

# American Mosquito Control Association

Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, August 14, 2024

## Minutes

*Zoom*

### Present

#### *AMCA Board Members in Attendance*

President	Dr. Rui-De Xue
President-Elect	Mr. Herff Jones
Vice President	Dr. Isik Unlu
Past President	Dr. Kristen Healy
Treasurer	Mr. Gary Goodman
Industry Director	Dr. Broox Boze
North Atlantic Director	Mrs. Priscilla Matton
North Central Director	Dr. Carl Doud
North Pacific Director	Ms. Angela Beehler
South Atlantic Director	Mr. Robert Cartner
South Central Director	Mrs. Colby Colona
South Pacific Director	Mr. Peter Bonkrude
West Central Director	Mr. Scott Bradshaw

#### *Excused Absences*

International Director	Mr. Griffith Lizárraga
Mid-Atlantic Director	Mr. Michael Doyle

#### *Staff in Attendance*

Ms. Megan MacNee, Executive Director; Ms. R'Mani White, Membership Coordinator

#### *Guests*

Dr. Dan Markowski, Technical Advisor, Dr. Kyndall Braumuller, YP Advisor

### Call to Order/Agenda/Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am. by President Rui-De Xue

- Approval of Agenda (**Motion** by Goodman/Boze, Approved)
- Approval of Minutes (**Motion** by Goodman/Healy, Approved)

### Strategic Goals Updates

- Priscilla Matton provided the Legislative & Regulatory goal update, she noted the new structure being implemented. Additionally, she noted that L&R Chair Mark Clifton is working on an innovative approach to the L&R Symposium at next year's meeting including focus on local issues.
- Megan MacNee provided the update on the virtual training goal and noted our new training and education committee chair Alexandra Chaskopoulou.
- Herff Jones provided the update on the membership goal and committee. He noted we continue to expand member offerings including recording the annual meeting. He included the request to have a member survey during the Annual Meeting including a QR code to

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access the survey. Finally, he noted efforts to continue to engage our academic community and how we can better serve them.

- Gary Goodman provided the update on the financial goal. He noted the hiring of Morgan Stanely has shown great improvements in our investment. He also noted our profit of over \$130,000 in the past fiscal year. The next step will be focusing on expanding our grant opportunities.

### Treasurer's Report

- Mr. Goodman presented the draft year end financials for 2023-2024 including our notable surplus. He did note that there are future concerns about potential instability in sponsorship and grants which we will continue to address in future years.
- Approval of Treasurers Report (**Motion** by Jones/Matton, Approved)
- Mr. Goodman reviewed a new proposal from Morgan Stanely to move 10% of our investments into equities in ETFs diversified by sectors. A discussion took place on the potential change.
- Approval of proposed investment strategy (**Motion** by Bonkrude/Jones, Approved)

### Events Update

- Ms. MacNee provided the update on behalf of Ms. Perry, along with Dr. Unlu. It was noted the program is currently in development and 22 symposiums were submitted.
- Discussion included interest in having additional reviews of symposiums to ensure they are not sales pitches specifically.
- Ms. MacNee note registration will be opening by early September and exhibits and sponsorships opened last week. Discussion took place on concerns of seeing a decrease in sponsorship funds due to complications of the location. It was requested by the board for staff to look at what might be low hanging fruit to cut costs if this trend becomes concerning.

### Membership Report

- R'Mani White provided the update on membership renewals, she noted they are going smoothly, and we are currently tracking ahead of last year.
- She also reviewed that we will be starting our August renewal push in the coming weeks and hope to see the number continue to grow prior to the election.

### Nominations & Awards Committee Report

- Kristen Healy reviewed the nominations received for this year's election.
- Discussion took place regarding finalizing the ballot to meet bylaw requirements.
- Approval of ballot as recommended (**Motion** by Goodman/Boze, Approved)
- Dr. Healy presented the award nominations including a nomination for honorary membership. She reviewed the process to approve an honorary membership.
- The board asked to review the application for honorary member and currently tabled the motion until after review.

### CDC Grant Update

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- Dan Markowski provided the update on CDC grants. He noted the modeling grant is moving as planned, as well as the emergency response virtual training project.
- Ms. MacNee presented the new national communications campaign concept “Yesterday’s Threat, Today’s Solution”. A discussion on the concept took place.
- Ms. MacNee provided an update on the Year 5 funding for the training/communications grant and that due to reduced funding received staff is recommending the focus for the year be disseminating the outputs of the prior four years to the greater public health community.

### **Young Professionals Committee Update**

- Kyndall Braumuller presented the YP update including introducing the new YP advisors Casey Crockett and Andrew Rivera.

### **Technical Advisor Update**

- Dr. Markowski provided the technical advisor report and noted the new EPA proposal for malathion and its inclusion of a separate label for mosquito control.

### **Executive Director Report**

- Ms. MacNee provided the report including an update on the AMCA Research Fund and AMG staffing.

### **Meeting Adjourned:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am. by President Rui-De Xue