



### **Bed Bug Committee**

October 24, 2013

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

#### **Attendees**

Andrew Klein, Chair  
Phil Cooper  
Mark Weaver  
Tom Jarzynka  
Larry Bard  
Ron Harrison  
Mark Sheperdigian

Andy Tay  
Michael Botha  
Donnie Blake  
Kurt Scherzinger  
Tami Stuparich  
Debra Park  
Greg Koniski

Arlana Brugato  
Pat Hottel  
Kirk Stuparich  
Bennett Jordan, NPMA  
Jim Fredericks, NPMA

The Bed Bug Committee discussed a variety of topics, including:

#### **Staff Update:**

- Jim Fredericks welcomed the group and reported:
- Bennett Jordan joined NPMA staff on 1 July as Staff Entomologist/Research Scientist
- The NPMA Online Learning Center is being populated with new training courses frequently, in ACE Training and archived webinar videos.

#### **Global Bed Bug Summit Update**

Staff reported that with approximately six weeks remaining until the Global Bed Bug Summit, scheduled for 5-7 December in Denver, Colorado, registrations were tracking ahead of the last NPMA bed bug meeting held in Denver (2011). Phil Cooper confirmed that the numbers were tracking well ahead of the attendance numbers Bed Bug Central have seen for their previous North American Summits in the past. If members have not already done so, registration is online at <https://www.npmapestworld.org/events/BedBugSummit.cfm>

#### **BMP 2.0**

The committee was asked to confirm suggested changes to the BMP that were distributed to the committee via email. All suggested changes were confirmed with the exception of providing a specific time for heating potentially infested clothing in the dryer (15.2.5). The group discussed the best way to approach this practice and decided that the best approach was to incorporate science based information about the temperature needed to kill bed bugs with heat as was done in 11.6.2. Additional discussion focused on other areas to include drying

clothes as a method to kill bed bugs. Staff will craft language and distribute to the committee for final approval.

### **Fire Sprinklers and Heat Treatments**

The committee discussed how NPMA could approach the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to educate them and develop language for inclusion in the fire code about how PMPs could safely provide protection to sprinkler heads during bed bug heat treatments. It was brought up that similar language appears in the code to allow painters to protect sprinklers while painting and similar language could be developed for PMPs. Staff will investigate the opportunity.

The committee also agreed that educational materials were needed to help PMPs respond to an emergency situation during a heat treatment. A piece could include a sample emergency management plan for fires, floods, property damage, etc including a list of emergency tools like “shut guns” for sprinkler heads.

### **Air Filtration and Heat Treatments**

The committee suggested that additional research and science based information was needed about heat treatments and air filtration. Staff will investigate how research into this area might be funded by the Pest Management Foundation.

### **Other**

The group also discussed the need for future investigation into preventative bed bug treatments and developing recurring revenue plans for bed bug services. These topics will be covered at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 AM

Minutes prepared by: Jim Fredericks  
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