

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
American Mosquito Control Association  
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**AMCA Board Members in Attendance**

Stanton Cope, President  
Wayne Gale, President-Elect  
Bill Walton, Vice President  
Ken Linthicum, Past President  
Gary Hatch, Treasurer  
Ildefonso Fernandez-Salas, International  
Paul Capotosto, North Atlantic  
Chris Lesser, South Atlantic  
Jason Kinley, North Pacific (out at 10am)  
Ary Farajii, West Central  
Rick Duhrkopf, South Central  
Mark Breidenbaugh, North Central  
Becky Cline, South Pacific (out at 10am)

**AMCA Staff**

Lori Jenssen  
Quinn Cummings  
Joe Conlon, Technical Advisor

**Not in Attendance**

Larry Smith, Industry Director  
Dennis Salmen, Mid-Atlantic

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Cope called the AMCA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 8:06 AM on February 11, 2016. The new directors were welcomed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ZIKA TASK FORCE & CDC FUNDING:**

Ms. Janet McAllister joined the board meeting to provide AMCA with information regarding potential funding from the CDC for training, research and public education on Zika Virus.

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- The goal of the CDC is to build up infrastructure and knowledge. CDC is expecting a written document that provides funding ideas. Document needs to be formal but not a full proposal. Timeline for funding is very fast. McAlliser asserted that Board should move quickly.
- Board inquired about funding for a possible research component of the AMCA and whether the CDC would fund.
- Board held a discussion on possible ideas for funding, i.e. training for pest control companies.
- S. Cope listed members of the Zika Task Force. They are as follows: Joe Conlon, Ary Faraji, Ken Fujioka, Wayne Gale, Ken Linthicum (chair), and Paula Macedo
- **CHARGE:** The Zika Task Force has been asked to provide a proposal to the CDC regarding potential funding requests. This needs to be accomplished no later than Monday, February 15, 2016.
- Ildefonso held a discussion on 2/22/16 meeting in Brazil and access to massive online open courses that are available to all that members should take advantage of.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Harry Savage joined the meeting as a representative of this Committee. Steve Presley was unable to make it. The status of researching firms to produce the Journal online was discussed. A very good proposal has been received from Allen Press, the company that currently produces the print journal. This proposal was included in the board book for review by the board. Additionally, contact has been made with the producer of SOVE's online journal and a request for a proposal will be made. The board has requested that AH secure a third proposal from the company that works with ESA on their online journal (Oxford). The board inquired about the impact factor of the print journal and whether we would lose money from BioOne if the transition was made.

- **CHARGE:** AH, working with the Publications Committee, will secure two additional proposals for producing an online journal. The advertising revenue when the journal goes online will also need to be considered. All communication on the proposals should include Mr. Lal Mian (editor) and Mr. Harry Savage.

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- It was mentioned that Publications Committee feels out of the loop in decisions made in terms of online access. Would like to be in more communication with the Board.

KELLY LABELL AWARD:

Mr. Stan Cope reported on this award becoming available again. The award is a \$1000 travel grant. Cope discussed the background of the award. He will keep the board advised.

MOSQUITO RESEARCH FOUNDATION:

In preparation of considering to transfer the MRF into AMCA, the board discussed the Scientific Review Committee, and will coordinate this role through the current Scientific Review Committee. The management of the MRF needs to be determined as well.

- **ACTION:** A motion was made to approve the idea of taking over the Mosquito Research Foundation and tasked the Treasurer and the Science & Technology Committee to develop the details regarding the review committee and the management of the foundation. The motion was clarified that the MRF would be dissolved into AMCA and that research funding can be requested thru the CDC. A count of votes resulted in 12 "yes" votes and one abstention due to a conflict of interest. The motion carried.

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM WITH ESA:

The Memorandum of Understanding from the ESA regarding a joint AMCA/ESA credentialing program was previously-distributed to the board. Further details and pricing will be provided to the board by AH.

- **ACTION:** AH Staff to send out ESA packet with notes to the board. Also to get a figure from ESA to help with wording.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2016 ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW:

The board was given the opportunity to provide input on the 2016 Annual Meeting, including things that went well and things that need to be improved. Summary of input:

- Improvement Areas: communication between AH Staff and board/members, flow between hotel and convention center, program changes on site, problems with the app, ticketing at lunches, seating in plenary session, scheduling, Hollandsworth winner topic

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- Things that went well: Banquet, session set up and locations, programming, speakers, communication with AH staff, vendors lunch on Monday, layout of meeting

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Mr. Stan Cope asked the Regional Directors to report on activities that they've accomplished in their region as well as planned activities. Mr. Stan Cope would like to coordinate with the Regional Directors on which state/regional meetings he will go to versus the Regional Director.

- **CHARGE:** AH will update the AMCA presentation and website with new information (officers, directors). Each Regional Director will be given email addresses of the members in their region.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/BOARD LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Stan Cope appointed Mr. Jason Kinley as a member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Stan Cope appointed Mr. Mark Breidenbaugh to serve as the liaison to the Science & Technology Committee and Mr. Ary Farajii to serve as the liaison to the Public Relations Committee.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP FUNDING:

The board discussed the desire to provide permanent, consistent funding to the Young Professionals Group.

- **ACTION:** A motion was made to charge Mr. Gary Hatch, as the Treasurer, to work with the YP Advisor and provide the board with a requested amount of permanent funding for the YP Group in time to include in the May budget preparation process. The motion passed.

INTERIM BOARD MEETING SCHEDULING:

Ms. Heather Gosciniak and Mr. Bill Schankel joined the meeting to discuss options for the upcoming interim board meeting. After a review of potential dates, September 19-21, 2016 was selected. The all-day board meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> in San Diego, California.

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Before adjourning the meeting, the board held open discussion on the following:

- The Science and Technology committee coming to the board with recommendations for the poster session competition
- A discussion was held on how to work out award monies
- A review of the Action Items from Saturday's meeting was done.

With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made to ajourn the meeting. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.