to insure sustainability. Dr. Meredith suggested that funds also be available to augment weak mosquito control programs that already exist. How the funds will be dispensed is also a concern. Dr. Nasci reported that a national planning committee has been proposed to develop national guidelines on how the funds will be distributed. AMCA and other stakeholders would be involved in this committee. At the state level, the guidelines would call for the creation of a state mosquito control board, which would include all stakeholders at the state level to oversee the distribution of funds. The Legislative Committee was charged to work with the Technical Advisor to incorporate the AMCA concerns into the Senate version of the bill. The intent of the bill is “mosquito abatement for safety and health”. The intention is to expand the bill to “enhance mosquito control programs to benefit public health nationwide”. This does not seem to limit funding to new mosquito control programs. Funds appropriation needs to be attached to the bill.

A short break was taken at this time.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Dr. Novak reported that the *Journal* is losing its academic base, which results in fewer articles for the *Journal*. Dr. Eldridge will be stepping down as editor of the *Journal*. Dr. Eldridge will continue to process the manuscripts that he has. It was recommended that the Editorial Board Sub-committee serve as a search committee for a new editor. Bill Reisen was recommended to head the search committee as head of the Editorial Board. A job description will be put in the April Newsletter, Wing Beats and the website. After review by the committee a cyberspace vote will be taken.

All of *Mosquito News* is now on CD. This was done through the US Army, primarily with funds they provided. A request for \$1,500.00 for reimbursement to Bill Sames for a scanner and other small items was made. Exact costs will be provided.

If there is a conflict of interest issue with the Newsletter, it should go to the chair of the Publications Committee who will then contact the editorial Board. This procedure will be made clear in the guidelines.

Dr. Eldridge reported that more articles were published in the *Journal* this year than last and that submissions are up. The review process is taking longer because of the lack of an editorial assistant. On-line review is under consideration.

The Publication Committee will consider the issue of an assistant editor.

President Brown thanked Dr. Eldridge for his work as Editor of the *Journal*.

**CYBERSPACE:**

Jeff Heusel reported that it is possible to limit the use of the AMCA logo from the web site. It was recommended that a sustaining member and a “to AMCA” logo be developed for specific use on other web sites. These could be made available on a password-protected area of the AMCA web site. A watermark could be added to the current logos that would be visible only when someone tried to reproduce them. This would prevent unauthorized use of the logo.

**NEWSLETTER:**

Mr. Wood reported that the Newsletter is being sent out in a timely manner. Sponsorship has increased. The cost of sponsoring an issue is \$3,500.00 per issue. Thanks to the efforts of Matt Piscitelli articles are being received on time.

**SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS:**

Mr. Duhrkopf reported that he now has a list of out-of-print publications. The Central Office has reproduced some publications. All of Mosquito News and *Mosquito Systematics* are ready to be published electronically. It is hoped that work will begin soon on the *Journal*. These publications could then be put on the website. Selling the publications on CD’s is also a possibility.

The space-spray document should be ready for publication by summer. A repellent symposium document is being worked on. It should be ready for publication in approximately one year.

**WINGBEATS:**

Wingbeats was originally and is again a joint effort between AMCA and FMCA. The publication is profitable. With the resignation of Dennis Moore, Marin Brouillard, Collier County Mosquito Control District biologist, was recommended as Editor in Chief of Wing Beats. The Collier County district is very supportive of the work done on WingBeats. The Publications Committee endorsed the recommendation for editor of Wing Beats and supports keeping Wing Beats a joint publication of AMCA and FMCA.

Mr. Carlson moved, seconded by Dr. Parsons, that Marin Brouillard be named Editor-in-Chief of Wing Beats, and that WingBeats continue to be a joint effort of AMCA and FMCA. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**BOARD GAME:**

Mr. Chomsky requested an increase in the price of the board game. The increase is based upon increased production costs. The Board advised that the Central Office would set prices on items for sale to insure that money is not being lost on the item.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION:**

The Board reviewed the submitted report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Mr. Conlon recommended renewal of the contract with Broadcast Interview Source at approximately \$1,000.00 per year. The funds have been budgeted. This service accounts for the vast majority of interviews and media contacts made throughout the year. There is substantial media coverage of the current meeting.

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:**

The revisions of the AMCA policy statement will be reviewed at Thursday's meeting.

**TRAINING AND MEMBER EDUCATION:**

Dr. Rutledge requested \$400.00 to conduct a survey of the membership, through Wing Beats, to determine the needs of the membership concerning distance learning. The \$400.00 is needed for return postage for the insert card.

Proposals will be solicited from interested agencies and universities for distance-learning proposals.

Mr. Hatch moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, that \$400.00 be budgeted to conduct an insert card survey, through WingBeats concerning distance learning. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A resolution recognizing George Wichterman will be presented at the business meeting.

**ANNUAL MEETING SITE SELECTION:**

The Board reviewed meeting site proposals for 2007 from Lexington, Kentucky, and Orlando, Florida.

Paper ballots were used for meeting site selection vote. Dr. Knapp abstained from the vote.

President Brown read the ballots. As a result of the balloting the 2007 AMCA Annual Meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida.

There is not significant interest in restructuring the Board at this time to pursue the issue.

Dr. Dame thanked the Board for their support during his tenure. President Brown thanked the Directors who will be leaving their positions on Wednesday for their participation and hard work on behalf of AMCA.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Dhillon moved, seconded by Mr. Sanzone, that the meeting be adjourned. The time was 12:10 p.m.