

**AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION
BUSINESS MEETING**

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

CALL TO ORDER:

President Fred Knapp called the meeting to order.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

The President called for a moment of silence for those members who passed away during the year.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF:

President Knapp introduced the Central Office staff.

Martin S. Chomsky	Business Manager
Sarah Gazi	Assistant Business Manager
Sondra Scully	Bookkeeper
Joseph M. Conlon	Technical Advisor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Knapp called for the approval of the minutes of the March 5, 2003 Annual Business Meeting, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota which were distributed to all members present. Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Connelly, that the minutes of the March 5, 2003 Annual Business Meeting be approved as presented. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Inman, Treasurer, reported that a full audit of the AMCA accounts was done by William E. Antonides & Company for the fiscal year July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. Expenses for the year were \$589,402.00 and revenue was \$610,464.00. The unexpected revenue is partly due to the success of the Minneapolis meeting. Revenue from membership is increasing while the *Newsletter* consistently loses money. It is hoped that the *Newsletter* will see a profit this year with the decrease in printing costs. The reserve calculation on July 1st was approximately is \$361,492.00. This is up \$30,000.00 from last year.

Certificates of deposit are earning low interest rates. Some funds may be moved to longer term CDs.

The restricted funds are now all in separate accounts with Sun National Bank. This makes it easier to track the interest on these accounts.

The majority of funds for legislative advocacy come from sustaining memberships. Twenty five dollars of all regular registrations goes toward legislative advocacy. General services charges from McDermott, Will and Emery are \$2,500.00 per month. Special projects are charged on an hourly basis. It does not seem that the legislative advocacy work threatens the AMCA 501C3 status with the IRS. The CPA suggested that in order to have the work viewed as nonpartisan and in the public interest a synopsis of the firm's research be posted on the website.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

Mr. Brown reported that the Clear Water Act has been the largest expenditure in the legislative program.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY:

Mr. Conlon thanked the committee members and committee chairs for the hard work during the past year.

Ms. Rutledge-Connelly reported on the available training opportunities on a local and regional level. All training opportunities are listed on the website. An overview of IPM will also be posted on the website. Distance learning will not be perused at this time. The issue of CEU's for the annual meeting will be investigated further. There is a "student" section on the website that lists available scholarships.

Dr. Linthicum is the new editor of the *JAMCA*. Dr. Sames has done a great deal of work towards electronic publication of the *Journal*. Many AMCA publications can now be accessed electronically through the member's only section of the website. *WingBeats* is looking to increase its production numbers from 3,500 to 3,800 and its page length from 40 to 44 pages.

Mr. Conlon reported on public relations contacts that have taken place through out the year. There is excellent media coverage of the Savannah meeting.

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Lechel that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

CENTRAL OFFICE:

Mr. Chomsky thanked Dr. Dickson for his help and support throughout his tenure on the Board.

It was noted that the staggering of Board members terms needs to be addressed.

Mr. Chomsky reported on the success of the Minneapolis meeting. Approximately \$138,000.00 profit was generated at that meeting. This revenue prevented a negative budget for last fiscal year.

Mr. Chomsky thanked the Central Office staff and noted that part-time help was used to prepare for the annual meeting. Mr. Chomsky further thanked Mr. Lewandowski, his staff, the local arrangement committee and volunteers for their help in running the meeting. Dr. Naschi, Mr. Opp and Mr. Moore were complimented on the meeting content. There were 67 exhibit booths and 19 participants in field day. Providing lunch for participants at the trade center was a challenge.

Approximately 340 participants registered for the meeting on-line.

A new printer has been found for the *Newsletter*. This has resulted in a 30% savings to the AMCA. The *Newsletter* is now being mailed first class, insuring timely delivery.

Mr. Chomsky thanked Mr. Bonnett for his support. He is rotating off as Chair of the Central Office Committee. Mr. Bonnett will be replaced by Mr. Inman.

The Central Office should be moving to the larger quarters in a building adjacent to the offices they now occupy within one year.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

President Knapp thanked George O’Meara for running the silent auction which made over \$3,000.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Knapp passed the gavel to President Nasci. President Nasci thanked Dr. Knapp for his hard work over the last year.

President Nasci introduced the current officers.

David Brown	Past President 2003
Dr. Fred Knapp	Past President 2004
William Opp	President Elect
Joseph Sanzone	Vice-President
Allan Inman	Treasurer

Regional Directors were introduced. There is no change in directors this year.

Peter Connelly	Industry
Dr. Humberto Quiroz	Latin America
Dr. William Meredith	Mid-Atlantic
Dr. Daniel Markowski	North Atlantic
William Lechel	North Central
Ron Montgomery	North Pacific
Douglas Carlson	South Atlantic
Dr. Richard Duhrkopf	South Central
Jack Hazelrigg	South Pacific
Gary Hatch	West Central

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Opp read the following resolutions.

RESOLUTION HONORING DR. BRUCE ELDRIDGE

WHEREAS, Dr. Bruce Eldridge, having demonstrated superb leadership in serving as senior editor for the *Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association* from March 1999 until March 2003; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bruce Eldridge's tenacity in ensuring prompt manuscript review ensured timely publication of over 300 peer reviewed scientific articles while encouraging further article submission to the publication; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bruce Eldridge coordinated this publication despite numerous challenges in communication, compensation and editorial support; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bruce Eldridge kept the association fully informed of all activities related to publication of *The Journal*; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bruce Eldridge's extraordinary contributions to the success of the *Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association* reflect most credibly upon him and, by extension, the American Mosquito Control Association and mosquito control practitioners everywhere, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of our profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the American Mosquito Control Association expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Bruce Eldridge for his admirable efforts toward crafting *The Journal* as an appropriate outlet for our discipline during his tenure as senior editor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the estimable Dr. Bruce Eldridge.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SUPPORT OF THE MASH ACT

WHEREAS, the Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health (MASH) Act was an important legislative initiative aimed at the promotion and improvement of mosquito control; and

WHEREAS, this legislation recognizes mosquito control as a major factor in the protection of public health; and

WHEREAS, representatives Chris John and Billie Tauzin and Senator Mary Landrieu were instrumental in the introduction and passage of the MASH Act, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that these legislators continue to champion the funding of this legislation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Mosquito Control Association expresses its sincere appreciation for all of their efforts relating to this legislation.

RESOLUTION THANKING HENRY LEWANDOWSKI AND LOCAL HOST COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the 70th Annual Conference of the American Mosquito control Association has been a great success in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the membership is extremely appreciated of the local host committee and all of the volunteers who have contributed so greatly to the success of the annual meeting; and

WHEREAS, the local host committee has been chaired by Dr. Henry Lewandowski, who has contributed many hours of personal effort into making this meeting a pleasant experience; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Lewandowski has been supported by his staff members and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the members are aware of the good planning and helpful nature of the local host committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that this Association expresses its gratitude and appreciation for Dr. Henry Lewandowski and the local host committee for the great service rendered on behalf of our members.

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Carlson, that the above three resolutions be approved as read by Mr. Opp. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Mr. Conlon asked for membership support for the sixth annual Washington Day conference.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Brown moved that the meeting be adjourned. The time 11:45 a.m.

