American Mosquito Control Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, 26 August 2021

Minutes
Zoom Meeting

Present

AMCA Board Members in Attendance
President   Dr. Mark Breidenbaugh
President-Elect   Mr. Dennis Wallette
Vice President   Dr. Kristen Healy
Past President   Dr. Ary Faraji
Treasurer   Mr. Gary Hatch
Industry Director  Dr. Broox Boze
International Director  Dr. Catalina Alfonso-Parra
North Atlantic Director  Mrs. Priscilla Matton
South Atlantic Director  Mr. Robert Cartner
Mid-Atlantic Director  Dr. Brian Byrd
West Central Director  Dr. Lee Cohnstaedt
South Central Director  Mr. Herff Jones
North Central Director  Dr. Mark Clifton
North Pacific Director  Mr. Gregory Barron
South Pacific Director  Mr. Gary Goodman

Absences

Staff in Attendance
Ms. Megan MacNee, Executive Director; Ms. Natalie Perry, Events Manager;

Guests in Attendance
Mr. David Brown, AMCA Technical Advisor
Ms. Jennifer Henke, AMCA Science & Technology Committee Chair

Call to Order/Agenda/Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Mark Breidenbaugh at 9:03 am.

- **Motion** to approve the agenda was moved, seconded, and carried. (Mr. Goodman/ Mr. Wallette)
- **Motion** to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting on May 27, 2021, was moved, seconded, and carried. (Mr. Goodman/Dr. Boze).

Treasurer Update

Financial Statements Update

Treasurer Gary Hatch reviewed the 2020-2021 year end statements. Overall, revenue was above budget for both membership and the meeting. Additionally, expenses were slightly over budget. Nonetheless, we ended the year with a $81,810 surplus, over $112,000 over the projected budget.
Mr. Hatch confirmed that after the audit is finalized, the surplus funds will be placed in a “Rainy Day” reserve, to be used by future board action.

**Events Update**

*Annual Meeting Update*

Vice President Kristen Healy reviewed the symposium submission process and noted that a strong program is developing. She also noted that the abstract process is open and slowly rolling in. She included that they are working with symposium organizers to get submissions confirmed but it is expected we’ll need to extend the deadline.

Natalie Perry added an update regarding the new sponsorship packages and field day.

*Virtual Meeting Option*

Ms. Perry laid out the option and projected costs for having a virtual option to the meetings. This would only be for recording live presentations at the meeting and making them available virtually afterwards. Bids for just recording are starting at $10,000 and editing could cost as much.

Pros and cons of the option were discussed.

- **Action Item:** The board directed staff to move forward with the virtual option assuming we can keep it under the $40,000 budgeted for the effort.

*FMCA Event*

Ms. Perry presented the idea of staff attending the annual meeting of the local association leading up to the AMCA Annual Meeting. In this case, the FMCA meeting immediately after the IBM.

The board supported that staff should attend this FMCA meeting to experience a state meeting for comparison with the national meeting but not on an annual basis.

*Washington Days*

Ms. Perry presented the final numbers from this year’s Washington Days event. Overall, the meeting was a success and made a profit.

*CDC Grant Update*

Technical Advisor Dave Brown provided a status update for the manual update and that the full draft is now under review. The final product is on schedule for an October release.

Executive Director Megan MacNee provided an update that a second year of funding has been awarded and that we will be gathering a working group to outline the next phase of the project.

*Future of the Technical Advisor*

Mr. Gary Goodman presented the discussion: the “task force” gave two potential options for moving forward with the Technical Advisor role. The first, involves one person holding all responsibilities, the second, two people breaking apart the L&R and PR responsibilities. Mr. Goodman noted that either option would involve an increased budget of roughly $100-125,000 annually.
The pros and cons of both options were discussed focused on the long-term vision for the position and organization.

*Discussion was paused to Ms. Jennifer Henke to present on the AMCA Research Fund (see below)*

Returning to TA: Overall discussion acknowledged the position is bigger than what we have committed to in the past, while the one-person role and longer term was favored more frequently, benefits to both approaches were discussed.

- **Action Item**: Mr. Goodman will work with staff and the task force to further flesh out the TA job description and where we can make it leaner. The task force will focus first on the one person description and from the draft the two person option to be voted on by the board in September.

**AMCA Research Fund**

Science & Technology Committee Chair Jennifer Henke presented the recommendation from the AMCARF Subcommittee to develop a formal Conflict of Interest Policy for the Research Fund. She reviewed that we are currently doing the minimum, but we should state consistent guideline for who can apply and who can review to be transparent and fair.

- **Motion** to direct the AMCARF Subcommittee to draft a COI policy for the board’s review at IBM, was moved, seconded, and carried. (Dr. Clifton/Dr. Boze).

**Legislative & Regulatory Committee Report**

Mr. Brown provided an update on L&R activities. He noted that the main work is focused on ESA issues including pesticides undergoing re-registration.

Malathion is primary at this time and we are working with the Service and registrant on how we can get through the process. Note, it would be beneficial to have a collective database nationally that describes where treatments occur. There are concerns from the Service on any public health mosquito adulticide used near any endangered species and the potential “take” impact.

Pyrethroids have received a PID (Pesticide Interim Decision) that require wearing respirators during application even in a vehicle. We are working to address this and clarify the risk.

The Naled PID will likely be coming out before the end of the year.

**Executive Director Update**

*Volunteer Positions*

Ms. MacNee updated the board that the three positions for the YP Group and the Student Competition Coordinator position have been advertised and the selections are in progress.

*Skeeter Store*

Ms. MacNee laid out the past relationship with Allen Wayne and the publications of the Skeeter Store. The free benefits to Allen Wayne in both advertising and at the Annual Meeting have brought some concern. A discussion over costs and benefits took place.
• **Motion** to direct Ms. MacNee to dissolve the relationship with Allen Wayne was moved, seconded, and carried. (Dr. Boze/Ms. Matton).

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Breidenbaugh at 11:10 am.

• The **motion** to adjourn was moved, seconded, and carried. (Mr. Wallette/ Dr. Boze)