



**26th Annual
AMCA Washington Conference
May 13-15, 2024**



**Preliminary Program
Hilton Old Town
Alexandria, Virginia**

Monday, May 13th

- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm** **AMCA Board Meeting**
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm **Registration**
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Welcome Reception**
Location: Outdoor Courtyard (Weather permitting)

Tuesday, May 14th

All educational sessions take place in the Grand Ballroom

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am** **Breakfast**
9:00 am - 9:15 am AMCA President's Welcome – *Rui-De Xue, Ph.D. (AMCA President)*
9:15 am - 9:30 am Introductions and Recognition – *Mark Clifton, Ph.D. (Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair)*
9:30 am - 10:15 am **Keynote Speaker:** Becoming Visible: Advocating for the Public's Health - *Georges C. Benjamin, MD (Executive Director, American Public Health Association)*
10:15 am - 11:00 am Mosquito Management, Risk, and Regulation - *Robert K.D. Peterson, Ph.D. (Professor of Entomology & Department Head, Montana State University)*
11:00 am - 11:45 am National Strategy for the Prevention of Vector Borne Disease in Humans, Released February of 2024 – *Kristen Honey, Ph.D. PMP (Chief Data Scientist) and Daniel Desautels, Ph.D. (Health Scientist, United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS))*
11:45 am - 12:00 pm Closing comments and questions from the morning session
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Break for lunch** (on your own)
1:00 pm – 1:10 pm Meeting Objectives and Materials– *Angela Beehler (AMCA L&R Committee Member)*
1:10 pm – 2:00 pm Talking to your legislators about the Farm Bill – *Jeremy Witte or Dudley Hoskins (Professional Staff at U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry)*
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm An Overview of CDC's Extramural Programs and Efforts to Align with the Vector-Borne Diseases Public Health National Strategy and CDC's Heat and Health Initiative – *Charles Ben Beard, MS, PhD, (Deputy Division Director, Arboviral Diseases Branch, Division of Vector-Borne Diseases, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID))*
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm AMCA 2024 Position Papers – *Presented by the AMCA Legislative and Regulatory Committee Members – Nina Dacko (VectorSurv), John Goldberg (Farm Bill), Gary Goodman (SMASH), Joel Buettner (Drone legislation), Dan Markowski (The World Needs Mosquito Control), Dave Brown (NPDES)*
As needed, practice meetings with legislators, last-minute questions, and assistance with setting up last-minute Congressional meetings

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Reception** - Get together with your team to practice delivering your message
Location: Outdoor Courtyard (Weather permitting)

Wednesday, May 15th

7:00 am – 8:00 am **Breakfast**

8:00 am - 5:00 pm **Capitol Hill Office Visits** - Pre-scheduled meetings with your Senators, Representatives, and Legislative Aides

10 am - 11:30 am **By invitation only** - Meeting with the EPA and the Services on Endangered Species Act
(Tentative) Implementation, EPA Headquarters, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC

Thursday, May 16th

Safe travels

- For most attendees this will be a travel day. Before you go, check out all the history the area has to offer.
- Send thank you emails to Congressional offices with a review of the topics discussed.
- Add notes from your meetings to the Voter Voice App
- Let AMCA know if your Members of Congress need a follow-up visit

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