

American Mosquito Control Association

Board of Directors Call

Monday, November 20, 2017

2:00 – 3:00 pm EST

**AMCA BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Wayne Gale, President

Bill Walton, President-Elect

Jason Kinley, Vice President

Stan Cope, Past President

Gary Hatch, Treasurer

Jason Trumbetta, Industry Director

Robert Duryea, North Atlantic Director

Christopher Lesser, South Atlantic Director

Ary Faraji, West Central Director

Rick Duhrkopf, South Central Director

Mark Breidenbaugh, North Central Director

Michelle Brown, South Pacific Director

**AMCA STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Heather Gosciniak, Executive Director

Britany Noll, Membership & Operations Coordinator

Joe Conlon, AMCA Technical Advisor

**AH STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Kelly Mariotti

Dan Lemyre, Chief Relationship Officer

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ildéfanso Fernández-Salas- International Director

Dennis Salmen- Mid-Atlantic Director

Ken Carver- North Pacific Director

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Board President Wayne Gale calls the AMCA Board of Directors call to order at 2:07 pm EST on November 20, 2017.

**ANNUAL MEETING 2022 SITE SELECTIONS:**

Executive Director, Heather Gosciniak, acting as the interim Meeting Manager, presented the board with three proposals for the 2022 Annual Meeting. Ms. Gosciniak announced the three finalists of the 2022 Annual Meeting site selections will be calling in to the board meeting during the discussions. The three final proposals include Savannah, Georgia; Greensboro, North Carolina; and Jacksonville, Florida.

- **CHARGE:** After the call, two voting surveys will be distributed to board members. The first voting survey will eliminate one city. The second voting survey will be the selection of the final venue.

**Attachment #1: Final Presentations-**

- Ms. Gosciniak reviewed in detail all three 2022 site proposals. The review included information regarding dates, room rates, convention center details, location details, and additional offerings.

The three finalists called in to pitch their proposals. The first to call in was Larry Browder from Savannah, Georgia. Larry represented Visit Savannah, Savannah International Trade and Convention Center, and nearby hotel properties. The second city to call in was Tricia Montague from the Sheraton Greensboro, NC. The third to call in was Noel Anderson from Hyatt Jacksonville Group Sales Manager. Joining Ms. Anderson was Veronica Gruber with Visit Jacksonville and Cory Baum, Hyatt Director of Sales.

- **CHARGE:** Item in question with Sheraton Greensboro, North Carolina regarding exhibit hall rental space fee. Ms. Gosciniak will clarify rental space fee with hotel and communicate the clarification prior to the distribution of the first voting survey.

#### **AWARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

Past President, Stan Cope provided a review of the nomination process of the awards for the 2018 Annual Meeting. The Awards Committee consists of Stan Cope, Wayne Gale, Roxanne Connelly, Tom Wilmont, and Steve Mulligan.

- Mr. Cope reviewed Attachment #2: Recommended Slate of Nominations. It is noted the awards committee is currently still reviewing nominations for the Grassroots Awards. The awards committee will make recommendations to the Board in the near future for this award.
- Mr. Cope reviewed Attachment #3: Recommended Nominee Descriptions
  - o **ACTION:** A motion was made to approve the award nominations as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
  - o **CHARGE:** Ms. Gosciniak will send the Board the slate of recommendations for Grassroots Awards for Board vote.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE:**

Ms. Gosciniak and Jason Kinley, Vice President, provided an update on the plans for the 2018 Annual Meeting, including highlights of selected presentations. They stated 273 speaker presentations are currently lined up; registration and housing are now open; 23 exhibitor applications have been submitted; and exhibit booth lottery appointments have taken place. A brief discussion on the 50/50 raffle took place with the Board agreeing to have the Young Professionals sell the 50/50 raffle tickets during the 2018 Annual Meeting. The Young Professionals Committee previously agreed to sell the raffle tickets.

- o **CHARGE:** Headquarters staff will follow-up with Kristy Burkhalter, YP Committee Advisor, regarding the 50/50 raffle ticket sales.

#### **AMCA RESEARCH FUND UPDATE:**

Bill Walton, President-Elect, gave an update on the AMCARF proposals, review committee, and scoring process. Mr. Walton stated 72 grant proposals were submitted totaling a request of \$2.7 million. The review committee has been assigned proposals to score and a review committee call is scheduled for November 29, 2017. The AMCARF RFP mentions the maximum amount that can be requested is \$55,000; however there is only \$40,000 to distribute.

A discussion took place regarding the lack of donated funds. There was a consensus that more donations will be received next year based on the positive transition and administration of the new AMCARF.

Discussions continued regarding the request for additional sources of funding for distribution this year. There is \$15,000 in the funds for next year, it is suggested that the board uses some of that for this year and replace it.

- **CHARGE:** This money is set aside for administrative management for AH. Ms. Gosciniak will look into if any of this money can be used this year.

**CDC UPDATE:**

Ms. Gosciniak provided an update on the CDC training e-modules and the Train the Trainer workshop hubs. Six training hubs have taken place thus far in California, North Carolina, Arizona, 3 in Florida. Seven training hubs are scheduled in New Jersey, Mississippi, Northern Virginia, Southern Virginia, Texas, Colorado, and Washington. To date more than 200 individuals have participated in a training hub.

E-Module 2 is almost complete, and e-modules 3 and 4 are on track to be launched by the end of the year. So far, 180 users have accessed the e-module training portal. Additional statistics were presented regarding passing scores and passing percentages.

The evaluation stage has begun which includes evaluating the effectiveness of the e-modules and training hubs. This also includes recommendations for year 2. Ms. Gosciniak will continue working with the Training and Member Education Committee throughout the evaluation process.

Ms. Gosciniak stated she will be in communication with the CDC for optional year 2 funding.

**NACCHO TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:**

Ms. Gosciniak recapped a conference call with NACCHO staff regarding a request for AMCA to provide training during an upcoming NACCHO Summit event for 180 attendees. Ms. Gosciniak stated the terms are very loose as to the ask of AMCA from a training perspective and they are open to AMCA shaping the content areas of training. Their needs are core competencies of resistance, surveillance, testing, and control. Training content currently exists from the Trainer the Trainer workshop curriculum. The training need consists of 2, 1 and a half to 2 hour sessions.

- **CHARGE:** Ms. Gosciniak will look into sources of funding that can be utilized. She will also work with Isik Unlu (Training and Education Committee Chair) to identify the appropriate existing training curriculum that can be repurposed from the Train the Trainer workshop.

**ESA UPDATES:**

The survey results were sent to ESA. We do not have any further results at this time.

- **CHARGE:** A charge was made for Ms. Gosciniak to resume discussions with ESA on partnership opportunities.

**LEGISLATIVE TRAVEL FUNDING:**

The AMCA Board of Directors discussed a request for travel funding for the upcoming NPDES Briefing in Washington, DC. The briefing is taking place on December 11, 2017. A discussion took place to provide funding for travel to Washington, D.C. for Angela Beehler, Paul Bauman, Gary Goodman, and Jason Kinley who will represent AMCA at the Briefing.

An agreement was made to fund each person \$800 for travel. Everyone agreed, one board member abstained.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- **ACTION:** A motion was made by President Wayne Gale to adjourn the Board of Directors call. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The call adjourned at 3:21 pm EST on November 20, 2017.