



WASHINGTON STATE PEST MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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General Membership Meeting

November 30, 2018

6pm to 8 pm

SeaTac, WA

Present: Many members

Call to order: 6:10pm

Welcome

There was a motion to approve the Leavenworth General Membership meeting notes as published in the Snapshot by Larry Treleven, seconded by Corey Chantry -all in favor.

President's Year in Review

Tony Wurst gave a very nice recap of 2018 and reported that:

- The Association has grown throughout 2018.
- The Board has continued to work with and push the WSDA to get PCO licensing switched to online testing, proctored at local universities and community colleges.
- The Education Committee has put together amazing events this year.
- The Bylaws have been edited to reflect our voting in Leavenworth this past Fall.

Tony also took time to acknowledge new Members that were present at the meeting and thanked them for getting involved.

Members present were encouraged to discuss with Larry Treleven about ways that companies or individuals can contribute to the Political Action Committee Fund. This fund helps with expenses incurred when fighting for the rights of the pest industry at the State Level.



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Committee Reports

Education

Rick Mix reports there are thoughts about looking into online education to keep up with the evolving technological advances. 2019 looks to be another good year with many educational events including the Fall Seminars, Credit Crunch, February and March Workshops and the Ant ID Lab. It was reiterated that Education is where the impact of our Association is and we will continue to offer top notch speakers.

Financial

Tim Baker gave a summary of the finances that essentially came down to the state of the Associations finances is great. Cost cutting measures are always taken and that has allowed us to stay to the positive.

Government Affairs

Larry Treleven reported on the elections in Washington State, which shows a larger Democratic hold in the House of Representatives. This makes it more difficult for the Pest Industry working against anti-business and anti-pesticide bills. The same tone has been mirrored on the National scene.

NPMA reports that the farm bill has been put on hold by National Officers as they await the election outcome. There has been concern on the National level about speaker take over, but the Pest Industry encourages the change.

Recently Larry Treleven was interviewed by PCT Magazine Time for an article announcing that he was the recipient of and award for SPAR of the year.

Budget Review

The Budget was submitted to the Board, via email, as stated in the Bylaws. There was a motion to accept budget as written by Larry Treleven, seconded by Corey Chantry – motioned passed.

2019 Goals

Luke Rambo thanked Tony for his leadership throughout the year. Rambo is excited to know more Members and get their feedback about how the Association can better support them. The main goal for 2019 is to encourage the growth of relationships within WSPMA Member Companies.

Conclusion of Business Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 6:55pm- Tony Wurst, seconded Luke Rambo - all in favor.