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General Membership Meeting

December 7, 2019

SeaTac, WA

Present: Many Members

Call to Order: 10:08am by Luke Rambo, seconded by Mark Lee.

Approval of the minutes from Leavenworth General Membership.

Larry Treleven moved to approve the minutes for the Leavenworth General Membership meeting as printed in the Snapshot Newsletter, Erik Hodson seconded; all present Members approved.

President's Year in Review

Our meeting began with Luke Rambo provided a look back on his (and the Boards) accomplishments in 2019. Luke was grateful for the experience of serving on the Board. Through his service, he developed new relationships. Involvement on the Board is an opportunity to grow as a business owner and individual and Luke highly encourages all to get engaged within the Association where they can. Some highlights from the year included a trip to Washington DC for Legislative Days, continuing work with WSDA on testing issues and modernization, development of a closed Facebook group for the Association (WSPMA Bugbook), branding ideas, a look into dues structuring, newly nominated PestVets liaison, outstanding seminars and so much more. Luke concluded his year in review with a big thank you to all those who supported him and encouraged him to be an active Member.

New Business

ACE Certification

Recognition was given to Vernon Craig (*Tahoma Pest Management*) who is newly ACE certified. This is a big endeavor and one to be proud of.

NPMA Nominations

AJ Treleven (Sprague) has been nominated to the NPMA At-Large Director position and Billy Olesen (Chuck Sullivan) has been nominated for a Region Director seat. This is amazing news for the Pacific Northwest, as we have not been overly represented within NPMA in the past.

Honorary Member

Billy Olesen motioned to accept Brad Cyrier as an Honorary Member; Corey Chantry seconded; all approved.



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Old Business

WSPMA/NPMA Relationship

As the years since the MOU have passed, the WSPMA Board has been brainstorming ways that we can revisit our relationship with NPMA and move forward. During Legislative days, Luke Rambo met with Kelly Harris and Andy Architect from NPMA and they feeling he walked away with is that NPMA wants to move on as well. Billy Olesen provided an overlook of NPMA's benefits, which if the relationship were repaired, could become benefits for WSPMA Members as well. Dominique Stumpf (NPMA) will be present at the Hood River meeting this year and it is our hope we can continue discussions. Our concern and focus is still to protect the "39" Members that would have been affected at the time of the MOU. The Board will continue brainstorming ways to make what we do work within the NPMA guidelines.

Desire on both sides to make it work. NPMA has specific rules and guidelines that will not change. Make what WSPMA is doing work with NPMA. Non-voting Members would not be required to be joint. All General Members are required to be NPMA Members. No choice for new Members moving forward.

Reach out to the "39" and invite to Hood River personally.

WSDA Updates on Testing

Tina Zimmerman sent update to Luke Rambo on computerized testing and credit card processing. Currently the WSDA is waiting for the next legislative session to open the statutory rules so a few issues can be addressed. By opening the rules for change, there is the risk that the environmental coalition could want to add amendments as well. If changes are approved during this session the WSDA can move forward, but they still anticipate that it will take a year for statutory changes to be in place. Once that happens, the \$25 testing fee will need to be removed which could take another year. The final step would be going through the contractual process to select a vendor. Long story short, any changes could take 18 months to 2 years.

As far as the difficulty of the exam(s) and it being a barrier to entry applicants, the WSDA has no plans to change the test.

See correspondence from Christina Zimmerman below.



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WSDA Clarification on Landscape Application/Pesticide Sensitive Notice

Kevin Jensen & Aaron Brown (*WDSA*) presented at the Fall Seminar on compliance issues. Their presentation sparked a lot of conversation and many questions. Luke Rambo reached out and was able to get some clarifications (see below).

Committee Reports

PestVets

This was the first report from our PestVets liaison, Ramon Herrera (*Rambo*). It was through donations to the Purposeful Fund that Ramon was able to attend PestWorld and take part in the Veterans activities. As the liaison, Ramon (and NPMA) are hoping to create better awareness about Veterans and how they can be incorporated into our Industry. NPMA has great benefits for companies that recruit and hire Veterans. For more information go to <http://www.pestvets.org/>.

Education

Our education is strong as usual. This year there were a few hiccups, but attendance was at an all-time high and quality was above par. The Board and Education Committee worked hard to secure our speakers for 2020 and are looking forward to offering many workshops, seminars and courses. A full list of events can be found on our website – www.wspma.com/events.

Financial

Tim Baker reported that while our revenue was down a bit, it remains stable. He works to control the flow of money and save the Association money wherever possible. With the stellar planning of 2020, Tim is predicting grand things next year. The Board approved the movement of our Money Market accounts to a Capital One investment account which will quadruple the amount of interest income. The Benevolent Fund sits at \$5,100 and the Purposeful Fund has \$300. The Board and Dues Committee will continue to work on a dues restructuring for the future. Corey Chantry voted to approve our budget, Luke Rambo seconded, and all were in favor. As always, details on our financials are available upon request.



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Government Affairs

Larry Treleven touched on his fears regarding the RCW and WACs that will be looked at as result of WSDA testing issues. With these being opened, it becomes a situation where we may need help from a lobbyist – Larry has already been speaking with someone who may be able to help.

Frank Chop has stepped back as Speaker of the House. Laurie Jenkins a Democrat from Pierce county has been elected to the position. Her tendencies are more liberal, and she is in favor of the state income and capital gains taxes, which adversely affect business owners.

As reported previously the concerns with the CA rodenticide ban continue. Larry is on PAC committee for Pest Control Operators of California and he tell us that the Governor is not willing to sign the bill that bans the 2nd gen rodenticide use as written. However, if it does pass, then it tends to bleed into other states. With the climate in OR and WA, Larry is nervous it could reach up to us. This is a topic that we will all continue to watch.

While in Washington DC for Legislative Days, Luke Rambo, Billy Olesen and Larry Treleven met with Congressman Denny Heck; he was favorable to us. It was announced Thursday (December 5) that Denny Heck will retire. He cites the negativity, partisanship and impeachment hearings as reasons for his retirement. At this time, it is unclear if he will finish his term or if someone will be appointed.

Governor Inslee will be going in for surgery next week. During this time Republican Kim Wyman will be acting Governor.

Attorney General Bob Ferguson has had a history of holding controversial opinions in many issues. Larry believes he is not a fair and impartial judge in enforcing laws in state of WA. There is a new candidate, Matt Larkin who will be running for this position.

Passing of the Torch

Luke Rambo presented Mark Lee with a gavel to commemorate him as our 2020 WSPMA President.

Conclusion of Business Meeting

Luke Rambo motioned to adjourn at 11:46am; Larry Treleven seconded; all agreed.



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Update from Kevin Jensen (WSDA)

As presented at WSPMA Fall Seminar (11/16/2019)

1. A pesticide treatment more than 10 feet off structure would definitely be a landscape application. Less than 10 feet is more of a gray area. WSDA considers most perimeter treatments to be closer than 10 ft.
2. Exact measurement of distance off-structure is not an appropriate method of delineation for determining whether an application is "structural" or "landscape." The purpose of the treatment and application site are more effective methods.
3. If there is a hornet's nest in a plant near the building and you specifically treat the hornets' nest it is a landscape application.
4. If you are treating the outside perimeter of a building, and some spray gets on the plants around the building, killing some of the insects in the landscape plants, it is still just a building treatment and the PSI notification would not be required.
5. "Landscape applications" include treating a ground or hanging yellowjacket nest off-structure, treating the lawn for fleas, thatch ant mound, etc.
6. PCO General license type **IS** allowed to perform these limited landscape applications.
7. PSI: Pesticide Sensitive Individual list. This is a list of people who have been medically diagnosed with a sensitivity to pesticides by a doctor. This list has been mailed out twice a year to all landscape application companies for many years. WSDA has recently determined that these off-structure applications are considered "landscape applications" all pest control Applicators (PCO Structural and PCO General license types) in WA will receive this list twice a year.
8. If a landscape application is due to take place on an adjacent property (shared property line) to someone who is on the PSI list, then a two-hour notice needs to be sent prior to treatment commencing. Contact information is available on the mailed list.
9. This PSI notification requirement does NOT apply to traditional structural perimeter applications that do not extend away from the structure.
10. When making a landscape application we need to use yard flags and to mark the area. If localized application, then one flag at the specific spot. If larger area, then mark each "entrance" to the area (gates on side of house and/or by back door). A sheet with the marking flag requirements was mailed out to all Applicators recently. See RCW 17.21.410 for specific requirements for landscape application posting.
11. Marking flags are to be placed by the operator and to remain in place for 24 hours. Operator does NOT need to return to remove the flag, that can be done by property owner.
12. Bait station rules: Must mark which product is in the station on the outer label. Check boxes with nothing checked off is not sufficient.



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Email from Christina Zimmerman

As of right now, we are waiting for this coming legislative season. The Department will be presenting a proposal to update statutory language in both the Washington Pesticide Control Act (RCW 15.58) and the Washington Pesticide Application Act (RCW 17.21) to allow WSDA to hire a vendor/contractor to administer and receive payment for pesticide license exams. Current language in both laws restrict the agency to administer exams and collect payment ourselves.

- Areas that will be updated are:
- 15.58.040(2)(m)
- 15.58.240
- 17.21.030(1)(e) and (f)
- 17.21.134(2)

If approved during this legislative season, we can move forward with the statutory change. Because this is my first-time making statute changes in this state, I am not familiar with the length of time it takes to make this update. We anticipate, at the longest, it is taking a year to make this update to the statute chapters.

After the statutory change step, we will need to go to rule change to update the Administrative Code to remove the \$25 testing fee requirement, which hinders us from seeking testing services elsewhere. This type of change to the administrative code could take a year, as we may have to conduct a Small Business Economic Impact Statement.

After this is completed and approved, we must go through the contractual process to hire an appropriate vendor for testing services.

A long process, I know, but necessary.

Thank you,

Christina (Tina) Y. Zimmerman

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