

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, Vice President  
Ken Linthicum, Past President  
Gary Hatch, Treasurer  
Larry Smith, Industry Director  
Paul Capotosto, North Atlantic  
Dennis Salmen, Mid-Atlantic  
Chris Lesser, South Atlantic  
Jason Kinley, North Pacific  
Ary Faraji, West Central  
Rick Duhrkopf, South Central  
Mike Szyska, North Central  
Becky Cline, South Pacific  
Ary Farajii, Incoming West Central Director

**AMCA Staff**

Dan Lemyre  
Bill Schankel  
Joe Conlon  
Alicea Coccellato  
Heather Gosciniak

**Not in Attendance**

Ildefonso Fernandez-Salas, Latin America

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Cope called the AMCA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 2:01 PM on August 11, 2016.

**UPCOMING MEETING ATTENDANCE:**

CMCA, Corpus Christi – Rick Duhrkopf and Stan Cope  
Louisiana – Stan Cope, Chris Lesser

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Northwest – Joe Conlon, Ary Faraji  
Pennsylvania – Joe Conlon  
South Carolina - Joe Conlon, Chris Lesser  
Florida – Joe Conlon, Chris Lesser  
Georgia – Chris Lesser  
Utah – Ary Faraji  
West Central – Ary Faraji

Note: Nobody has planned to attend the Northeast meeting, Dec. 5 – 7 in Massachusetts. This meeting overlaps with the Northwest meeting. Joe can attend the meeting if he is invited. There are also no plans to attend the New Jersey meeting which be held the first weekend in March in Atlantic City.

**2016 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE:**

Bill Schankel and Heather Gosciniak gave the board an update on the planning for the upcoming Annual Meeting. The call for abstracts is open and will close September 12.

**TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATE:**

Joe Conlon shared an update on the insecticide, Naled. There is not much interest in using Naled right now. There are some people that are convinced it is carcinogenic. Joe shared that there will be a spotlight on Zika on NPR tonight. There are some people that do not understand the gravity of spreading Zika. There are some anti-pesticide groups that are speaking out against the use of Naled. Joe may require assistance from Industry partners to speak about the importance of mosquito control using insecticide. There are 21 total cases of Zika virus found in Florida. Joe has been meeting with NACCHO, an organization that takes mosquito control action.

**ARKANSAS ZIKA TASK FORCE:**

Rick Duhrkopf attended a meeting with the Arkansas Zika Task Force in Little Rock. There were about 25-30 people there which included operational people, some vendors, and a few people from public health. They are in the process of establishing a Zika response plan. Their next meeting is a week from today. He opened it up for another board member to attend since Rick will not be able to. There was significant discussion on establishing a state wide vector control

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organization. He expressed that there will likely be an effort to establish this. There are very high numbers of lyme disease occurring in Little Rock. They are waiting on federal funding.

**MOSQUITO RESEARCH FOUNDATION (MRF):**

AMCA worked with Craig Downs to transfer money into a separate account. AMCA now has access and control of the funds from MRF. The MRF is dissolved and will become a part of the AMCA so this will require less administration to achieve the same objectives.

AMCA would like to conduct a separate audit of the taxes. We also want to consult legal counsel to ensure we have not violated any NJ or CA laws. AH will present an addendum to the MRF at the interim board meeting.

**CDC GRANT:**

AMCA put a proposal together for Zika Virus national training. They would like AMCA to put together a hands-on training as well as an online course that could be used for certification purposes. The process started back in late April and the final proposal was submitted in June. \$1,634,512.00 for the first year. We have been awarded the contract from the CDC. We will officially receive the money as of next week. We pushed to get travel included in the grant, however it was not included. The CDC awarded the grant but it will not allow the attendee travel. In October additional funds may be awarded for attendee travel. The grant system they used did not allow them to originally include travel. There will be a kick-off call sometime next week. Isik has been leading the charge to develop curriculum. Bill and Isik have been working on a calendar and will be submitting that to the CDC by tomorrow.

**INTERIM BOARD MEETING UPDATE:**

Heather Gosciniak shared that she has received travel information from everyone and will be sending out confirmation numbers shortly. The board was invited to send items they would like to add to the agenda to Bill.

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP UPDATE:**

Ms. Kristy Burkhalter joined the meeting to give a review of the YP committee activity. She shared the names of the committee members

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with the group.

**Chairs:**

Chair, Kyndall Dye (returning)  
Past Chair, Levy Sun (returning)  
Co-Chair, Shiloh Judd (new)

**Committee Members:**

Carrie de Jesus (returning)  
Glenn Skiles (returning)  
Emily Boothe (new)  
Meredith Spence (new)  
Edmund Norris (new)

There are three new members and some returning members to the YP committee which include some students as well as industry members. Last year there were 9 industry participants, this year there should be 12. Kristy explained that there will be a change to the 2017 YP symposium; there will be a round table discussion, and the member meeting will be moved to the YP dinner. The YP is also brainstorming ideas for upcoming webinars.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE:**

Bill Schankel and Heather Gosciniak gave an update on the 2017 annual conference.

Program Update: There are 14 submitted symposia compared to 9 of last year. They are waiting on contributing papers. They would like to honor Jimmy Cahill, so Bill requested the group send suggestions about who to contact.

- For Plenary session, Janet McAllister was recommended. Another suggested speaker was Lyle Peterson. Degradation of chemical pesticides could be another topic.
- The call for papers is open and 8 abstracts have been received

Awards Update – Nominations are open and deadline is August 20. Registration and housing will open in September. Selection for Exhibit booths will take place in late September and early October.

Local Arrangements:

- 2018 – Kansas City

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- 2019 - Orlando
- 2020/2021 – Staff has begun the process of sourcing cities. They have reached out to Orange County, CA and Portland, PA and have sent out letters of interest.
- 2021 – AMCA has received multiple bids: Winnipeg, Chicago, and Nashville/Memphis, New Orleans and Salt Lake City.

Action item: Larry requested that Heather send him a list of past Industry Award winners.

Action item: Sammy Dickson will be presented the honorary membership he was awarded last year at this year's annual meeting because he could not receive it last year.

**National Pest Management Association (NPMA)**

President Stan Cope gave an update on the upcoming meeting with NPMA. Stan and Bill will be attending a meeting with NPMA soon to discuss collaboration as opportunities help each other accomplish similar objectives without duplicating efforts. Once NPMA learns AMCA has received the grant from CDC, they will want to collaborate.

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 PM.