Minutes
Zoom Meeting

Present

AMCA Board Members in Attendance
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
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
President          Dr. Mark Breidenbaugh
Mid-Atlantic Director  Dr. Brian Byrd

Staff in Attendance
Ms. Megan MacNee, Executive Director; Ms. Natalie Perry, Events Manager; Ms. Amanda Walton, Membership Coordinator

Guests in Attendance
Mr. David Brown, AMCA Technical Advisor
Ms. Angela Beehler, AMCA Legislative & Regulator Affairs Chair
Ms. Jennifer Henke, AMCA Science & Technology Committee Chair
Dr. Michelle Brown, JAMCA Editorial Board Chair
Dr. Whitney Qualls, AMCA Publications Committee Chair
Dr. Rui-De Xue, Incoming AMCA Vice President
Mr. Michael Doyle, Incoming AMCA Mid-Atlantic Director
Dr. Levi Zahn, Member

Call to Order/Agenda/Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Elect Dennis Wallette at 9:01 am.

- **Motion** to approve the agenda was moved, seconded, and carried. (Mr. Jones/Dr. Boze)
- **Motion** to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting on November 2021 IBM, was moved, seconded, and carried. (Mr. Goodman/Dr. Boze).
Membership Update

Membership Coordinator Amanda Walton provided a quick update on membership renewals and that we are tracking at 80% of the budgeted membership.

A discussion took place on the timeline for renewals and when member renewals occur. Discussion took place on long term sustaining members and renewals, focusing outreach not only on non-renewals from last year but also the past three years.

Legislative & Regulatory Committee Report

Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee Chair, Angela Beehler, reviewed various activities in recent months including discussions with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service relating to their Biological Opinion for malathion, working with registrants to refine the risk assessment process ahead of naled and pyrethroids going through the ESA consultation, and members of the L&R Committee will be making comments to the FIFRA/ESA Interagency Working Group (EPA, USDA, NMFS, FWS) later that morning. Angela and Dave met with Ya Wei (Jake) Li, Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, to promote the new Best Management Practices guide and answer his questions about mosquito control.

Ms. Beehler also provided an update on the federal funding requests that we will be preparing once Congress passes the continuing resolution. We will continue to promote funding for the CDC’s Division of Vector Borne Diseases through Labor Health and Human Services, but we will also be asking Agriculture Appropriations to fund a project validating a model for Ultra Low Volume pesticide applications.

Additionally, Ms. Beehler reviewed the upcoming Washington Day Conference. That we will be planning an in-person event but may be holding hybrid visits with legislators. Interactions with regulatory agencies over the last year, and all the changes coming soon with Endangered Species Act compliance, indicates it’s prime time to reconnect AMCA members with the federal employees who are reviewing labels.

Technical Advisor Dave Brown provided an update on the ESA/FIFRA meetings. Mr. Brown also noted AMCA signed on the Vector Born Disease Network letter supporting funding for the Centers for Excellence.

Treasurer Update

Financial Statements Update

Treasurer Gary Hatch reviewed the December 2021 Financial Statements. Mr. Hatch particularly highlighted the revenue for membership, the annual meeting, and legislative advocacy. Additionally, Mr. Hatch highlighted new GL codes for grant expense and revenue.

Discussion took place on how to improve the message of selling our sustaining memberships.

Events Update

Annual Meeting Update
Meeting Manager Natalie Perry provided an update on registrations and the hotel room block, relating the good news that both are now in the positive. Ms. Perry provided updates that we will have onsite badge printing. She noted the exhibit floor is full with only a few spots where we could squeeze in booths and that sponsorships are exceeding the goal.

A discussion took place on how we are handling speakers that are canceling. Staff confirmed that speakers who cannot attend may ask for an alternate speaker to present their talk. There will not be recorded/virtual presentations.

2026 RFP Update

Ms. MacNee provided an update on the 2026 RFP Process including that local host letters were received from Portland, Oregon; Phoenix, Arizona; and California. We anticipate receiving proposals from most locations. These proposals will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Washington Days

Ms. MacNee noted as discussed earlier we are planning an in-person events as we are contracted with the property, and it is unlikely we could get out of it. We expect it will be different than past years as many congressional offices as well as agency/departments are not yet taking in person meetings. We’ll continue to work on what this new format will look like and provide you updates.

JAMCA Update

JAMCA Editorial Board Chair Michelle Brown provided an update on the new access to analytics regarding the journal. The Editorial Board has reviewed these and is suggesting areas of focus and for potential growth.

Dr. Brown provided recommendations on how we can review and improve the roles for the editor and subject matter editors.

- **Motion:** To direct the JAMCA Editorial Board to review and make formal recommendations for the responsibilities and number of subject matter editors.

Executive Director Update

Ms. MacNee provided an update regarding the future of the Technical Advisor and will continue to keep the Executive Committee and Board apprised.

Ms. MacNee noted that the candidate elected to the West Central Director position has recused themselves from taking the position as they are leaving the industry. A discussion took place on filling the vacancy including the timing and recommending the board appoint the runner up in the election.

The action will take place once the vacancy takes after the new governance year begins after the passing of the gavel at the General Membership Meeting. The board will then appoint a new director to the role in the following board meeting.

Ms. MacNee reviewed the board schedule for events at the 2022 AMCA Annual Meeting and leading up to it.

Additional Discussion
A discussion took place on ensuring that Wing Beats issues are published on the AMCA Website. It was noted that recent issues are posted but due to broken links issues prior to 2010 are not on the website.

- **Action Item:** The board directed staff to work with Wing Beats to add the older issues to the website as well.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Wallette at 11:00 am.

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