



American Mosquito Control Association

***Promoting Public Health and
Quality of Life Through
Mosquito Control***





What is the AMCA?

- Non-profit professional association founded in NJ in 1935. Originally called the Eastern Association of Mosquito Control Workers.
- 1600+ members
- Made up of: students, scientists, regulators, industry, mosquito control employees, trustees, commissioners, and many others
- Members in 52 countries





Leadership

- AMCA is the leader in promoting the highest standards in professional mosquito control
- AMCA supports sound science
- Advocates *“Integrated Mosquito Management”*
- Recognized as a partner in EPA's Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP)





Leadership

- At the national level, the AMCA provides information and testimony having impacts on policy decisions

- Some current issues:
 - Clean Water Act/NPDES permit issue
 - Federal Funding for West Nile virus control
 - 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 Inc. (AH) in Mt. Laurel, NJ, to administer:

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





2011-2012 Officers



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Nominating

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Publications

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Science & Technology

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Training & Member Education

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Education and Information

- ***Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association***
 - Research articles
 - Operational and scientific notes
 - **NOW SEARCHABLE ONLINE FOR MEMBERS!**

- ***AMCA Newsletter***
 - Reports from Regional Directors, Headquarters, committees and Technical Advisor
 - Recent developments
 - Membership notices

- ***WingBeats***
 - Operational magazine
 - Please consider submitting an article!





Education and Information

Publications available for purchase 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*
- *The Mosquito Crusades*





Education and Information

Webinars

- AMCA is proud to bring quality education right to your desktops!
- AMCA will be bringing you even more webinars over the next year.
- \$50 member/\$100 nonmembers. Each site can host as many people as you want but only registrant will receive certificate of participation.
- **Past webinars available for purchase.**
 - *Give 'em What They Want: Advice to the Public on Biting Pest Control*
 - *Strategies for Safer Pesticide Applications*
 - *Risky Business? Mosquito Management and Risk Assessment*
 - *Eastern Equine Encephalitis*
 - *Dispelling Myths about Mosquito Control Utilizing the Media*
 - *What is an Integrated Mosquito Management Program?*





Education and Information

AMCA Student Competition

- Held annually at the AMCA Annual Meeting
- In 2010, 13 students from around the country participated.
- The winner received the Hollandsworth Prize in the amount of \$2,000! Two students also received monetary awards for Honorable Mention.
- In 2010, first student competition for Latin America Symposium was held.





Benefits of Membership

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





Membership Categories

- ***Regular Membership \$120***
 - Receives 4 issues of: JAMCA, WingBeats, Newsletter
 - Right to vote on association matters
 - Access to “Members Only” area of AMCA website
- ***Associate Membership \$50***
 - Receives 4 issues of: WingBeats, Newsletter
 - Access to “Members Only” area of AMCA website
- ***Student Membership \$30***
 - Receives 4 issues of: JAMCA, WingBeats, Newsletter
 - Access to “Members Only” area of AMCA website
- ***Sustaining Membership (Based on budget)***
 - Includes 1 Regular Membership or 2 Associate Memberships plus additional benefits
 - Significant financial contribution to legislative efforts
 - Recognition on website, publications, and at meetings





Become a Sustaining Member!

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

All Sustaining Membership fees, 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)

Another Benefit of Sustaining Membership:

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





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.



AMCA[®] Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP)



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



AMCA[®] “PESP Partner under the AMCA’s auspices”

Multi-State Partners

Northeast MVCA

Northwest MVCA

State Partners

California MVCA

Florida MCA

Georgia MCA

Louisiana MCA

Michigan MCA

New Jersey MCA

North Carolina MCA





“PESP Partner under the
AMCA’s auspices”

Individual Partners

Anastasia MCD – FL

Beach MCD - FL

Indian River MCD - FL

Pasco County MCD - FL

Cape Cod MCP – MA

Central Mass. MCP – MA

Salt Lake City MAD - UT





AMCA Website

“Members Only” Area www.mosquito.org

- **Search:**
 - Back issues of *JAMCA*, *Mosquito News*, *Mosquito Systematics*
 - For an AMCA member’s contact info
 - Past issues of the Newsletter/WingBeats

- **Download AMCA Resources:**
 - Contains news release examples
 - Comprehensive communications plans
 - Examples of letters and correspondence





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

Watch monthly E-Newsletter for updates





Annual Washington Conference

- **Held annually since 1999**
- **2012 event will be held at the Hilton Alexandria, VA, April 30-May 2**
- **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 Capitol Hill**
- **Travel assistance available**
- **Typically 80-90 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"*





NEW!!!

AMCA Young Professionals Group

At the 2010 Annual Meeting, the AMCA Board of Directors created the Young Professionals Group.

- To promote interaction among young professionals in the field of mosquito control and research. Members may be students (undergraduates/graduates) with an interest in medical entomology, mosquito control/industry employees, research scientists/post docs in government/private institutions new in the professional world (~5 years or less).
- To promote interaction between young professionals and well-established, experienced and well known professionals in the field of mosquito control and research.
- To promote already existing student activities during the AMCA annual meeting and create new activities to increase participation of AMCA Young Professionals.
- To highlight research/professional achievements of AMCA Young Professionals.

Contact AMCA Headquarters at amca@mosquito.org to get involved!



Upcoming AMCA Meetings

- **2012: 78th Annual Meeting**
February 26 - March 1
Hilton Austin
Austin, TX
- **2013: 79th Annual Meeting**
February 24-28
Trump Taj Mahal
Atlantic City, NJ
- **2014: 80th Annual Meeting**
February 2-6
Sheraton Seattle and Washington State Convention & Trade Center
Seattle, WA
- **2015: 81st Annual Meeting**
March 29-April 2
Hilton Riverside
New Orleans, LA



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★ 78th Annual Meeting ★

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Feb 26 - Mar 1, 2012 ★ Hilton Austin

Go to mosquito.org for more information!