



American Mosquito Control Association

Promoting Public Health and Quality of Life Through Mosquito Control



Who is the AMCA?

- Non-profit professional association founded in NJ in 1935
- 1700+ members
- Made up of: students, scientists, regulators, industry, mosquito control employees, trustees, commissioners, and many others
- Members in 52 countries



Leadership

- AMCA is a leader in promoting highest standards in professional mosquito control
- AMCA supports sound science
- Advocates “*Integrated Mosquito Management*”



Leadership

- At the national level, the AMCA provides information and testimony impacting policy decisions
- Some current issues:
 - Clean Water Act/NPDES permit issue
 - Endangered Species Act considerations
 - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s national mosquito management policy on national wildlife refuges



AMCA Management

In 2006, AMCA contracted with Association Headquarters (AH) in Mt. Laurel, NJ, to administer:

- *Financial & Meeting management*
- *Membership coordination*
- *Publications services*
- *Marketing support*




Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program

(PESP)




- In 1994, the EPA initiated the PESP program with the goal of: “*reducing pesticide risk*”.
- In 1997, the AMCA became a “partner” with the EPA in this program.

Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP)

- In 1999 & 2004, the AMCA has been recognized by the EPA as an outstanding PESP partner.




2009-2010 Officers

 Doug Carlson President	 Janet McAllister President-Elect	 Bill Meredith Vice-President
 Allan Inman Treasurer	 Major Dhillon President 2008	



2009-2010 Directors

 Stephanie Whitman Industry	 Bill Reinert North Atlantic	 Stanton Cope Mid-Atlantic	 Roxanne Connelly South Atlantic	 Tom Wilmot North Central
 John Holick West Central	 Dennis Willelto South Central	 James Lambert North Pacific	 Steve Mulligan South Pacific	 Yasmin Rabito-Palis Latin America




AMCA Committees & Chairs

<i>Annual Meeting</i> Janet McAllister	<i>Executive</i> Doug Carlson
<i>Archives</i> Scott Crams	<i>Finance</i> Gary Hatch
<i>Awards</i> Major Dhillon	<i>Industry</i> Stephanie Whitman
<i>Bylaws & Policy</i> Roger Nasci	<i>Legislative & Regulatory</i> Karl Malamud-Roam



AMCA Committees & Chairs

<i>Membership</i> Sarah Gazi	<i>Publications</i> Steve Presley
<i>Nominating</i> Major Dhillon	<i>Science & Technology</i> Richard Pollack
<i>Public Education</i> Truc Dever	<i>Training & Member Education</i> Tawnia Pett
<i>Public Relations</i> Joseph Conlon	



Education and Information

- Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association*
 - Research articles
 - Operational and scientific Notes
 - Electronic publication
- AMCA Newsletter*
 - Reports from Regional Directors, Central Office, committees and Technical Advisor
 - Recent developments
 - Membership notices
- WingBeats*
 - Operational Magazine



Education and Information

Publications available include:

- Geographical Distribution of the Mosquitoes of North America, North of Mexico
- Bulletin #5: Manual for Mosquito Rearing
- Bulletin #7: Biorational Control of Mosquitoes
- 2002 Public Health Pesticide Applicator Training Manual
- Mosquito Biology and Control DVD



Education and Information

WEBINARS

“Dispelling Myths About Mosquito Control Utilizing The Media”

Held on Sept. 22, 2009 under the auspices of the AMCA Member Training and Education Committee

98 offices in 27 states & Canada participated (approx. 200 individuals).

Charge was \$50. Some states now allow participants to receive CEUs.

AMCA goal is to present several webinars each year.



Benefits of Membership

- Lower registration fee at AMCA Meetings
- Support legislative and regulatory advocacy
- Journal publishing and paper presentation
- Participation in organization governance
- “Members Only” access on AMCA website
- Receive publications:
 - Quarterly: Journal of AMCA, Newsletter, WingBeats
 - Monthly: e-Newsletter
 - Bi-Monthly: legislative e-Newsletter



Membership Categories

- **Regular Membership**
 - Receives 4 issues of: JAMCA, WingBeats, Newsletter
 - Right to vote on association matters
 - Access to “Members Only” area of AMCA website
- **Associate Membership**
 - Receives 4 issues of: WingBeats, Newsletter
 - Access to “Members Only” area of AMCA website
- **Student Membership**
 - Receives 4 issues of: JAMCA, WingBeats, Newsletter
 - Access to “Members Only” area of AMCA website
- **Sustaining Membership**
 - Includes 1 Regular Membership or 2 Associate Memberships plus additional benefits



Become a Sustaining Member!

Sustaining Membership enables the AMCA to provide critical legislative and regulatory advocacy for the entire membership.

All Sustaining Membership funds, with the exception of the first \$120, fund legislative advocacy.



Benefits of Sustaining Membership

- ♦ Includes 1 Regular Membership or 2 Associate Memberships
- ♦ All agency personnel receive member registration rate at AMCA meetings
- ♦ Recognition in AMCA Newsletter & at Annual Meeting
- ♦ Receive “Certificate of Recognition”
- ♦ Support legislative advocacy



Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP)




BENEFIT OF SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

- Sustaining Members can apply to become a “PESP partner under the AMCA’s auspices”.



“PESP Partner under the AMCA’s auspices”

Multi-State Partners
Northeast MVCA
Northwest MVCA

State Partners
California MVCA
Florida MCA
Louisiana MCA
Michigan MCA
New Jersey MCA
North Carolina MCA




“PESP Partner under the AMCA’s auspices”

Individual Partners

Indian River MCD - FL
Pasco County MCD - FL
Cape Cod MCP – MA
Central Mass. MCP - MA
Teton County MA - Wyoming




AMCA Website

“Members Only” Area

www.mosquito.org

- *Search:*
 - Back issues of JAMCA
 - For a an AMCA member’s contact info
 - Past issues of the Newsletter/WingBeats
- *Download the AMCA toolkit:*
 - Contains news release examples
 - A comprehensive communications plan
 - Examples of letters and correspondence
- *Obtain up-to-date news articles*




Legislative & Regulatory Affairs

Presence in Washington, D.C.


- Represented by law firm of McDermott, Will & Emery
- Keeps AMCA informed of important issues
- Represents AMCA at federal agency & congressional meetings
- Serves as legal counsel when needed

Technical Advisor - Joe Conlon


- Attends meetings & testifies at hearings on AMCA’s behalf
- Joe provides the AMCA’s voice of sound science and reason



Washington Day Conference



- Held annually since 1999
- 2009 event was held at Westin Alexandria, VA
- Serves as an opportunity to make our presence known in Washington and influence decision makers
- 3-day meeting with one day spent visiting legislative offices on Capital Hill
- Typically 70-80 attendees





"I'm One"

Public Service Announcement

- The "I'm One" program was developed in 2008 to highlight awareness of the dangers of WNV.
- This 30 second video PSA includes elements of a comprehensive media communications program.
- The program highlights the importance of community collaboration to reduce the threat of mosquito-borne disease.

Go to www.mosquito.org to view "I'm One"



National Mosquito Control Awareness Week

This annual event serves as a formal opportunity to emphasize the importance of our work in:

"promoting public health and quality of life through mosquito control"

2010: June 20 - 26



Save the date!!!

*Don't miss the AMCA's
75th Anniversary Celebration
at the 2010 Annual Meeting*

*March 28 – April 1, 2010
Lexington, Kentucky*



Future Annual Meetings

2011

March 20 – 24: Anaheim, CA

2012

April 1 – 5: Austin, TX

2013

Atlantic City, NJ

2014

Seattle, WA