

AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION

Sunday, February 22, 2004

CALL TO ORDER:

President Fred Knapp called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Knapp requested that the roll be called. The following board members were present; Fred Knapp, President, Dr. Roger S. Nasci, President-Elect, William Opp, Vice President, Dr. Sammie L. Dickson, President 2001, David Brown, President 2002, Allan Inman, Treasurer. The following regional directors were present; Peter H. Connelly, Industry, Dr. Humberto Quiroz-Martinez, Latin American, Dr. William H. Meredith, Mid-Atlantic, Dr. Daniel Markowski, North Atlantic, William Lechel, North Central, Ronald J. Montgomery, North Pacific, Douglas Carlson, South Atlantic, Dr. Richard E. Duhrkopf, South Central, Jack Hazelrigg, South Pacific, Gary L. Hatch, West Central. Others in attendance included Martin S. Chomsky, Business Manager, Sarah Gazi, Assistant Business Manager, Sondra Scully, Bookkeeper, Joseph M. Conlon, Technical Advisor, Joe Sanzone, Clark Wood, Dr. William Sames, Dr. Roxanne Rutledge-Connelly, Glen Collett, and Tom Floore.

REPORTS

ARCHIVES:

President Knapp announced that Judy Hansen, Chair of the Archives Committee was not present due to her husband's illness. Some archival documents have been sent to Ms. Hansen for preservation.

AWARDS:

Mr. Brown reported the awards were not given in the Boyd or Grass Roots categories mainly due to lack of advertising of these awards.

Dr. Dickson moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery that the proposed resolution honoring Dr. Bruce Eldridge for his service as the editor of the JAMCA be approved. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. The award will be presented at the business meeting.

BYLAWS & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Opp reported that Judy Hansen is the Chair of Bylaws & Resolution Committee and as stated earlier she was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Hansen is recuperating from heart and lung problems.

Dr. Duhrkopf moved, seconded by Mr. Brown that the AMCA recognize the members of Congress instrumental in the introduction and passage of the Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health (MASH) Act by resolution. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A resolution will be prepared to thank Dr. Henry Lewandowski and Chatman County for hosting the annual meeting.

The President re-issued the charge to the Bylaws Committee to update the bylaws.

CENTRAL OFFICE:

The issue was discussed at yesterdays meeting. A Central Office Committee meeting was planed for that afternoon.

FINANCE:

Mr. Inman reported for Charles Palmisano, Chair of the committee. The committee would like a balanced budget, which Mr. Inman feels would be very difficult to accomplish. The report contained concerns about the proposed Central Office raises, page charges for the Journal and meal events at the annual meeting. The length of time for certificates of deposit and legislative advocacy expenses were also areas of concern. All of these items will be discussed at the committee meeting.

INDUSTRY:

Mr. Connelly reported that the chairman of the committee had left that position in the middle of year. This occurred shortly after the Director and Chair positions had been combined. Work continues on the industry directory. The directory may be added to the AMCA website. The possibility of establishing a permanent industry symposium was discussed.

During the upcoming year, which is Mr. Connelly's last year on the board, he will try to find a new committee chair, rebuild the committee to six members and find a candidate for his board position.

Bob Peterson has done a comprehensive analyst of the risk of various mosquito borne diseases versus the health risks of products used to control mosquitoes. Mr. Peterson would like to expand his work to all mosquito borne diseases and all products used to control mosquitoes and create an interactive web page as a way for the public to have access to this information. This project would cost approximately \$30,000.00 to complete. Mr. Connelly suggested that the industry side of AMCA would be willing to fund the project. Mr. Brown proposed brings in CDC, EPA and/or AMA to remove any appearance of bias from project being funding only from industry and the AMCA. The importance of making the project as objective as possible was stressed. Dr. Nasci suggested arranging alternate funding for the project. The use of a PESP grant was discussed.

President Knapp reported that it had not been possible to have EPA participate on any field trips. This issue will be pursed again next year.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

There was no discussion on this topic.

LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY:

NPMA

The committee had been charged with exploring potential collaborative relationship with the National Pest Management Association (NPMA). There is uneasiness about this issue among the members of the AMCA. It was suggested that the association move on and look for collaborative relationships with other entities.

CWA & MCDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY

Mr. Brown had received a copy of the Amicus for Gem County as the AMCA had requested from McDermott, Will and Emery.

There has been a slow response from EPA due to staff changes there. The Interim Statement of Guidance needs to be formalized before it can be accepted in the court system.

Approximately \$6,000.00 a month is being spent on legislative affairs. This amount includes the monthly stipend. There are many legislative issues pending, any of which could become a major issue requiring large amounts of funding. This would then require a collaborative effort with other organizations. The consensus of the board is that the association is receiving good service from McDermott, Will & Emery and should continue working with them.

Amounts spent on legislative advocacy should be full disclosed to the membership. This could be done by having a representative from the firm give a presentation at the annual meeting or by having an article from the firm appear in the newsletter or the website on a semi-annual or quarterly basis. Having an article on the web page prevents McDermott's efforts from being considered lobbying. It may be helpful to point out to the membership the potential costs to mosquito districts if some of the pending restrictive legislation is passed.

Permitting in various parts of the county was discussed. The requirements vary widely from state to state.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE REFORM

Mr. Lechel presented a draft letter to the United States Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) encouraging swifter process within the Service for development of a national mosquito control policy, as well as, encouraging the Service to expedite the timetable for local districts that are attempting to obtain Special Use Permits from the Service. The letter has been revised and sent to USFWS. There has been no feedback at this time.

SPRING CONFERENCE – WASHINGTON DAY

Mr. Chomsky reported that we are using the same hotel as last year. Dr. Meredith reported that there wouldn't be an education day or a media event at Washington day this year. More emphasis will be placed on the quality of the speakers, and having increased participation by the AMCA members. Providing funding for some participants was discussed.

Mr. Chomsky suggested three ways to help make Washington Day more successful.

1. Submitting articles or news releases to local newsletters
2. Sending a pre-notice to legislators was also suggested.
3. Getting more support from industry

Dr. Meredith will revise the seven position papers that were used last year. Seven Position Paper leaders (PP leaders) will be named. The papers will be e-mail to relevant members for updating and editing. The papers will be posted on the website approximately one month before the meeting. Only

two or three issues should be discussed with legislators or their aides, but it is important to have all of the relevant issues available. The packet will be streamlined.

The issue of fumigating the inside of aircraft and IPM in schools were discussed.

President Knapp has been encouraging participation in Washington Day in his travels during the past year.

PESP

It was noted that Peter DeChant has been an excellent chairman for this committee. Mr. DeChant was not present at the meeting. Mr. Carlson will present the committee report in his absence. AMCA was chosen as a PESP Champion for the second time. There are currently seven partners under the AMCA auspices. Opening partnership opportunities to individual districts will again be discussed at the committee meeting.

NOMINATING:

Mr. Brown reported that he felt that it should be possible to have more than two candidates run for an open position. It should be up to the membership to decide who will fill the position. The by-laws were interpreted in different ways by different members.

The Industry Committee nominates its own candidate who is then voted on by the membership.

PUBLIC EDUCATION:

Lesson plans have been re-typed by staff at Davis County MAD. Mosquito Day for the annual meeting will be held at Bartow Elementary School. There will not be an education day during the 2004 Washington Day meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Large-scale public relations initiatives at Washington Day will not take place. Those resources will go toward lobbying efforts. News releases will be given out. A template announcement for Washington Day will be posted on the website for possible inclusion in local newsletters.

Several major news outlets will be covering the annual meeting including AP, UPI, Fox News and ABC. This is mainly due to the efforts of Fleishman Hillard.

Partnering with Wellmark for a subscription to a news release outlet was discussed.

A break was taken at this time. The meeting reconvened with all board members who were previously present again present.

PUBLICATION:

CYBERSPACE

The website has been updated. E-mail addresses for AMCA members are available through the Central Office. Jeff Heusel is stepping down as chairman of the Cyberspace Committee. Tom Floore has been recommended as his replacement. The JAMCA will be added to the members only web site.

WING BEATS

Marin Brouillard, Editor, is interested in increasing the size of the publication from 40 to 44 pages. Production of the magazine has increased from 3500 to 3800 copies. There are two vacancies on the *Wing Beats* Editorial Review Board. An effort will be made to find a better way to merge the AMCA membership list with the Wing Beats mailing list. The general public needs access to Wing Beats on the AMCA web site. It is currently in the "Members Only" section. This issue has been resolved.

ONLINE JOURNAL PUBLICATION

The committee was charged with reviewing the cost and benefits of online publication for AMCA materials. Highwire and EBSCO are two companies that provide these services. There are two sections to this process.

The first is a company that puts the *JAMCA* into HTML and/or PDF files and then sells the *Journal* to libraries and through the internet. There is no cost to the AMCA except giving the company a free subscription to the *Journal*. At the end of the year AMCA receives a CD containing the current years *Journals*. The AMCA may receive approximately \$100.00 in royalties. The committee recommended that a contract be signed with EBSCO Publishing with the possibility of entering into other contracts at a later date. The loss of revenue to the AMCA because of having the *Journal* available electronically was discussed. There is a possibility that PDF files could be sold in a manner similar to hard copy reprints.

The second service involves the electronic management of the *Journal*. Manuscripts can be submitted electronically to AMCA editors through computer software. The editors can then edit the material online. The committee felt that at approximately \$4,000.00 per year these services would be too expensive. The same process can take place through the use of e-mail, which is free.

The committee had two recommendations:

1. Sign a three-year lease with EBSCO and other companies to allow electronic publishing.
2. Support Dr. Linthicum's efforts to establish e-mail submission and editing of manuscripts.

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Opp that the Board enter into a three-year contract with EBSCO Publishing and other companies to be named, to allow for the electronic publishing of *Mosquito News*, *Mosquito Systematics* and the *JAMCA*.

The motion was amended to include information going back to 1976. The amended motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The Board accepted the second recommendation. A motion was not needed.

JAMCA EDITORIAL BOARD:

Dr. Linthicum has been approved as editor of *JAMCA*. The transition period ended in September. Dr. Bruce Elridge, former editor, retained responsibility for completing all 2003 issues. Dr. Linthicum submitted a budget to the board and received a payment in October 2003.

NEWSLETTER:

Clark Wood thanked the Central Office and industry for their help and support with the *Newsletter*. The importance of submitting materials by the dead lines was stressed.

The change in the printer for the newsletter should help the publication to become profitable. Having the newsletter as a PDF file and e-mailing it to members who wanted to receive it in that form would save money on postage.

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS:

The Spray Bulletin has been completed. There is now a framework for the Emergency Response Bulletin. Mr. Sames is working on putting all the publications into PDF files. Tom Floores is updating Bulletin 6.

BOARD GAME:

Suggested changes for the board game have been received from Kristen Bartlett of Rutgers. Sets of revised cards will be made available when they are completed and will be included with new games. The teaching guide will also be available when it is completed.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

The committee had been charged with developing a priority list of new mosquito topics for research. A large list of topics was compiled. The Board accepted the recommendations of the committee.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION:

Dr. Rutledge-Connelly reported that training opportunities have been updated and provide to the web-master for posting on the AMCA web page. It was suggested that the training list have a more specific and prominent listing on the website.

At this time it does not appear that NPMA is interested in collaborating with AMCA on distance education or other training material development. Dr. Rutledge-Connelly did not receive enough information from NPMA to determine if their training needs are being met. NPMA will be informed of the training data on the AMCA website. A letter could be sent to NPMA recognizing their interest in mosquito control and directing them to Regional Directors and/or local programs for direction. The TA will draft a letter for the incoming President's signature.

There were five responses to the *WingBeats* survey concerning distance learning out of 3,500 cards mailed inside the publication. Mr. Lechel suggested that one training module be developed by the committee as noted in item number two in the committee report. The issue of distance training will be dropped because of lack of interest on the membership's part. Training needs are being met on a local level. Information on an effective mosquito control program, which is a nation-wide topic, might be useful on the website. Providing new information may be a better focus for the AMCA then providing base-line training.

Dr. Nasci reported that CDC is funding a project through the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers and the National Association of City and County Health Officers to develop guidelines

for vector control for public health purposes nationwide. This was done in anticipation of the MASH Act. This will provide additional educational material that can be used by the AMCA.

The committee will develop a list of components for an IPM program for the website with links to other educational and training programs that relate to IPM and mosquito control.

It seems that Continuing Education Units (CEU) for the annual meeting should be the responsibility of each individual state. If the AMCA were responsible for this process one person would have to be dedicated to the task. New Mexico arranged for their attendees to receive CEU's at this meeting. The issue will be discussed further at the IBM.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc Committee reports had been covered earlier

OLD BUSINESS

There were unexpected costs for some organizations participating in Field Day. A request was made for the AMCA to cover the \$610.00 in unanticipated setup and display costs.

Mr. Lechel moved, seconded by Mr. Carlson that AMCA cover the 2004 unanticipated Field Day exhibitor's costs of \$610.00. The motion was approved with one nay vote and one abstention.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Chomsky reported that the Interim Board Meeting would be held on October 9th, 2004, in association with the Northwest Mosquito Control Association meeting, which will be held on the 6th, 7th and 8th of October at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia.

OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

Dr. Dickson announced that it was his last year on the Board and thanked the members for their help and consideration.

President Knapp thanked the Board for their help through his year as President.

Mr. Brown suggested that the Board be prepared to discuss Mr. Chomsky's contract, which expires in June 2004.

ADJOURN:

Dr. Dickson moved, seconded by Mr. Lechel that the meeting be adjourned. The time 11:52 a.m.