American Mosquito Control Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, 30 October 2020

Minutes
(via Zoom Webinar)

Present

AMCA Board Members in Attendance
President     Dr. Ary Faraji
President-Elect Dr. Mark Breidenbaugh
Vice President Mr. Dennis Wallette
Treasurer     Mr. Gary Hatch
Industry Director Dr. Broox Boze
International Director Dr. Catalina Alfonso-Parra
Mid-Atlantic Director Dr. Brian Byrd
South Atlantic Director Mr. Christopher Lesser
West Central Director Dr. Lee Cohnstaedt
South Central Director Mr. Herff Jones
North Central Director Dr. Mark Clifton
South Pacific Director Mr. Gary Goodman

Staff in Attendance
Natalie Perry, Megan MacNee, Evan Wise, Bob Achermann

Guests in Attendance
Angela Beehler, Chair, Legislative and Regulatory Committee
David Brown, AMCA Technical Advisor
Kristy Burkhalter, AMCA YP Group Advisor

Call to Order/Agenda/Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Faraji at 8:06 am.

- **Motion** to approve the agenda was moved, seconded, and carried. (G. Goodman/ D. Wallette)
- **Motion** to approve the minutes was moved, seconded, and carried. (G. Hatch/B. Boze).

Events Update

Interim Board Meeting Update

Executive Director MacNee provided the update on the Interim Board Meeting for Thursday, November 12th in Salt Lake City, Utah. She shared the set up and new COVID protocol for the event.

President Faraji expressed that while he would love to have all directors join in person, due to the expected change in the Annual Meeting plan in-person attendance is not required and that anyone who would prefer to attend virtually should let M. MacNee and N. Perry know.

M. MacNee reminded the board members and committee chairs that reports are due on Monday, November 2nd.

AMCA Annual Meeting Update & Discussion
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M. MacNee shared the various aspects of consideration for the board including timelines, space
limitations, fees from cancelations, and breakeven scenarios.

A. Faraji expressed his wishes the meeting could be held in person. He further shared that the
recommendation of the Executive Committee is transform the AMCA 2021 Annual Meeting into a fully
virtual event.

- The motion to turn the AMCA 2021 Annual Meeting into a fully virtual event was moved,
  seconded, and carried. (G. Goodman/ H. Jones)

2025 RFPs

N. Perry provided an update on the status of the proposals so far including that Charleston, SC did not
submit a proposal. Bids will be presented as usual at the IBM but this year site visits will not take place
until the spring. After that point, staff will provide an update to the board to make a final decision.

N. Perry provided a brief update on the proposals by Puerto Rico and Louisville, KY.

Executive Director Report

2020 AMCA Election Update

M. MacNee provided an update on the election that 410 votes were cast. The bylaws require the ballots
to be counted on the first Monday of November. M. MacNee will provide a report to the President and
Chair of Nominations and Awards Committee (J. Kinley) on Monday, November 2nd. Afterwards
notifications will be made to the successful candidates and results will be announced.

Membership Survey Update

M. MacNee provided an update that almost 700 responses were submitted. An additional question has
been sent to the respondents. A report will be provided prior to the IBM and Association Labs will be
presenting the results at the meeting.

Financial Report

Financial Reports

G. Hatch presented the August 2020 Financial Report. Highlighted the membership revenue which is at
98% of budget. This shows that we accurately predicted our key membership. We will hopefully see it
increase as we open registration for the annual meeting.

G. Hatch highlighted the concern that our Legislative Advocacy Revenue is well below budget and that
we need to dig into a plan on how to increase these funds and recruit our non-renewed sustaining
members.

- Action Item: Staff to create updated messaging for regional directors to contact non-renewed
  sustaining members on the issue.

G. Hatch noted that we need to discuss the impact transitioning to a virtual meeting will have on the
budget overall with a significant change in revenue and costs. Recommendation is to have both member
and non-member rates.
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- Action Item: Staff to create a mockup budget to reflect the virtual meeting costs/revenues in the overall AMCA budget.

It was pointed out that the “Annual Budget” column in the financial documents does not accurately reflect the budget passed by the board in July 2020.

- Action Item: Staff to update YTD financial as and provide August and September financials with correct budget prior to the IBM to the Board.
- The motion to table the acceptance of the financial report until staff provides updated financial reports at the IBM was moved, seconded, and carried. (H. Jones/G. Goodman)

Updating Banking Signer

- The motion to remove former Executive Director David Butler and replace it with current Executive Director Megan (Legal Name: Margaret) MacNee on the Umpqua Bank account was moved, seconded, and carried. (G. Goodman/D. Wallette).

Membership Update

E. Wise presented the membership update as of 10/15/2020. Numbers continue to increase, and we continue to hear from members sending in payment. He also shared that last week we became aware of mail that went missing in July which included renewal checks. We have reached out to all those involved and either deposited or confirmed a reissuing of the checks.

- Action Item: E. Wise will send an updated list of non-renewed sustaining members to distribute to the board.

CDC Grant Update

G. Goodman provided an update to the board that the statement of response and budget revisions to address any weaknesses or concerns from the CDC were finalized and submitted this week. We not only submitted those addressing the current project but also addressed the weaknesses of our additional proposals to help open the door for future funding.

G. Goodman shared that our next step will be developing the request for proposal for the contractor for the project.

AMCARF Update

M. Breidenbaugh provided an update that we are on track with the process and have received all full proposals. The review committee has been formalized and is being directed by Craig Stoops. The recommendations for funding will be presented to the board by the end of November with notifications by mid-December.

Legislative & Regulatory Update

Naled Risk Assessment

A. Beehler provided an update regarding the Naled Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments, and the need for our Regional Directors to encourage their state/regional associations and local districts to submit comments to the federal docket. The EPA has offered recommendations on how to reduce risks
from naled, now it’s up to AMCA to provide understanding on whether or not those measures are feasible for mosquito control professionals.

Prior to the IBM next month, D. Brown and the L&R Committee will have draft comments prepared, which we will then share with the registrant, AMVAC, and RISE in order to coordinate messaging.

We have confirmed that AMVAC is fully commented to supporting this product through Registration Review. The EPA acknowledged the importance of keeping this public health tool at the current max label rate, but they rely on stakeholder comments to reinforce their decision.

Based on the models used in the risk assessment, current label rates and application methods exceed the levels of concern for human health. AMVAC has employed mosquito control experts to comment on the models and risk assessment methods. That eliminates the need for AMCA to hire a scientist to assist with our collective comments. AMCA comments will be focusing on Best Management Practices (BMPs).

We are concerned about the ecological risk assessment, as this will come up in future years as pesticides are reviewed for their impacts on threatened and endangered species.

**ESA – Endangered Species Act**

A. Beehler mentioned the L&R Committee is looking to resolve the ESA issues for members early on, in anticipation of new species listings.

L&R members, along with Compliance Services, Inc. (CSI) met with representatives from the EPA on Sept. 28th to discuss adding BMPs to public health pesticide labels in order to avoid jeopardy to listed species. The EPA is open to working with us, but would like more information on the proposed process and specific label language. D. Brown spoke to the organophosphate registrants, and they are open to creating public health specific labels, removing agricultural uses.

CSI created a visual aid explaining the proposed process and provided it to EPA. AMCA will work with registrants on revised label language. Next, we will meet with U.S. Fish and Wildlife to see if they are amenable to the idea. Working with registrants directly will save the AMCA costs associated with hiring a contractor to do the work.

- Action Item: Seeking deposition data, field trial data, and declarations on why naled must be maintained as a public health tool. Send these to D. Brown and/or A. Beehler by November 2nd, so they can be incorporated into AMCA’s comments, or submit directly to the docket at www.regulations.gov.
- Action Item: Directors to inform A. Beehler if there is anything specific they would like reported at the IBM. Also, consider future charges for the L&R Committee.

**Office Contract Approval**

M. MacNee presented to approved amendment to the AMCA Procedures Manual to require officer approval of contracts committing the organization to $10,000 or more in expenses.
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Technical Advisor Update

D. Brown reported the Bi-Weekly Newsletter began on October 1st and have been working with S. Austin and K. Peyser on the content. Will continue to develop to content and keep these updates for our members fresh. Next one will come out next Thursday.

D. Brown provided a quick reminder on the information sent out regarding pesticide resistance in Texas.

D. Brown provided an update on the discussion with North Dakota regarding non-target species impacts. Would like to have AMCA develop a process for what a district should do after an incidental take of a non-target species. To further discuss any committee charges at the IBM.

D. Brown requested directors to send any data on droplet sizes they have to him to provide feedback to the EPA. While it will not be peer reviewed data, he will be presenting it as operational data.

D. Brown also provided a quick update on the coordination of surveillance data. VectorServe is still waiting on federal funding and do not expect to receive any until after the election. In the meantime, UC and the CalDPH is trying to keep the project afloat. Once long-term funding is secured, they are hoping to roll it out nationwide.

G. Goodman asked D. Brown to provide an update on his assessment of the position and his workload. D. Brown provided that while it was originally discussed to be a 20 hour a week position, it is more realistically a 20+ position with weeks ranging from 20-40 hours.

It was agreed that a more formal assessment on performance and expectations is needed.

- Action Item: The Executive Committee will set up a virtual meeting before the IBM to begin the discussion with recommendations to be made at the IBM.

North Atlantic Director Vacancy

A. Faraji provided an update on Bob Duryea resignation of the position of North Atlantic Director. He also put forward the recommendation from the region and agreed with by the Executive Committee to appoint Priscilla Matton to fill the role.

- The motion to appoint Priscilla Matton as the North Atlantic Director to fill the end of the current term was moved, seconded, and carried. (G. Goodman/B. Boze)
- Action Item: M. MacNee to inform P. Matton of the appointment.

Adjourn

The meeting was Adjourned by A. Faraji at 10:01 am.

- The motion to adjourn was moved, seconded, and carried. (G. Goodman/D. Wallette)