

# What is the AMCA?

## AMCA is **YOUR** association!

- **Non-profit** professional association founded in NJ in 1935. Originally called the Eastern Association of Mosquito Control Workers.
- 1500+ 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)**



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



- **At the national level, the AMCA provides information and testimony having impacts on policy decisions**
- **Some current issues:**
  - S 175 new version of HR 872 which was staled in the Senate and expired.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Appeals rejected Biological Opinions (BiOps) of the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service regarding endangered species.



# 2013 Officers



**Roxanne Connelly**  
**President**



**Steve Mulligan**  
**President-Elect**



**Ken Linthicum**  
**Vice President**



**Gary Hatch**  
**Treasurer**



**Tom Wilmot**  
**Past President**



# 2012-2013 Directors



**Larry Smith**  
Industry



**Paul Capotosto**  
North Atlantic



**Dennis Salmen**  
Mid-Atlantic



**Henry Lewandowski**  
South Atlantic



**Mike Szyska**  
North Central



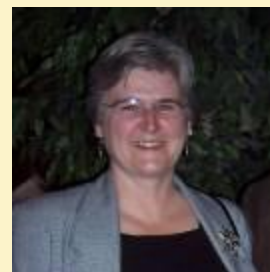
**Zane McCallister**  
West Central



**Rick Duhrkopf**  
South Central



**James Lunders**  
North Pacific



**Becky Cline**  
South Pacific



**Ildefonso  
Fernandez-Salas**  
Latin America



# Association Headquarters



**In 2006, AMCA partnered with Association Headquarters Inc.**

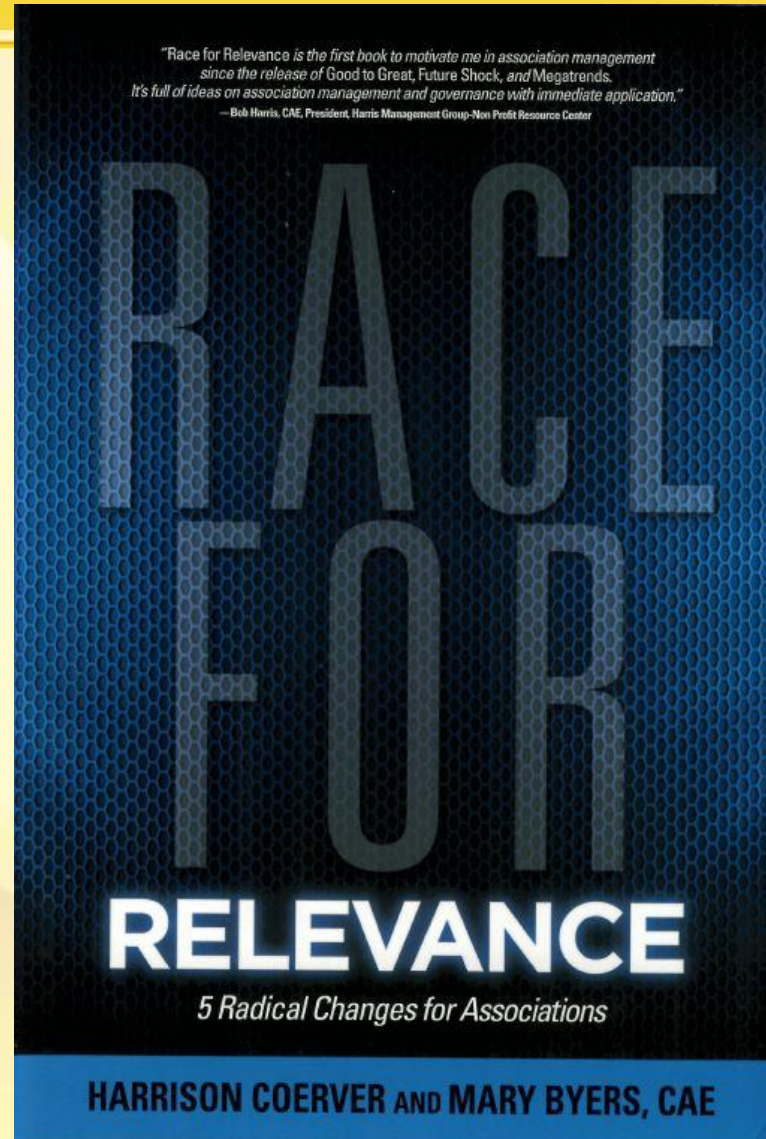
- **Executive management**
- **Membership services**
- **Financial management**
- **Web/technology services**
- **Data management**
- **Strategic planning**
- **Event/meeting management**



- Examining Board Structure**
- Attendance Statistics**
- Membership Demographics**
- Website Development**
- Annual Meeting Site Selection**



# Attracting New Members





# Social Media

**Young professionals are communicating in non-traditional ways.**

**Twitter**

**LinkedIn**

**Facebook**



# AMCA Young Professionals Group



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

- To **promote interaction** among students and young professionals new in the professional world (**~5 years or less**).
- To promote interaction between young professionals and well-established, experienced professionals in the field.
- To **promote activities** during the AMCA annual meeting to increase participation of AMCA Young Professionals.
- **To highlight research/professional achievements of AMCA Young Professionals.**

Contact AMCA Headquarters at [amca@mosquito.org](mailto:amca@mosquito.org) to get involved!



# Boyd-Ariaz Grass Roots Award

This award **recognizes non-supervisory staff** by providing funds to assist in attendance and participation in the AMCA Annual meeting. Grassroots Award recipient receives a complimentary meeting registration, a plaque, a \$200 check to the award recipient, and up to \$500 to cover meeting expenses.



# AMCA Student Competition

- Held annually at the AMCA Annual Meeting
- In 2012, 6 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.



# 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
- **Legislative and Regulatory Committee – Angela Beehler**

## Technical Advisor - Joe Conlon

- Attends meetings & testifies at hearings on AMCA's behalf
- Joe provides the AMCA's voice of sound science and reason

## Requests for Information

**NPDES Impact**

**12/1600**



# Legislative & Regulatory Affairs

## Annual Washington Conference

- Held annually since 1999
- 2012 event was 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



# Legislative & Regulatory Affairs

- **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 and related BiOps
  - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's national Mosquito Management Policy on National Wildlife Refuges



# 2013 Washington Conference

- May 6-8, 2013
- Crowne Plaza Alexandria
- \$159 per night





# 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 \$130, fund legislative advocacy.**



- **Regular Membership \$130**
  - Receives 4 issues of: JAMCA, WingBeats, Newsletter
  - Right to vote on association matters
  - Access to “Members Only” area of AMCA website
- **Associate Membership \$60**
  - 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
  - All employees receive discounted member rates at events/webinars



## Education and Information

These 3 publications are included with an AMCA Regular Membership

- ***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!



# Participate - Committees

## ***Annual Meeting***

Steve Mulligan

## ***Archives***

Scott Crans

## ***Awards***

Tom Wilmot

## ***Bylaws & Policy***

Janet McAllister

## ***Executive***

Roxanne Connelly

## ***Finance***

Ron Montgomery

## ***Legislative & Regulatory***

Angela Beehler

## ***Membership***

Sarah Gazi

## ***Nominating***

Tom Wilmot

## ***Public Relations***

Joseph Conlon

## ***Publications***

Steve Presley

## ***Science & Technology***

Mark Breidenbaugh

## ***Training & Member Education***

Jamesina Scott



# Enjoy the 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



# Learn - Webinars

- *AMCA is proud to bring quality education right to your desktops!*
- *\$50 member/\$100 nonmembers. Each site can host as many people as you want but only the registered individual will receive a certificate of participation.*
- *Past webinars available for purchase.*
  - *How Do I Deal With Someone Who Says Their Body Is Being Attacked By Invisible Bugs?*
  - *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?*
  - *Twitter*
  - *WNV*



- ***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:***
  - Public relations tools
  - Sample press releases
  - Comprehensive communications plans
  - Examples of letters and correspondence



# Education and Information

Print On Demand Publications

A partnership of the American Mosquito Control Association  
and the Fairfax County Health Department

By providing high quality information to your residents, your program can gain community support while helping residents to deal with mosquitoes and ticks.

The American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) and Fairfax County have partnered to bring you outreach materials that are customizable for your district. You are able to purchase children's books, calendars, brochures, posters, and more, all customized with your own logo and district name.



# Future AMCA Meetings

## 2014 Annual Meeting

February 2 - 6

Sheraton Seattle, \$157 single/double  
Seattle, Washington

## 2015 Annual Meeting

March 29 – April 2

Hilton New Orleans Riverside, \$169 single/\$189 double  
New Orleans, Louisiana

## 2016 Annual Meeting

February 7 – 11

Hyatt Regency Savannah, \$163 single/double  
Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa, \$219 single/double  
Savannah, Georgia

## 2017 Annual Meeting

February 13-17 NEW SCHEDULE! MONDAY – FRIDAY DATES!

Town and Country Resort and Convention Center, \$179 single/double  
San Diego, California





# AMCA 2014

**80<sup>th</sup>**  
**Annual**  
**Meeting**

**Seattle,**  
**WASHINGTON**

*February 2-6, 2014*